

MINUTES

University Lakes, Vegetation and Landscape Committee

June 4, 2026, 9:00 AM

Planning, Design & Construction Division, 245 Gale Lemerand Drive

Members attending:

Adam Dale – Assistant Professor, Entomology and Nematology Department – Chair
Cydney McGlothlin – University Architect, Planning, Design & Construction
Gregg Clarke – Director of Operations, Facilities Services
Jordan Benton – Assistant Director of Business Operations, Facility Services
Lisa Strange – Extension Agent II
Nancy Chrystal-Green – Assistant Vice President, Student Engagement
Ryan Vaughn – Interim City Arborist, City of Gainesville
Tom Schlick – Assistant Director of Grounds, Facilities Services

Members not attending:

Asena Goren – Post Doctoral Associate
Brandi Renton – Vice President of Business Affairs
Bruce Daley – Assistant Vice President, Planning, Design & Construction
Colt Little – Vice President for Construction, Facilities, and Real Estate
Gail Hansen De Chapman – Environmental Horticulture
Gerardo Nunez – Assistant Professor, Horticultural Services
Grace John – Assistant Professor, Biology
Jason Kruse – Associate Professor, Environmental Horticulture
Latrell Simmons – UFPD, Major, Support Services Division & Community Service Division
Monika Oli – Master Lecturer, Microbiology and Cell Science
Richard Dolson – Student
Ryan Klein – Assistant Professor, Environmental Horticulture

Visitors attending:

Alex Gauthier – Planning, Design & Construction	Missy Williams – Planning, Design & Construction
Charles Kammin – Utilities & Energy Services	Robert Drumheller – Operations
Cole Menhennett – NV5	Rick Falcon – Planning, Design & Construction
Daniel Young – NV5	Tamera Baughman – Planning, Design &
Dustin Stephany – Planning, Design & Construction	Construction
Fatima Ahmed – Planning, Design & Construction	Tom Feather – Planning, Design & Construction
Francisco Oquendo – Planning, Design &	
Construction	
Heather Rohrer – Planning, Design & Construction	
Jamie Lindsey – Planning, Design & Construction	
Jarrett Pearson – NV5	
John-Michael Simpson – NV5	
Kate Farmer – Planning, Design & Construction	
Elisabeth Manley – Kimley-Horn	
Laura Scott – Planning, Design & Construction	
Laurie Hall – NV5	
Luke Moore – Planning, Design & Construction	
Mark Helms – Facilities Services	

I. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

Motion: Nancy Chrystal-Green made a motion to adopt the agenda and approve the minutes.

Second: Adam Dale

Motion carried unanimously

II. MAJOR PROJECTS

UF-708 Graham Stormwater Improvements

PRESENTING: Kate Farmer & Laurie Hall

- Updated project plan has one pond instead of two to better preserve heritage trees and saves a dozen more trees than the prior plan.
- The committee wants to see project mitigation funds used strategically.
- No motion was needed as this was an informational update only.

UF-677 PK Yonge Gymnasium

PRESENTING: Tamera Baughman & Laurie Hall

- An ADA pathway was added to the project.
- A ramp, steps and sidewalks are needed due to grade changes and require the removal of three Shumard oaks that have significant rot and are at end of life.
- UF policy does not require mitigation due to the potential safety hazard the trees present, but opportunities to plant new trees once the ramp is in will be evaluated.
- Committee continues to strenuously recommend a certified arborist be employed by UF.

Motion: Nancy Chrystal-Green motioned to forward the project to the VP for Construction, Facilities and Real Estate with a recommendation to approve as presented.

Second: Lisa Strange

Motion carried unanimously

UF-702 Utility Infrastructure Upgrades

PRESENTING: Francisco Oquendo & Laurie Hall

- Stage: pre-design.
- Goal: replace aging infrastructure.
- Project includes multiple utility upgrades that mainly impact roadways.
- Design details and potential tree impacts will be addressed as project progresses.
- Committee asked the team to do what they can to protect quality trees.

Motion: Nancy Chrystal-Green motioned to forward the project to the VP for Construction, Facilities and Real Estate with a recommendation to approve as presented.

Second: Lisa Strange

Motion carried unanimously

III. MINOR PROJECTS

MP09464 Design/Erect Alfred C. Warrington IV Statue

PRESENTING: Alex Gauthier & Kimberly Horne

- Goals: update courtyard to be more ADA accessible, improve lighting, and erect statue honoring business school donor Alfred C. Warrington IV.
- Removals: 21 regulated trees due to disease or poor health, 0 heritage trees.
- Plantings: 10 trees.
- Mitigation fee: \$8,000
- Committee noted that a campus arborist could manage trees to make them less susceptible to disease.
- Committee recommended drought tolerant St. Augustine cultivar such as Cobalt or Sola.
- Design team to explore using groundcover like liriopse or dwarf mondo in areas with less foot traffic.

Motion: Nancy Chrystal-Green motioned to forward the project to the VP for Construction, Facilities and Real Estate with a recommendation to approve as presented.

Second: Lisa Strange

Motion carried unanimously

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Landscaping & Natural Resource Projects

- Facilities has three projects in design phase that they will present once further along.

Member Comments

None

Public Comments

None

Chair's Report

Adam noted that the committee has struggled with attendance and should receive two new members.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:06 AM.