

MINUTES

University Lakes, Vegetation and Landscape Committee

November 6th, 2025 at 9:00 AM

Planning, Design & Construction Division, 245 Gale Lemerand Drive

Members attending:

Gail Hansen De Chapman – Environmental Horticulture – Chair
Gerardo Nunez – Assistant Professor
Grace John – Biology
Gregg Clarke – Director of Operations, Facilities Services
Jason Kruse – Associate Professor, Environmental Horticulture
Latrell Simmons – UFPD, Major, Support Services Division & Community Service Division
Linda Dixon – Director, Planning, Design & Construction
Lisa Strange – Extension Agent II
Nancy Chrystal-Green – Assistant Vice President, Student Engagement
Tom Schlick – Assistant Director of Grounds, Facilities Services

Members not attending:

Adam Dale – Assistant Professor, Entomology and Nematology Department
Asena Goren – Post Doctoral Associate
Brandi Renton – Vice President of Business Affairs
Colt Little – Vice President for Construction, Facilities, and Real Estate
Cydney McGlothlin – AVP, Planning, Design & Construction
David Conser – City of Gainesville – City Arborist
Jordan Benton – Assistant Director of Business Operations, Facility Services
Matthew Webster – Assistant Vice President, Planning, Design & Construction
Monika Oli – Master Lecturer, Microbiology and Cell Science
Richard Dolson – Student
Ryan Klein – Assistant Professor, Environmental Horticulture

Visitors attending:

Adam Hall – Sr. Planner, Planning, Design & Construction
David Wood – Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction
Jamie Lindsey – Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction
Keith Humphreys – Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction
Laura Scott – Planning, Design & Construction
Laurie Hall – NV5

I. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

Motion: Jason Kruse made a motion to adopt the agenda and approve the October minutes.

Second: Gerardo Nunez

Motion Carried Unanimously

II. MINOR PROJECTS

None.

Motion: N/A

Second: N/A

III. MAJOR PROJECTS

UF-677 PK Yonge Gym

PRESENTING: Keith Humphreys

DISCUSSION: Keith presented the UF-677 PK Yonge Gym project proposal, which involves demolishing the existing gym and constructing a new two-story gym. The new gym will be 1.5 times larger than the current gym which was built in 1957. They are scheduled to begin clearing the site in January.

Laurie Hall reviewed the proposed tree mitigation. The project will remove 25 regulated trees, including 7 heritage trees and there are efforts to save 1 of the heritage trees. There are several trees in poor condition that are recommended to be removed so they can be replaced with healthier trees. The project is pursuing LEED certification and has a preliminary landscape plan that will be updated as it progresses.

Keith offered to review the project's progress at the 100% completion stage and mentioned possibly involving PK Yonge's director in tree-planting educational activities for students. Gail asked if there were additional green spaces on campus where mitigation trees could be planted. Keith said yes, they will try to find areas.

Gail asked if the bluff oaks were compromised by being in the current parking lot. Laurie noted that while the trees' conditions vary, urban trees often have shorter lifespans. The group considered increasing the size of planting islands in the new parking lot. Laurie noted that this would reduce parking spaces but will investigate giving trees more space.

Lisa asked if there is a minimum or maximum parking space requirement. Keith noted that the spaces will have to be increased to accommodate the larger numbers that the gym will hold but he will investigate code requirements for parking spaces and provide more information to the committee.

Motion: Jason Kruse moved to accept the plan as presented.

Second: Gerardo Nunez

Motion Carried Unanimously

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Campus Master Plan Amendment

PRESENTING: Linda Dixon

Linda presented Amendment 2 of the Campus Master Plan and reviewed proposed changes. It is a minor amendment and includes updates to the 10-year capital projects list and refines conservation area boundaries. The campus development agreement allows for flexibility between categories, but the total authorized square footage remains within the 2030 guideline. Linda highlighted shifts in priorities over the next five years, with a focus on renovating current academic space. Also included are increased recreation space to address a shortage compared to that of peer institutions. Student housing development will have a faster timeline than previously planned and some parking will also be added.

Key modifications include retaining Hume and Lake Alice Fields for recreation due to their proximity to student housing. The amendment also includes bringing the Children's Medical Services Schiebler Center property into the Campus Master Plan, which will now fall under UF's review process.

At the committee's request Linda clarified the differences between active recreation outdoor areas and green space buffers. She explained that conservation areas require native plants while urban parks can include ornamental plants. Gail clarified that conservation areas allow passive recreation like trails and interpretive signage but not active recreation like ball fields.

Motion: Jason Kruse moved to accept the plan as presented.

Second: Gerardo Nunez

Motion Carried Unanimously

V. Chair Report

Gail Hansen de Chapman

None.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM.