MINUTES
Preservation of Historic Buildings & Sites Committee
July 15th, 2025, at 2:00 PM
Planning, Design & Construction Division, 245 Gale Lemerand Drive

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ann Baird – Associate University Librarian, Libraries
Linda Dixon – Director of Planning, Planning, Design & Construction
Tyler Rodibaugh – Director, Facilities Operations
Joe Aufmuth – Associate University Librarian, UF Libraries
Sarah Coates – University Archivist, Special Collections, UF Libraries

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Fernando Alferez– Assistant Professor, Citrus Horticulture
Daniel Dickrell - Associate Instructional Professor, Student Programs
Chad Doering – Director of Facilities, Housing & Residence Education
Cydney McGlothlin – AVP, Planning, Design & Construction
Francisco Oquendo – Asst. Director, Planning, Design & Construction
Cleary Larkin – Acting Dir., Dept. of Urban and Regional Planning
Brandi Renton – Associate Vice President, Business Affairs
Amy Martinelli – Assistant Instructional Professor, Dial Center
Kara Casy – Instructional Assistant Professor, Plant Sci & Gen Teaching
Brent Carr – Associate Professor, Psychiatry
Lori Dassa – Director, Clinical Experiences and Partnerships
Aimee Bourassa – Lecturer, CLAS Academic Advising
Samir Shah – Assistant Professor, Vascular Surgery
Clarissa Carr – Research Assistant Professor, DCP Interior Design
Carolyn Kelly – Senior Lecturer, University Writing Program
Aaron Amster – Student
Shawn Kapersaud – Student

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rick Falcon – Planning, Design & Construction
Adam Hall – Planning, Design & Construction
Frank Javaheri – Planning, Design & Construction
Kate Farmer – Planning, Design & Construction
Thomas Feather – Planning, Design & Construction
Jamie Lindsey – Planning, Design & Construction

I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA and APRIL 2025 MINUTES

Motion: Joe Aufmuth made a motion to adopt the agenda and approve the June minutes.

Second: Sarah Coates

Motions Passed Unanimously

II. MAJOR PROJECTS

UF- 318B – Dental Science Envelope Replacement
Presenting: Kate Farmer

Kate Farmer presented the schematic design for the UF 318B Dental Science envelope replacement, which was originally UF 683.
The project's purpose is to replace the brick facade of the Dental Science Building with aluminum composite material panels, covering 92,500 square feet. The project is a deferred maintenance initiative to address water intrusion issues. Kate secured approvals from the LVL Committee for removing 16 trees and the TAPS Committee for dumpster placement. The project will not disturb the ground, except for waterproofing injections on the south side, and does not plan to incorporate colors related to the Shands medical building.
Concerns were brought up about the changes to the campus design, particularly regarding the use of brick and modern materials in new buildings. Kate explained that while the historic districts will remain unchanged, the new designs were intended to bring a modern design to the Health Science Center area.

Motion: Joe Aufmuth made a motion to approve the project as presented with a stipulation to ensure no historic resources are disturbed during construction

Second: Sarah Coates

Motion Passed Unanimously

UF- 705 – Student Housing & Disability Resource Center (DRC)
Presenting: Kate Farmer

Kate presented an overview of the student housing and disability resource center project, located at the corner of Gale Lemerand Drive, and Museum Road. The project involves demolishing four buildings and a swimming pool, with plans to construct new buildings ranging from 7 to 9 floors, totaling approximately 2,200 beds plus the DRC. The design team is considering incorporating a stream and green space into the project, similar to the Honors Village. Ann Baird expressed concern about the loss of the park-like setting near Museum Road, but Kate assured the project will include green space and natural areas to encourage student use.

The committee discussed concerns about litter and trash ending up in a nearby creek and pond, with Sarah Coates expressing worry about potential pollution from trash blowing into the water. Kate confirmed that the design team is working on solutions to prevent litter from reaching the water, and Joe inquired about archaeological resources, which Kate noted is being surveyed by Chronicle Heritage with results expected by the end of August. The project was approved with a stipulation to consider archaeological resources in the next design session, and Kate confirmed she would present the demolition plan.

Motion: Joe Aufmuth made a motion to approve the project as presented pending results from the archeological resources investigation.

Second: Sarah Coates

Motion Passed Unanimously

III. MINOR PROJECTS

MP-09448, 09449, 09450, 09451 – Trusler Hall, Simpson Hall, Graham Hall, Graham Commons & Pool
Presenting: Kate Farmer

Kate presented an update on the housing project, which involves the demolition of four buildings: Trusler Hall, Simpson Hall, Graham Hall, the Graham Commons, and Pool area. The project aims to increase the bed count from 622 to 2,200 beds.
Kate explained that some parking lots will be repurposed, including areas west of Flavet Field and the Graham parking lot, which will be upgraded to include a drop-off for the DRC.
The project team conducted a survey of Graham Woods to address stormwater flow in the nearby creek as part of the demolition process. Kate noted that the design team is still waiting for the final tree survey before proceeding with tree removal for demolition.
The committee discussed the demolition buildings more in depth, which is scheduled to begin mid-September. Kate explained that the demolition is necessary due to the increasing student population and lack of accommodation space.
Sarah inquired about building naming and the fate of existing plaques, while Joe expressed concern about the potential loss of historically significant buildings, but Kate assured the group that they had consulted with the State historic group and were not violating any rules.

Motion: Joe Aufmuth made a motion to approve the project as presented.

Second: Sarah Coates

Motion Passed Unanimously

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Report **Ann Baird**

Ann announced her intention to step down as chair after three years and nominated Joe as the new chair, while Ann agreed to serve as vice chair if Joe were elected to their respective positions.

Joe Aufmuth accepted the nomination as Chair, with Ann Baird as Vice Chair.

Motion Passed Unanimously

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:47 PM.