

MINUTES

Preservation of Historic Buildings & Sites Committee

August 19th, 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
Joe Aufmuth – Associate University Librarian, UF Libraries
Sarah Coates – University Archivist, Special Collections, UF Libraries
Brent Carr – Associate Professor, Psychiatry
Carolyn Kelly – Senior Lecturer, University Writing Program

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
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
Tyler Rodibaugh – Director, Facilities Operations
Aaron Amster – Student
Shawn Kapersaud – Student

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rick Falcon – Planning, Design & Construction
Adam Hall – Planning, Design & Construction
Frank Javaheri – Planning, Design & Construction
Milo Zapata – Planning, Design & Construction
Thomas Feather – Planning, Design & Construction
Stephen Roberts – Planning, Design & Construction
Victoria Hughes – Planning, Design & Construction
Beverly Frank – BFrank Studio
Tim Boehlein – JB Pro

I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA and APRIL 2025 MINUTES

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

Second: Sarah Coates

Motions Passed Unanimously

Code of Conduct Review: Ann Baird

Ann discussed the revised protocols for committee meetings, including rules for public comments, agenda items, and decorum. Ann explained that these changes, developed in collaboration with Linda and the General Counsel's office, aim to unify processes across all committees.

II. MINOR PROJECTS

MP-02899 – George A. Smathers Complete Masonry and Window Water Repair **Presenting: Victoria Hughes & Beverly Frank (BFrank Studio)**

Victoria and Beverly presented the project for repairs to Smathers Library.

The project starts on the 4th floor of the library, addressing moisture mitigation and roofing issues. This involves replacing windows and sealing the building envelope, with work starting from the top of the building down.

Part of the project will be to replace the windows. Since the building is from 1946, the original aluminum windows were in poor condition and could not be rehabilitated. The project includes replacing the M-type windows with fixed, thermally broken aluminum windows that mimic the appearance of the original operable windows, as well as replacing the J-type windows and addressing moisture damage in the dormers. The scope of work also includes repairing plaster damage, replacing broken glass, and repointing mortar on the exterior.

Beverly went into more detail on the windows replacement part of the building project, explaining the challenges with incomplete original drawings and the proposed solution of fixed replica windows with offset center mullions. She noted that investigative demolition work revealed moisture issues in masonry walls, which will be remediated along with full insulation of cavities.

The committee discussed the need for approval from the Division of Historic Resources, which Beverly confirmed was submitted through Planning, Design & Construction, with no anticipated issues.

Beverly explaining that while the 4th floor windows will be painted white to match the rest, they will prioritize fixing cracked windows from the top down within the project budget.

Motion: Joe Aufmuth made a motion to move forward with the project as presented, pending approval from the Division of Historic Resources.

Second: Sarah Coates

Motion Passed Unanimously

MP- 09316-230 – University Press Storage – Demolition & New Parking Lot
Presenting: Stephen Roberts

Stephen presented a project set to demolish the two University Press buildings and replace them with a larger 24-space parking lot, which is currently awaiting approval from the Florida Division of Historic Resources. The project will involve removing three trees and planting eight new ones, with a mitigation fee of \$1,500. Architectural and structural assessments revealed significant code issues and moisture intrusion in the buildings, with renovation costs estimated at approximately \$1.3 million.

Motion: Joe Aufmuth made a motion to move forward with the project as presented, pending approval from the Division of Historic Resources.

Second: Ann Baird

Motion Passed Unanimously

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