

MINUTES

Preservation of Historic Buildings & Sites Committee

October 21st, 2025, at 2:00 PM

Planning, Design & Construction Division, 245 Gale Lemerand Drive

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Aufmuth – Associate University Librarian, UF Libraries
Andrea Caloiaro – Associate Instructional Professor, Writing Program
Brent Carr – Associate Professor, Psychiatry
Linda Dixon – Director of Planning, Planning, Design & Construction
Eliza Dysart – Student
Carolyn Kelly – Senior Lecturer, University Writing Program
Christing Overdevest – Assoc. Prof., Sociology, Criminology & Law
Tyler Rodibaugh – Director, Facilities Operations
Sarik Shah – Student
Christine Voigt – Lecturer, English Language Institute

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ann Baird – Associate University Librarian, Libraries
Sarah Coates – University Archivist, Special Collections, UF Libraries
Jennifer Crumpton – Librarian, Health Science Center
Wendy Dahl – Professor, Food Science and Human Nutrition
Chad Doering – Director of Facilities, Housing & Residence Education
Cleary Larkin – Acting Dir., Dept. of Urban and Regional Planning
Colt Little – VP for Construction, Facilities, and Real Estate
Amy Martinelli – Assistant Instructional Professor, Dial Center
Cydney McGlothlin – AVP, Planning, Design & Construction
Francisco Oquendo – Asst. Director, Planning, Design & Construction
Brandi Renton – Associate Vice President, Business Affairs
Markus Santoso – Assistant Professor, Digital Worlds Institute
Priya Sharma – Clinical Faculty, Pediatric Radiology
Matthew Webster – AVP, Planning, Design and Construction

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rick Falcon – Planning, Design & Construction
Kate Farmer – Planning, Design & Construction
Adam Hall – Planning, Design & Construction
Laurie Hall, NV5
Spencer Jaskiewicz, RJA
Jamie Lindsey – Planning, Design & Construction
Laura Scott – Planning, Design & Construction

I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA and SEPTEMBER 2025 MINUTES

Motion: Brent Carr made a motion to adopt the agenda and approve the September minutes.

Second: Christine Voigt

Motions Passed Unanimously

II. MAJOR PROJECTS

UF-705 Student Housing & Disability Resource Center (DRC)

Presenting: Kate Farmer

Kate presented updates on the Student Housing & Disability Resource Center (DRC) project, which is in the schematic design stage. She highlighted plans for 2,200 beds in four buildings, with 108,000 square feet of program space for housing and 10,000 square feet for the DRC. The project aims to upgrade campus housing for first year students and will feature ADA-compliant access, a water feature using reclaimed water, and dining and social spaces. The project is not in any historic districts.

Kate presented the site plan. The central trail will allow firetruck access. Phase I is buildings 1 and 2. Phase II will be buildings 3 and 4. The Graham gallery will be in building 3. They will move a 48" pipe and the stream. This will work better for stormwater. There have been no other major changes since the last meeting. The historical assessment is expected to be completed and presented to the committee next month.

Committee members discussed the project, focusing on parking, trees, landscaping, and building materials. The campus walk will be used as a fire lane and will have bollards when not in use for student move-in. The project will pay a mitigation fee for parking spots and trees taken up by the building and includes plans to replace landscaping.

Joe asked about the historic resources report and materials selection. Kate said the report stipulated the need for photo records and a HABS2 survey for Graham commons. Brick is being considered for the ground level and aluminum composite materials (ACM) may also be used, but it is still early in the materials selection process. Brent asked about expected height. Kate responded that two buildings will be eight stories and that two buildings will be nine stories.

Joe asked if the project has been presented to the other committees. Kate responded that only the Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee presentation remains. The Lakes, Vegetation and Landscaping Committee approved the project with a request to save more trees. The Parking and Transportation Committee approved the project with a request to keep as much parking as possible.

Groundbreaking is anticipated for June or July 2026. Joe asked to see the letter from historic resources before then. Andrea asked if historic resources include archeological resources. Kate responded that it does and that no significant findings were reported. Kate added that a vendor that completes surveys for the Florida Division of Historical Resources was on-site completing the requested historical documentation.

Motion: Brent Carr made a motion to approve the project as submitted.

Second: Christine Voigt

Motion Passed Unanimously

III. MINOR PROJECTS

NONE

MEMBER COMMENTS:

Carolyn inquired about accessing meeting minutes. Joe responded that meeting minutes are distributed via email and available on the PDC website.

COMMITTEE ORIENTATION:

Adam presented an overview of the Preservation of Historic Building Sites Committee's role and procedures and thanked committee members for their service. The committee is required by the UF constitution, helps the Vice-President of Construction, Facilities and Real Estate make decisions, and increases communication between different areas of campus. He explained that the committee assists in implementing historic preservation policies, reviews projects that are on the National Register of Historic Places, or eligible for inclusion, and provides feedback on preserving historic character in new construction. Adam requested that when a guest asks to attend the meeting to please ask PDC to add them to the meeting, rather than simply forwarding the Zoom link. Adam outlined the committee's membership, meeting schedule, and process for reviewing major and minor projects. He also covered resources available for committee members and emphasized the importance of following Sunshine Law protocols both during and outside of meetings, adding that committee members should not discuss committee business outside of the meeting.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Joe noted that the Infrastructure Council met, but had no additional updates to report.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:34 PM.