

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 8, 2022 2:00 pm

206 TAPS/via ZOOM

ATTENDEES:

MEMBERS: Maj. Brad Barber, Jennifer Clark, Noah Fineberg, Thomas Hawkins, Allen Masters, Keith Rambo, Ramzi Salloum, Vincent Saviano, Matthew Terza, Scott Washburn, Matt Williams

LIASONS: Eddie Daniels, Chad Doering, Linda Dixon, Scott Fox

NON-MEMBERS: Stephen Caron, Lee Ann Chesterfield, Ron Fuller, Laurie Hall, Emily Hind, Jody Green, Keith Humphreys, Frank Javaheri, Andy Kim, "Mitchellm", Rachel Mandell, Jeremy Marquis, Cydney McGlothlin, Sean Mountain, Alison Moss, "iPhone", Todd Williams, Milo Zapata, Nina Shubert (Recording)

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Ann Baird, Emily Bartley, Eric Esterline, Michelle Leonard, Kalen Manasco, Mark Rush

STUDENT MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Phoebe Funai, Kyle Garner, David Kays

CHAIR: Keith Rambo

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Keith Rambo. Dr. Rambo spoke of the sad news of recent passing University community and committee member Dr. Stephen Hardy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Keith Rambo asked the committee to review and approve of the minutes from January 2022. Motion to approve was set by Scott Washburn and seconded by Allen Masters. The minutes of January 2022 were approved.

TAPS UPDATE

PRESENTING: RON FULLER, TAPS

DISCUSSION:

- Projects
 - Ball Park Way
 - Opening from Hull Road to Archer Road by February 18, 2022, in conjunction with baseball season.
 - Continuing work with utility projects along Museum Road
 - Closure at Center Drive
 - Northeast Gateway at Tigert
 - Scheduled for completion in May 2022
 - Newell Northwest Gateway
 - Scheduled for completion late February 2022
 - TAPS recently installed concrete bollards at Biomed Circle
 - Removeable bollards should be completed by tomorrow, 2/9.
 - Preventing vehicles from parking on sidewalks/promenade.
 - Three removeable bollards installed for fire/emergency access to area

There were some questions/comments regarding:

- Security of the removeable bollards – Not locked. Each bollard is 90 lbs.
- Cleared the use of bollards with EH&S
- COVID Testing -
 - Now being conducted at the Student Health Care Center/Infirmary
 - Parking does appear to be an issue at this time

Chad Doering noted the Museum Road at Newell is scheduled to open in March. Broward Drive to Jennings Drive will close February 21, 2022.

Keith Rambo introduced a question regarding soccer/lacrosse stadium parking access off Hull Road. Linda Dixon stated westbound access is through the Cultural Plaza parking lot or left at the new Ballpark Way and then right at the new Citrus Road and access the parking lot from the south.

UF-671 HARN MUSEUM AMERICAN ART WING – ADVANCED SCHEMATIC DESIGN

PRESENTING: KEITH HUMPREYS, PD&C

DISCUSSION:

Keith Humphreys presented the advanced schematic design phase the American Art wing at the Harn Museum.

- Location
 - Parking lot on the east side of the museum
- Scope
 - 20,000 square feet
 - Single story
 - Two galleries
 - Works on Paper Center, conservation lab and art storage
 - Dedicated drop-off area
 - Green space – In compliance with Landscape Master Plan
- Parking Impacts
 - Loss is 83 staff and visitor spaces
 - Approved for 75 and will need approval for additional 8 spaces
- Current Status
 - Advanced schematic design drawings complete
 - Fund raising for this project
 - Seeking approval from the committee for additional 8 spaces and to move on to the next phase.

Cydney McGlothlin spoke of the long-term goal of the University to make the Cultural Plaza more of plaza area than a parking area. This includes:

- Retaining strip of parking along Hull Road
- Creating a dedicated drop-off area
- The design has a lower, larger footprint to not block Museum of Natural History.
- Moving visitor parking
 - Garage 11 top floor

The committee had questions and discussed:

- Alternative parking locations for the museums
 - Field west of SW Rec Center
 - Parking area northwest of the SW Rec Center field
- Linda Dixon spoke of the Master Plan eventual expansion of the Bledsoe parking area. Parking also at the University Village site as those buildings will eventually be vacated and demolished.
- Parking spaces around campus and overages – Scott Fox stated the parking is currently over the number of spaces, however that varies with building projects around campus.
- Project parking mitigation and mitigation fees and crosswalk/sidewalk expansion for access
 - Construction of additional parking to off-set parking loss and mitigation fees.
 - Areas include:
 - Expand lot north of SW Rec Center along Bledsoe Drive
 - Grass/dirt lot on Hull Road west of softball stadium.

- Allen Masters proposed service vehicle parking and check in to be moved from front to rear of museum.
 - Scott Fox stated that there would be a dedicated space in the service area for Facilities Services
 - Area is large enough for museum staff parking as well

ACTION:

Allen Masters moved to approve the advance schematic design phase with the parking elimination and new building with parking mitigation to be considered as the project moves forward. Thomas Hawkins seconded the motion. The project phase was approved

IFAS-21021, BUILDING 0711 ADDITION

PRESENTING: SEAN MOUNTAIN, IFAS

DISCUSSION:

Sean Mountain presented the project specifics for the addition to Building 711.

- Addition is 3192 gross square feet
- South side of current building
- Addition will include:
 - Lab space
 - Restrooms
 - Graduate student area
- Reconfiguration of 12 existing parking spaces due to proximity of building to the west.
 - Not asking for space removal.
 - Parking would be reconfigured to diagonal spaces
- Presented photos and diagrams of project area.

Committee discussed the following:

- Changing all spaces along the building to diagonal rather than just the portion next to the project area
- Change the width so as not to lose spaces
- Utilization of “dead” space at south end of the parking row.
- Changing traffic flow though parking area.
- Project approval level and not returning to the committee – Not considered a major project.

ACTION:

Scott Fox proposed the motion to approved with the caveat of no parking loss. Motion with no parking spaces eliminated and thus project would not need to return to the committee was set by Allen Masters and seconded by Thomas Hawkins. The project was approved.

UF-670 SW REC WEIGHT ROOM EXPANSION PARKING AND STAGING PLAN

PRESENTING: STEPHEN CARON, PD&C

DISCUSSION:

Stephen Caron was seeking approval from the committee to approve the project utilization of parking north of the SW Rec Center for a staging area. Project is to build a 7000 square foot addition to the existing weight room area. Presented was an arial map diagram of the building area

- Building footprint
- No access area to the west
- Staging area to the north.
 - Staging area small than shown due to a retention pond.
- Requesting a staging area in the McGuire field parking.
 - Leaving staging area to north part of lot to maintain ADA parking and traffic flow on south side.
- Project start in February and with end in December 2022 or January 2023

Committee inquired and discussed regarding:

- Possible sidewalk and parking lot damage from project
 - Repair any damages at the project's end
 - Will take 360° video of area prior to project start

ACTION:

Project is seeking approval to utilize the parking lot at McGuire field for the staging area. Scott Washburn moved to approve the parking area utilization strictly for the needed duration. Thomas Hawkins seconded the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

PRESENTED BY: KEITH RAMBO

Keith Rambo reiterated for Thomas Hawkins' benefit (as he arrived to the meeting later) that he, Thomas Hawkins, Scott Fox, Scott Washburn and others will continue the process of the high-hooded vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle safety activities. A meeting request will be sent to everyone. Allen Masters stated he had photos and videos to share regarding this project.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.