

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 8, 2020 2:00 pm

206 TAPS/via ZOOM

ATTENDEES:

MEMBERS: Ann Baird, Maj. Brad Barber, Sara Diffenbach, Eric Esterline, Thomas Hawkins, Meryl Jones, Allen Masters, Keith Rambo, Mark Rush, Vincent Savarino, Scott Washburn, Matt Williams

LIASONS: Linda Dixon, Carlos Dougnac, Scott Fox, Craig Hill,

NON-MEMBERS: Tamara Baughman, Chad Doering, Thomas Feather, Ron Fuller, Travis Hastay, Melanie Heflin, Mark Helms, Keith Humphreys, Frank Javaheri, Chris Jones, Douglas Jones, Erik Lewis, Wade MacLaren, Du Meyer, Armando Rodriguez, Nina Shubert (Recording)

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Lauren Amos, Micaela Gibbs, Stanley Kaye, Michelle Leonard, Kalen Manasco, Carley Rudd, Bruce Welt

CHAIR: Keith Rambo

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. by Keith Rambo.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Keith Rambo asked the committee to review and approve of the minutes from November 2020. Motion to approve as presented was set by Thomas Hawkins and seconded by Scott Washburn. The minutes of November 2020 were approved.

TAPS UPDATE

PRESENTING: RON FULLER, TAPS

DISCUSSION:

- Projects
 - Ritchey Road/Animal Science paving project final walk-through scheduled for Friday, 12/11
 - Noted parking in the area is currently underutilized.
 - East side, lower level Garage V (Hume garage) will be converted to pay parking in January (similar to Garage XII/Welcome Center). – 98 spaces
- Garage maintenance work continues – Repairs include:
 - Weld joints
 - Sealants
 - Signage
 - Concrete spalls
 - Re-caulking
 - Re-stripping
- Continuing efforts to support COVID-19 testing sites at Garages 4 and 11.

There were questions and discussion regarding the pay parking is Garage V:

- Automated parking – Attendant
 - Pay by plate – phone app or pay station
- Signage for pay stations and phone app.

UF-669 ADDITION TO THE AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER – SCHEMATIC DESIGN PHASE

PRESENTING: TAMERA BAUGHMAN, PD&C, DU MEYER, TRAVIS HASTAY, CHW

DISCUSSION:

As there were committee concerns regarding the area's pedestrian movement and aesthetics, Tamera Baughman presented a review of the design schematic phase for the Ambulatory Surgical Center addition. This addition is on the north side of the existing building, next to UF Orthopaedics at Hull Road and SW 34th Street. In the reconfigured design the parking area includes:

- Extensions in the parking lot to add islands for planting
- Additional trees with sidewalks
- Noted that changes will be presented to the Land Development and Land Use Committee (LDL)

The committee discussed the following points:

- Sidewalk connection to the building.
- New parking – Staff and faculty parking
- ADA parking
 - Adding an ADA space – No loss
 - Sidewalk access

ACTION:

A motion was set by Allen Masters to approve the project’s schematic design phase. The motion was seconded by Thomas Hawkins. This phase of the project was approved.

UF-656 LANDSCAPING MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION – ADVANCED SCHEMATIC DESIGN PHASE

PRESENTING: MELANIE HEFLIN, PD&C, FRANK BELLOMO, GI CONSULTANTS, CHRIS JONES, IBI, MATT WEBSTER, CPI

DISCUSSION:

Melanie Heflin introduced the Landscape Master Plan for Tigert Hall and Newell Drive. Chris Jones presented plans for the Newell Gateway and the Northeast Campus Gateway. The Newell Gateway project the northern section of Newell Road driveway will be closed. This area will be transformed into a pedestrian area with access for only emergency vehicles. Area changes and improvements include:

- Low brick wall and gateway space – Tie-in with the Plaza of the Americas
- Complete curb line – Mountable curb section for emergency vehicle access
- Pedestrian circulation path and multi-use path
- New lighting

Artist design renderings of the area were shown.

The committee discussed extensively these points:

- Bollards in the area – removable/fold down
 - Prevention of delivery vehicles from driving onto the curb and sidewalk.
- Establishing a remote distribution center for deliveries.
- Elevation of area for wall
- Scooter parking elimination – Creating evening/weekend parking at Fletcher-Sledd.
 - Creating mega-scooter zones in anticipation of campus becoming auto free (example - mega scooter zone at Garage V).
 - Scooter zone at Tigert redesigned – No sidewalk as scooters will no longer be blocked, single defined parking area
- Concrete curbing during construction – Will create an apron transition area for access.
- Increased bike use in area
 - Bike parking

The scope for the Northeast Campus Gateway project includes the following:

- New entry drive and auto court
 - New turn around area as there will no movement on Union Road
- Update of parking lot at Criser Hall and Little Hall
 - Maintain parking volumes for lots
 - New entrance to parking lot at Criser – Counterclockwise traffic flow
 - New entryway to the lot
 - New pedestrian access

- Adjustments to bus stop area – Bus shelters
- Relocation of the front gate guardhouse
- New walkway and crosswalk connections
- Creating tabled drive and pedestrian area behind Tigert – Shared use mostly pedestrian but allows for vehicles as necessary.
- Single gated entry to parking lot at Tigert. – Shifting the north and south lot boundaries allowing for head-in parking.
 - Creation of short term/visitor and service parking behind Tigert.
- New entry at 13th Street
 - Brick treatment at intersection
 - 12 feet drive area
 - Dedicated bike lane
 - Moving sidewalks to expand tree and green space
 - Drive turn around area will have pedestrian and drop off zone.
- Setting up area on southeast corner of auto court area for future autonomous vehicle parking and loading/unloading.
- Landscaping/design for area
 - Entrance/auto court landscaping
 - Tigert parking lot – Pricing brick pavers for spaces, trees, single counterclockwise circulation through lot
 - EV charging spaces
- Presented artist details for the auto court.
- Seating and gathering space on the west side of Tigert.

The committee discussed and had concerns regarding the following points:

- Truck/semi-trailer (53 feet) and bus access and turn radius in the new drive auto court area.
 - Suggestions of initial signage for trucks
 - Vehicles waiting and blocking area - Adjusted median to discourage cars from circling in auto court
- Traffic pattern in area – Exit from the University at 13th Street
 - Project leaving the three exit lanes
 - Not room for a dedicated bike lane – Center lane remaining for bikes as through lane
 - Discussed extensively dynamics combining exit lanes to two lanes - Create a bike lane.
 - Trash pick-up access considered in the design.
- Area signage – Not disturbing green space
- Bike parking – Located at the end of the court.
- Through traffic at guardhouse/auto court
 - Multiple cars at guardhouse – Traffic movement when cars back up.
 - Catering and vendor vehicle standing/short term parking
- Pedestrian circulation
 - Sight lines
 - Sidewalks

Chris Jones stated one of the project design goals is to incorporate/eliminate Union Road to create a 20-foot-wide pedestrian walkway through campus. Although timing for this is not definitive, Linda Dixon discussed using bollards in the area to effect traffic control on Union Road.

- ADA parking
 - Spaces are not usually in Gated parking areas.
 - Accessibility in parking areas
- Incorporating raised table area into pedestrian walkway
- Traffic flow in parking lots
- Crosswalk lighting

ACTION:

For a motion, Chris Jones' meeting notes were these recommendations/considerations:

- Newell bollards – prevention of service vehicles and scooters in area
- Consider a barricade for closure in emergency situations
- Revision design to the three lane/two lane and a bike lane exit option at 13th Street
- Signage or clarity for signage
- Clear definition of crosswalks in all locations
- ADA compliant parking moved to common space
- Crosswalk lighting safety
- Semi-truck verification for auto court circle

Linda Dixon offered consulting with City of Gainesville regarding the exit lanes at 13th and traffic light coordination. Allen Masters recommended for the motion an evaluation of the area for reducing to two lanes and adding a bike lane

Scott Washburn moved to approve with the caveat to include the list of Chris Jones' recommendations/considerations and bring forward these to the design development presentation. Thomas Hawkins seconded the motions. The motion was approved with the list of recommendations/considerations.

OTHER BUSINESS:

PRESENTED BY: KEITH RAMBO

Chad Doering from Housing announces the residence halls will be opening January 4, 2021 at noon. Appointment times will be scheduled at 90 per day through January 11. This was a changed to the schedule. Scott Fox stated that SNAP was scheduled to begin January 7 and Chad Doering stated that he would advise if the date need to be changed. Craig Hill inquired regarding occupancy. Occupancy is at around 6500, down 6% than last year spring semester.

Thomas Hawkins imitated an extensive discussion regarding vehicles driving on sidewalks. He requested the subject be included in a future PATAC meeting. This discussion included:

- Safety concerns
- Department autonomy
- Vendor traffic
- Central delivery options
- Changes in campus traffic flow and day-to-day operations
- Postal and package delivery vehicles

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 3:29 p.m.