

# PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 12, 2022 2:00 pm

206 TAPS/via ZOOM

## ATTENDEES:

**MEMBERS:**, Noah Fineberg, Thomas Hawkins, Major Bart Knowles, Kalen Manasco, Allen Masters, Keith Rambo, Mark Rush, Scott Washburn,

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

**NON-MEMBERS:** Mairead Baker, Tamera Baughman, Stuart Cullen, Andy Dohmen, Thomas Feather, Jim Fisher, Ron Fuller, Jason Hall, Laurie Hall, Melanie Heflin, Jeffrey Huber, Frank Javaheri, "Lourdes" (x2), Rachel Mandell, Cydney McGlothlin, Wade MacLauren, Allison Moss, Walker Fein Owen, Chris Potts, G. Roberts, Eric Brooks Scarpa, Eric Klein Steuber, Stephanni Terza, Milo Zapata, Nina Shubert (Recording)

**MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:** Ann Baird, Emily Bartley, Jennifer Clark, Eric Esterline, Michelle Leonard, Ramzi Salloum, Vincent Saviano, Matthew Terza, Matt Williams

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

**CHAIR:** Scott Washburn

## CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Scott Washburn.

## INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

### **PRESENTING: SCOTT WASHBURN**

Scott Washburn introduced the first order of business with the introduction of new PATAC members.

- Major Bart Knowles is replacing Major Brad Barber who retired.
- Fatima Ahmed, Planning Design and Construction, is a new project manager.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Scott Washburn asked the committee to review and approve of the minutes from April 2022. There were couple of typographical errors to be corrected. Scott Washburn stated that he would convene after the meeting regarding the minute corrections. Motion to approve was set by Thomas Hawkins and seconded by Allen Masters. The minutes of April 2022 were approved.

## TAPS UPDATE

### **PRESENTING: RON FULLER, TAPS**

#### **DISCUSSION:**

A TAPS Update was deferred due to the lengthy agenda, however Ron Fuller stated that if anyone had questions, he and Scott Fox would be happy to address them.

## UF-682 PARKING GARAGE 15 – PROGRAMMING PHASE

### **PRESENTING: FRANK JAVAHERI, PD&C**

#### **DISCUSSION:**

Frank Javaheri presented the programming phase for Garage 15 and the project overview.

- Project location
- Purpose
- Future land use designation
- Current use of site
- Adjacencies
- About the parking garage

Project location is south of Main Housing office and north of residence towers, bounded by SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Museum Road. The current location parking is 200 spaces – most Red decal, some Orange decal and some

service vehicle parking. The new garage project will have a capacity of 600-640 space, with a net gain of 420-430 parking spaces. The project is seeking approval (conditional approval) for:

- Starting the traffic study may begin for the proposed project area.
- To determine visitor parking spaces
- Student parking needs for the garage form the new honors residence.

Preliminary design for the new structure has 7-8 levels of parking area with some surface parking to cover service vehicles.

There was discussion by the committee of the following:

- Population density of the area and pedestrian/bike circulation on the east and west sides of the garage.
  - Crosswalk alignment
  - Trail connections
  - Bike paths
- Lighting, safety, and security
- Decal designations for parking in the area – Student parking percentages vs. employee.
  - Will probably be determined by the traffic study
  - Noted that student do not generate traffic during rush hour times
- Garage utilization

**ACTION:**

A motion to approve was set by Allen Masters and was seconded by Thomas Hawkins. The motion was approved.

**UF-652 BIOMEDICAL LIFE SCIENCES RESEARCH BUILDING – PROGRAMMING PHASE**

**PRESENTING: CYDNEY MCGLOTHLIN, PD&C**

**DISCUSSION:**

Cydney McGlothlin presented the programming phase for Biomedical and Life Sciences Research Building (BMLS). Jim Vignola is the project manager and will present the next project phase.

- Project Scope – At Archer Road and Gale Lemerand Drive
  - 150k gross square feet
  - 3-6 stories
  - Compliance with Campus Master Plan
  - Site will require demolition – currently coordinating approvals
    - Building footprint may change upon approvals
- Site Overview, Existing Conditions, Sustainability
  - Existing Site
    - Small trees
    - Portable buildings
    - Parking – Surface parking
    - Stormwater control challenges – Lake Alice at bottom of hill
- Master Plan – BMLS Future Build-Out –
  - Goals
    - Aquatic Pathology will remain
    - Create a terminal vista for entry to campus
      - ✓ New road connection to parking areas
    - Loading dock and service area – East side of building
    - Stormwater plan and implementation
- Master Plan – Final Build-Out
  - Goals
    - Create green space to connect buildings

- ✓ Future parking garage
  - ✓ Additional future buildings
  - Connection for right in/right out to Archer Road
  - Continue stormwater control
- Parking Impacts
  - 115 spaces possibly effected
  - Preliminary programming – Schematic design will show parking impacts

The committee discussed the following:

- Temporary buildings remaining
  - Most will be removed
  - Aquatic pathology building will remain
- Restrictions on building similar to EPI – So not anticipate the same restrictions for this building.
- Parking for building – Anticipate employees will use Garage 14.
  - Scott Fox stated Garage 14 was constructed in anticipation of future parking losses such as this.

**ACTION:**

Thomas Hawkins moved to approve the programming phase to this project, seconded by Allen Masters. The motion was approved.

**UF-653 ARCHITECTURE BUILDING RENOVATION/REMODELING AND DCP COLLABORATORY – SCHEMATIC DESIGN PHASE**

**PRESENTING: TAMERA BAUGHMAN, PD&C**

**DISCUSSION:**

Tamera Baughman presented the schematic design phase for the School of Architecture building renovation/remodeling. Noted this project was originally presented close to one year ago. This project seeks created an additional all Collaboratory which would serve other needs. Project overview and presentation points:

- Existing Architecture Building
  - Built in 1979
  - Significant budget cuts at the time of design/construction. Scope of work was drastically reduced, occupants moved into a shell of a building.
  - Water intrusion issues from the incomplete design
  - Building is not acceptable with Florida Building Code compliance, ADA compliance and Life Safety.
- New Building: Presented design from 1 year ago and current design
  - Connected covered walkway
  - Retaining 4 parking spaces – Service spaces
  - Cantilevered 2<sup>nd</sup> story
  - 3 story structure
- Program:
  - 54,800 gross square feet or less
  - Research labs
  - Digital Modeling
  - Fabrication Space
  - Teaching Space
  - Creative Commons
- Schedule:
  - Program approval
  - Design team – Brooks & Scarpa with KMF Architecture
  - Builders - Stellar Construction

- Construction starts 2023
- Parking Impacts – Four spaces may be shifted but will remain.
- Sidewalk Impacts
- Project view from Stadium Road (drawing)

Jeffrey Huber offered other talking points:

- Maintaining the diagonal walking path at ground level.
- 13 feet minimum clearance at first floor and cantilevered second floor.
- Maintaining 30 feet between Music building and new Architecture building.

The committee discussed extensively the following:

- Pedestrian traffic
  - Waking in service/loading area
  - Creation of walking paths
- Vehicular traffic in area
  - Restriction of vehicle traffic
  - Service needs in the area
  - Erecting bollards
- Service and thru-way drive area
  - Large vehicle access to area
  - Maintaining area for multi-use and pedestrian thru way

**ACTION:**

There was discussion regarding fire lanes and access. Jeffrey Huber stated that fire access is required. As well Cydney McGlothlin noted that the two eastern walkways were out of the project scope, but recommendations can be made.

Thomas Hawkins moved to approve this project with the following requests and recommendations:

- Western side - Separation of pedestrian and service traffic on Murphree Way.
- Consideration for improvement on Murphree Way to support auto-free zone.
- Eastern three (3) walkways – Identify options and make recommendations regarding on restricting motor vehicle access, with the exception of necessary fire access.

Allen Masters seconded the motion emphasizing the recommendations for the 3<sup>rd</sup> item. The motion passed with the considerations and recommendations.

**MP07583 – 413 – SORORITY – ALPHA CHI OMEGA RENOVATION**

**PRESENTING: FATIMA AHMED, PD&C**

**DISCUSSION:**

Fatima Ahmed introduced others on this project – Lourdes from Ollrich Construction, Jim Handy from Design Styles and Architecture and Chris Potts from JB Pro. Presented was the renovation for the parking lot area on SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street at Alpha Chi Omega sorority. The project’s goals

- Create safety for pedestrians that cross where vehicles are located and exiting parking area
- Create a scooter parking zone.

Chris Potts presented and overview civil drawing of the project area. Presentation points included:

- Current parking area is used for service and employees only.
- Elimination of two entrances and create one driveway off 13<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Create as many scooter parking spaces as possible.
- Project will coordinate with the Florida Department of Transportation for drive entrance modification within the right-of-way.

- The project will provide a safety upgrade for students and other pedestrians walking along SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street.
- The area currently has 8 scooter spaces and 4 car spaces.

Thomas Hawkins asked if the project had considered instead of the curb cut making everything accessible from the Delta Gamma building to the north or from the existing parking area on the south. Chris Potts explained obstacles on the north and south side prohibits this. Thomas Hawkins also inquired regarding budget for landscaping.

Linda Dixon offered some context for this project:

- Sorority house has a renovation and a small addition on the front side.
- Other committees have asked for consideration for parking in the rear of the house.
- Noted was another renovation at Delta Chi and access off of SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street was to be addressed at that time, but never came to pass
- Access is a drop curb, and the parking has existed this way for a long time.
- This property is on the House Corporations property, but not on the University inventory.
- The project is being presented as some of these houses fall under parking regulations.

The committee extensively discussed:

- Scooter parking and safe access to the street
- Dumpster area apron and access
- Curb cuts at SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street – For cars and for dumpster service
- Grass and landscaping
- Scott Fox briefly discussed the history and improvements made to the area.
- Reduction of car parking – Vehicles not blocking dumpster access
- Ron discussed the sorority house parking off-campus
  - Vehicles have a sorority sticker
  - Each is issued up to four parking spaces
  - Each house self-monitors parking
  - UF TAPS does have authority to determine prohibitive parking through deed restrictions.
- Master Plan policies compliance – mechanical and service drives, dumpster areas.
  - Linda Dixon noted that the properties are privately owned

**ACTION:**

A motion was set was Thomas Hawkins, seconded by Allen Masters. The design development phase was approved.

**DISCUSSION ON CITY/FDOT PROJECTS ON UNIVERSITY AVENUE/SW 13<sup>TH</sup> STREETMP06867 BABY GATOR EXPANSION – DESIGN DEVELOPMENT PHASE**

**PRESENTING: LINDA DIXON**

**DISCUSSION:**

Linda Dixon presented and discussed updates of projects on University Avenue. Introduced were Scott Wright and Alison Moss, City of Gainesville who be attending the PATAC meetings as liaisons. Presentation points were:

- Background - These projects were the result of fatality incidents in 2020 and 2021. These tragic incidents brought together agencies which had been work together over the years.
- Education
  - Ongoing social media campaign
  - August return-to-campus campaign with Student Government and President Fuchs
  - Tailgate for Safety event
  - Nightlife Navigator events

- October is Pedestrian Awareness Month
- Messages target motorists too!
- Enforcement efforts partnerships – January 2021 through September 30, 2021
  - UF Police Department: High Visibility/Special Traffic Enforcement
    - Campus Perimeter Roads
    - 1573 stops
    - 1757 warnings and citations
  - Gainesville Police Department
    - 2008 warnings and citations on university Avenue
- Engineering: Completed
  - Signal retiming – manage vehicle speeds and “Leading Pedestrian Interval”
  - FDOT Road Reclassification – enables creative solutions
  - Special emphasis crosswalks
  - New safety signage
  - Tree trimming for light and visibility
  - Pedestrian signal upgrades – audible and passive detection
  - No Right Turn on Red sign upgrades
  - Temporary speed tables – 4 locations
  - Reduced speed limits to 25 mph (enforceable June 1, 2021)
  - 1-way Pairs on NW 14<sup>th</sup> Street and NW 15<sup>th</sup> Street – Presented images
- Engineering: Coming Soon:
  - 1-way Pairs on NW 17<sup>th</sup> Street and NW 18<sup>th</sup> Street/Fletcher Drive – Fletcher by 8/18/22
  - New Signalized Intersections (University Avenue at NW 16<sup>th</sup> Street and NW 19<sup>th</sup> Street) – by 9/5/22
  - New Raised Pedestrian Crossings with traffic control (2022)
    - 1400 block
    - 1900 block
  - Intersection Lighting Upgrades
    - 5 Locations on W. University Avenue (W. 21<sup>st</sup> Terrace – W. 15<sup>th</sup> Street)
    - 4 locations on SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street (SW 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue – SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue - design complete, pending construction funds)
  - 1-Way Pairs on NW 10<sup>th</sup> Street and NW 12<sup>th</sup> Street (in design)
- Engineering: Planned
  - Campus Bicycle/Pedestrian Zone
  - Reconstruction of Inner Road
  - Campus Shared use Path on University Avenue and SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street
  - Stadium Lawn and Gale Lemerand Drive Realignment
  - W. University Avenue corridor FDOT lighting improvements
    - Design in 2024/2025
  - Complete Streets on University Avenue and SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street
    - Concepts accepted by City Commission
    - PD&E Study initiating – presented study limits graphic
    - \$16M Federal Grant pending

Alison Moss updated her affiliation is with Alachua County.

Noah Finberg thanked everyone and all entities who have worked and are working on these projects. He thanked Linda Dixon for the update.

**ACTION:**

For discussion and information purposes, updating the committee on projects.

**DISCUSSION ON UF-654 SIGNALIZATION – NEW SIGNAL ON MUSEUM ROAD**

**PRESENTING: CHAD DOERING, HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE**

**DISCUSSION:**

Chad Doering addressed and presented updates regarding the previous concerns by the committee on this project.

- Overview image of project site
- Bed numbers served in the area
- The intent of project was to shift and improve pedestrian pathways through the directional corridors.
- Existing crosswalk has been shifted to left.
- Infrastructure will be put in place to support a traffic signal if needed – Standard crosswalk with flashing signs.
- Photo of the project’s current stage.

**ACTION:**

For informational purposes.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**PRESENTED BY: SCOTT WASHBURN**

Thomas Hawkins asked about a status update regarding the committee’s recommendation on improvement of the new intersection at Newell and University Avenue. The request was for bollards to prohibit motor vehicle access. (Checked the letter from Curtis Reynolds and Mr. Reynolds concurred with project.) Ron Fuller stated that there were some delays. FDOT did not want bollards on their property and the fire department did want bollards preventing movement down Newell.

The committee had additional discussion regarding vehicle and pedestrian traffic in that area.

Thomas Hawkins discussed with the committee February’s recommendation of enforcement options preventing state and other motor vehicles in bike lanes and pedestrian areas. He was seeking additional input aside from TAPS recommendations. Scott Washburn stated that hoped to schedule another subcommittee meeting sooner, but there have been some unforeseen delays.

Allen Masters stated that the PATAC committee may require some expansion to include Chad Doering, Housing and Eddie Daniels, Business Services for campus delivery perspective.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m.