

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 11, 2023 at 2:00 pm

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS: Emily Bartley, Thomas Hawkins, Emily Hind, Charles Kammin, Major Bart Knowles Matthew Terza, Scott Washburn,

LIASONS: Eddie Daniels, Linda Dixon, Scott Fox

NON-MEMBERS: Kaylee August, Tamera Baughman, Chris Carlson, Nancy Chrystal Green, Chad Doering, Thomas Feather, Ron Fuller, Laurie Hall, Melanie Heflin, Keith Humphreys, John Lawson, Rachel Mandell, Cydney McGlothlin, Alison Moss, Savannah Partridge, Caili Tolar, Seth Wood, Daniel Young, Nina Shubert (Recording)

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Ann Baird, Jennifer Clark, Marty Dempsey, Ifgeneia Giannadaki, Carolyn Kelly, Ramzi Salloum, Matt Williams

STUDENT MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Brady Alexander, Noah Fineberg, Shelby Schultz, Emma Towler, Connor Wells

CHAIR: Scott Washburn

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Scott Washburn.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Scott Washburn asked the committee to review and approve of the minutes from June 2023. There was some discussion regarding UF-687 Broward Dinning Renovation and Linda Dixon's suggestion for the retention of sidewalk area for bicycles. Noted this was included in the project's motion.

The motion to approve was set by Thomas Hawkins and was seconded by Matt Williams. The minutes from June 2023 were approved.

Scott Fox asked that agenda item 7 action be changed seeking approval. Thomas Hawkins moves to note that item 7 on the agenda is an approval item, seconded by Matt Williams. The committee approved adding the approval action to the agenda item.

Scott Washburn spoke about the email about the campus parking changes. Scott Fox stated that current changes will end July 31st and the initiative moves into the next phase of issuing citations rather than warnings. Discussed were:

- Reporting methods/options for violations.

MP 08096 LANDSCAPE DESIGN ENHANCEMENT PLANS (PHASE 1) NE GATEWAY, SE CORNER OF GALE LEMERAND & STADIUM ROAD, AND MUSEUM ROAD

PRESENTING: MELANIE HEFLIN, PD&C

DISCUSSION:

Melanie Heflin introduced this Facility Services project, noting both presenting items 3 and 4 on the agenda. She introduced Laurie Hall and Caili Tolar from CHW who presented the project and the sites – Northeast Gateway, southeast quadrant of Stadium Road and Gale Lemerand and Museum Road:

- Project Overview – These 3 projects are part of the first phase of 8 total beautification projects planned throughout campus.
 - Project Goals:
 - Beautify highly visible areas of campus.
 - Replace existing furniture and fixtures to comply with the UF Landscape Master Plan (LMP).
 - Replace signage to comply with updated building ID standards.

- Enhance landscape and improved hardscape & seating within Gerson Hall terrace areas.
- Provide street plantings consistent with the LMP standards for the newly constructed Museum Road cross section.
- These projects vary in scope, but mostly include landscape, irrigation and in some cases hardscape design. Much of the installation work will be performed in-house by UUF Facilities Services.

No sustainability certification is anticipated for these projects.

- Project #1 N.E. Gateway (a UF LMP Priority Project) at Union Road and SW 13th Street, including the Union Road entry sequence from SW 13th Street to the new circular landscape island and foundation plantings at the entrance to Gerson Hall and surrounding areas. The project includes signage replacement at Gerson Hall to conform to the new standard. This project is located in Precinct S.1. Historic District.
 - Showed photos of existing conditions of completed Gateway.
 - Improvements for areas adjacent to or outside the project limits. Repairing things that came up during construction.
 - Proposed improvements at Gerson include removing overgrown planters, simplifying walks, replacing concrete with brick, adding trees and enhanced landscape, adding benches and tables/chairs and replacing the building signage.
 - Adding more shade to new terrace, project proposes:
 - ✓ Replacing four (4) newly planted crepe myrtles with two (2) canopy trees
 - ✓ Repurpose existing tables with no umbrella holes to another project.
 - ✓ Install new tables/chairs with umbrellas consistent with LMP.
- Project #2 includes the SE quadrant if the intersection at Gale Lemerand and Stadium Road (part of a UF LMP Priority Project) and extends southward to the driveway behind Rhines Hall.
 - Showed diagram and photos of existing conditions.
 - There is no tree removal proposed.
 - Site Plan
 - ✓ Relocation of existing scooter parking
 - ✓ New College of Engineering sign at the corner
 - ✓ New building signage for Weil Hall
 - ✓ Replacement of furniture consistent with LMP
 - ✓ New bus shelter on Gale Lemerand
 - ✓ General improvements to walks and circulation routes.
 - ✓ Project will not impede the future vision for this site illustrated in the LMP Priority Project #4 Gator (Corner) Plaza.

Zoomed in to slide to show area's improvements.

- Project #3
 - Presented overview diagrams/photos of existing conditions.

Presented photos of proposed furnishings.

The committee had questions and discussed:

- Project phase stage – Advance schematic design or further.
 - Not proposed as a full construction project. (May go out for bidding.) Working with Facilities Services regarding how the project will move forward.
- Project presented again to the committee. –
 - Linda Dixon offered that since these improvements will primarily be installed in-house by Facilities Services crews. With no construction plans and not going beyond the concept plans, there would be nothing new with the project to be necessary to present again to the committee.
- Bus pull-out on Stadium
 - Will be left in the existing condition.
 - Rerouting the sidewalk

- Looking into extending the sidewalk – Would need a survey.
- Scott Fox offered the bus pull-out is not essential and could go away. The area does not serve well for buses.
- Elimination of scooter parking area.
 - Alternative scooter parking will be in Garage 7.
 - Demand to scooter parking has shifted west of this area.
- Furniture
 - Placement regarding vehicle movements
 - Furniture placement for shaded areas.
- Sidewalk direction suggestions – North sidewalk and access through/to Weil Hall
- Vehicles movement concreted area – Installation of removeable bollards
- Relocation of Engineering sculpture
 - Currently in the lawn area
 - Relocation will allow protection and provide a nicer setting.
- Project dates
 - Project design completed by September 2023

ACTION:

Thomas Hawkins moved to approve with one modification to remove the bus pull-out on Stadium Road. Emily Bartley seconded the motion. Scott Fox recommended that the motion be modified to request the pull-out be removed if feasible for the project resources. Motion with modifications was passed.

MP08096 LANDSCAPE DESIGN ENHANCEMENT PLANS (PHASE 1) BUCKMAN DRIVE (PROJECT 4)
PRESENTING: MELANIE HEFLIN, PD&C

DISCUSSION:

Laurie Hall presented the Project Overview from Buckman Drive, which will extend from University Avenue to Stadium Road. The project similar to others - Project #4 of Phase 1 which includes 8 total campus beautification projects planned throughout campus.

- Project Goals:
 - Beautify highly visible areas of campus.
 - Replace existing furniture and fixtures to comply with UF Landscape Master Plan (LNP).
 - Replace building ID signage to comply with updated Wayfinding Master Plan Standards.
 - Remove and replace existing street trees per LMP Campus enhancement Area “C”. This will be undertaken as a phased approach to replace some of the aging trees along the corridor.
 - Refresh some of the foundation plantings at buildings along road frontage
 - Remove some existing raised planters and make minor adjustments to hardscape to provide additional areas for site furnishings/seating.
- Showed diagram of the existing corridor and conditions
- Discussed the replacement of the trees in poor condition and in decline along Buckman.
- Landscape Master Plan requirements and goals for the corridor.
- Photos and overview of existing site/tree conditions. – Color coded
 - Red – poor condition
 - Yellow – fair condition
 - Green – good condition
- Bike racks –
 - Remove underutilized racks at Dauer Hall.
 - Move/replace/maintain the racks at Buckman Hall.

Emily Hind stated that she travels to Dauer Hall for meetings. She is unable to move her bike and leave her parking space due to the third wheel. She reserves her space and cannot move the bike until she leaves for the day. Emily Hind stated that she was horrified that the bike racks would be removed due to underutilization. The bike racks in this area work for any kind of bike and so they are convenient. She had additional comments regarding the areas of limited sight. Shaded areas add comfort for pedestrians and bicyclists. Laurie Hall

stated that the bike racks would not be eliminated but the number would be reduced. The area of limited site is a design standard requirement as landscape architects. It is considered a safety concern.

Chad Doering stated that he appreciated the removal of the poor condition trees. One was lost recently and blocked the entry to Buckman Hall. He asked about the auto-free zone and the design. Laurie Hall stated that project scope was not looking at roadway improvement, just landscape improvements – eliminating concrete/brick curbs causing drainage issues, eliminating built-in planters. Melanie Heflin discussed creating a half-moon circle to allow vehicles a larger swing area to get out to University Avenue. Helpful during housing move-in times. Chad Doering informed the committee fall housing move-in is August 16 through August 19. During this time there will be 2000 vehicles visiting campus per hour. The committee further discussed the following regarding housing move-in:

- Teering move-in over a 72-hour period with additional UPD staffing.
- A similar move-in process is done by Housing with staggering over a 4-day period.
- In pace will be coordinated lot and lane closures and working with UPD.

Melanie Heflin stated in the down time the area could be abused and suggest flexible bollards so that vehicles cannot pull up in the area.

There was additional discussion regarding the bike racks:

- Due to bike theft being the leading on-campus crime, Major Knowles asked that the project work with UPD regarding bike rack relocations, new styles, replacements, etc.
 - Racks can be located in areas with cameras, better lighting.
- Bike rack removal/reduction strategy.
 - Although not removing all racks, the area is designed to have planters and canopy trees.
 - Desire is to keep the sidewalk as wide as possible for pedestrian circulation.
 - Emily Hind commented and questioned the removal. The current bikes racks are functional for her current cargo bike. Questioned the long term of the bike rack removal.
 - Thomas Hawkins inquired regarding an occupancy study for the bike racks.
 - Laurie Hall stated that there is data regarding utilization. The project identified the underutilized racks at Dauer Hall and the higher utilization at Buckman Hall. The project area is mostly barren, and a big priority is to get trees back in the area.
 - Emily Hind suggested and asked that the project rethink the tree placement and focus on a different area because she personally uses the space for her bike. There should be a plan for more electric cargo bike use and with this increased use a plan for where larger bikes can park on campus. She suggested that with the removal of the bike racks that a cardo bike rack could be installed instead of a planter.
 - Laurie Hall offered that this will be a phased project. The trees would not be removed all at one time. Allowance for larger bike racks space could accommodate should this become necessary.
 - Matt Williams the following
 - Working with the new bike program coordinator Kristiina Thompson.
 - Series of GIS layers for bike rack locations and type of rack but not occupancy.
 - Adding a layer to the current GIS for occupancy.
 - Comparative occupancy studies for all bike racks beginning fall semester.
 - Bike racks dense at Dauer as Keene Faculty Center had a language lab which is no longer located there.
- Tree removal:
 - Thomas Hawkins inquired regarding the well-being of the trees in the area and if the color coding correlated with the tree health. Laurie Hall confirmed this. Although some of the trees removed are OK, over-crowding, branch structure, over all look of the trees is the reason for removal.
 - Shade in area – Drastic removal, no shade
 - Laurie Hall stated that there are trees that were identified for removal so there may be a time during the project that there would be a shock removal and no shade.

- Melanie Heflin discussed tree root intrusion damage and drainage issues to buildings, limb dropping and general safety concerns.
- Matt Williams discussed the Buckman Drive pull-out. Scott Fox stated that this pull-put should remain to allow vehicles turn around because they cannot enter campus this direction. The area will be re-sign “No Unattended Vehicles.”

ACTION:

Thomas Hawkins moved to approve the project as presented. Major Knowles seconded the motion. Motion passed.

UF-396 FLORIDA MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY EARTH SUSTEMS ADDITION – SCHEMATIC DESIGN

PRESENTING: KEITH HUMPHREYS, PD&C

DISCUSSION:

Keith Humphreys introduced the schematic design phase of this project. Originally in the programming phase the front of the building was being brought out to the street. Due to extensive scope changes and budget the presentation was reduced. The committee requested the project provide a covered drop-off area. Although not designed being discussed. The building has been moved closer to the sidewalk.

Laurie Hall presented and discussed the following:

- Project Overview
 - The project is located with the UF Cultural Plaza south of Hull Road.
 - The new TESI Earth Systems Addition at the Florida Museum of Natural History will provide new and improved spaces for both public and administrative functions. It will expand the museum footprint and will provide a home for the Thompson Earth Science Institute.
 - The project is split between two new additions, one at the front of the building (3,000 sqft.) and one at the northwest corner (7,400 sqft. over two levels for office and conference room space). Net square feet of improvements: 10,700 sqft.
 - The existing roadway location will not be moved. However, it will be replaced/raised to bring the site up to ADA compliance. Utility and sitework will be minimized as will new mechanical equipment.
 - Future Land Use Designation: Cultural.
 - No roadway impact.
- Landscape Master Plan – LMP
 - Project is located within the Cultural Plaza and at the terminus if the Art Axis identified with in the LMP.
- Project Limits of Work – Overview
- Existing Conditions
- Site Plan
 - New covered terrace
 - Additional bike racks at the new administrative wing
 - Storm water design
- Parking Impacts
 - There will no changes to the existing layout, parking or ADA parking spaces. Elevating and repaving the roadway for ADA compliance.
 - Not anticipating additional staff or visitors as a result of expansion; therefore no additional parking/ADA parking is anticipated required.
- Bike Parking
 - Museum/Art Gallery – One (1) space per each 40 seats (with auditorium, one (1) space for each 1000 public sqft. and on (1) space each 10 employees.
 - No anticipated additional employees.
 - Public SF if existing building: 47,530 sf

- Public SF new building (its public sf at existing demolition plus addition: 50,700sf)
- Proposed net sf = 3,190 sf
- Bike spaces required = 4 spaces (New) + demoed = 18 spaces
- Bike spaces = 20 proposed total
- Site Furnishings
 - Tables and chairs – consistent wit the LMP
 - Tables and chairs – Fixed – compact alternative
 - Recycled materials – Glass/agate pavers
 - Bike racks
 - Trash receptacles
 - Benches

Charles Kammin inquired about loss of permeable area. Laurie Hall stated that the addition was mostly impervious area currently so there would not be big changes. There will be some changes in the rear of the building. The project was looking to do some LID and add some to the basin at the northwest corner. Daniel Young, CHW, spoke about the following:

- Adding impervious for the northwest corner
- Calculations for pond capacity
- Modification to existing structure and LID

Charles Kammin requested a meeting with Linda Dixon to discuss the area.

Thomas Hawkins discussed the poor circulation in the **Cultural Plaza**. Nothing in the Campus Master Plan discussing specifics. Suggested and discussed:

- Major reconfiguration of area
- Discussion for the next Master Plan update
- Over the next several years thoughts about a navigable, comfortable area

Cydney McGlothlin responded there are projects happening at the Harn, Museum of Natural History and the Phillips Center. Viewing the area holistically there are sketches and ideas, however there is no funding to finish the plans. Part of the issue is implementing underground infrastructure to reroute roads. Thomas Hawkins asked about a timeline for discussing any improvement projects to get into the next Master Plan update. Linda Dixon responded and discussed:

- For the Harn project presentation to committees there were concept sketches with sidewalk connections and landscaping out to Hull Road. Project is on hold.
- Campus Master Plan not the mechanism for Cultural Plaza improvements. No money for design work.
- Suggested recommendations to Administration for funding. Not a priority.
- Discussed the Cultural Plaza Committee – Presidential committee, officially appointed.

Emily Hind commented on the bike racks and bike parking:

- The current bike racks do work for every kind of bike.
- The “U” racks work for many types of bicycles.
- Requesting consideration for other types of bikes to park on campus.
- Asked if the project was trying to fit as many bikes as possible into as small space?
- Plan to leave the “U” racks in place?
- Underutilized parking spaces
- Plans for recharging spaces for electric bikes.

Matt Williams stated that electric bike charging stations are being discussed and considered.

ACTION:

Thomas Hawkins moved to approve the project, seconded by Matt Williams. The project was approved.

UF-675 DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER – PROGRAMING PHASE

PRESENTING: TAMERA BAUGHMAN, PD&C

DISCUSSION:

Tamera Baughman introduced the programming phase for the new Disability Resource Center. The building site has changed.

- Project Overview (Previous Location) – NW 15th Street
- Project Overview (New Location) – Parking lot 20, next to the Florida Gym, Fletcher Drive.
 - Loss of parking to be mitigated by placing parking across Stadium Road
 - DRC serves over 6000 students – New location will be better for reaching as many students as possible.
 - Change to Mater Plan - The Future Land Use designation of the project is Academic/Research, as shown in the Campus Master Plan. The new facility qualifies as Support/Clinical space and will need to be noted as such. This can be accomplished as a Minor Amendment without changing the Campus Development Agreement,
 - New DRC facility will be approximately 12,000 GSF. – 2 stories
 - Parking Lot 20 has approximately 45 parking spaces. The project will add spaces across the street to lessen the impact.

Inquiry regarding parking lot designation. The parking designation for the lot is north half Gated Gold/Silver and ADA employee spaces. Three (3) spaces are reserved for the Infirmary.

- The Florida Gym is on the west side of the site, the Infirmary building to the north, Williamson Hall to the south and the intersection of Fletcher Drive and Stadium Road is to the east.
- Potential for future UF Testing Center Addition.
 - The footprint will not take up the entire parking lot, so there is discussion of a testing center.
 - Design phase will consider this.
- Site Overview, Existing Conditions and Sustainability – Showed photos.
- Landscape Master Plan – No impacts
 - Priority Project 9 will front the DRC along Stadium Road
- Tree Impact – To be determined in the next phase.

Scott Fox stated that he is familiar with this project. With the departure of the Infirmary the parking space became less critical. However, with the arrival of the auto-free zone this space has become more important. Scott Fox inquired regarding the need for parking for the new building, ADA parking. Tamera Baughman stated the needs for the DRC will be an increase in ADA parking, a drop off location, connectivity to bus routes.

There additional discussion regarding:

- ADA parking
 - Scott Fox stated that ADA parking takes up area quickly.
 - General ADA parking will be full every day – Area should be specifically designated for DRC.
- Previous Student Health Center – Linda Dixon stated that would be the Hamilton Building (academics).
- DRC taking both parking areas – Upper and lower at the drop-off on the west side next to Florida Gym.
- Building on impervious surface or in tree area
 - Considerations and potential testing center
 - Health of current trees
- Linda Dixon spoke about the proposed parking area across Stadium Road.
 - Will avoid heritage trees.
 - Opportunities for more efficient designs for designation – Gated, ADA
- Thomas Hawkins discussed:
 - Likes the building there rather than a parking lot
 - Concerned for loss of green space on the south side of Stadium Road
 - Concern regarding efficient parking for DRC - On the north side of the building, with one way entrance and exit.

ACTION:

Thomas Hawkins moved to approve this phase of the project. Emily Hind seconded the motion. The motion passed.

PROPOSAL TO RESTRUCTURE STUDENT PARKING**PRESENTING: SCOTT FOX, TAPS DIRECTOR****DISCUSSION:**

Scott Fox introduced and presented a proposal to restructure student parking permits.

(Scott Fox asked if there were any students present. Chad Doering stated that Savannah Partridge was attending however is not a committee member.)

The permit restructuring would take place in a year for the 2024 fall semester.

- Presented a history of pricing for student permits beginning 2001.
 - Noted permit was \$78.00 – 2001, motorcycle permit was \$24
 - Regular increases over the years to support projects.
 - Pricing has not changed in 8 years.
- Currently TAPS assigns parking for on campus residents according to credit hours.
 - Red 1 - \$160 – 50+ credit hours
 - Red 3 - \$160 - <50 credit hours
- Presented map showing parking.
- Proposed for 2024-2025
 - Raise the base rate for all student permits (first adjustment in 9 years) for \$160 to \$180.
 - Introduce a 3-tiered parking choice for resident students based on proximity and price:
 - Red 1 - \$360, most proximate
 - Red 2 - \$180, mid-proximate
 - Red 3 - \$60, less proximate
- Presented and discussed map of proposed tiered student parking areas.
 - Discussed that not all students move their vehicles. Less proximate parking provides a more inexpensive option.
- Key considerations for the Tier 3 parking option
 - A reasonable location that is less proximate, but not isolated.
 - The sense that “I can get to my car when I need to”
 - Quality parking conditions and on-going maintenance
 - A safe environment which considers appropriate lighting, video surveillance, blue light phones, UFPD coordination, and other security recommendations
 - 24/7 transportation for access and safety, to be provided as an extension of current transit services delivered by RTS, TAPS, Lyft, etc.

Although seeking approval for this proposal this does not get implemented as it goes to many other committees at other levels that are reviewed by senior leadership. This proposal will go to the Board of Trustees, who have already seen the plan, so it is not new to them.

Savannah Partridge asked a question through chat – “What is the overall intention of this proposal? How do you compensate for the inadequacies of RTS to provide students to transit outside of campus. I live in Broward, and I'm looking to live in a relatively cheap dorm. I'm not going to want to pay the \$360 for parking. This system feels inequitable. And there is such a high concentration of students who are living in the core of campus, so parking is already pretty limited.”

Scott Fox answered that the intention is to provide students with an option. Students have said that access and proximity are important. Although the goal is not to raise the cost for student parking, there has been no increase in 8 years.

- Expenses have gone up but revenue from students has not.
- Noted increase four times for faculty and staff permit pricing.
- Discussed raising student parking rates; best idea was to offer students a choice.

The committee also discussed:

- Scooter parking – Since pandemic decrease of 48%
- Norman Garage 8 permit designation – Red 1
- Student feedback – Beginning the public information process.
- Seniority aspect has been questioned as freshman are entering with 50+
- Per question from Savannah Partridge – This initiative will be presented to student leadership. Have not determined which student forum.
- Comparatives from other campuses.
 - Urban/older colleges/universities have higher fees than UF; the new schools lower parking fees.
 - FSU parking is part of the student transportation access fees. Everyone gets a
- Adding bike parking in Garage 9
- Parking spaces and numbers at Garage 9
 - This garage has the ability to expand parking options.
 - Will be 24/7 safe public transit from this garage.
 - 332 spaces on the roof

ACTION:

So student members may be present a motion and voting on this was postponed to the next PATAC meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

PRESENTED BY: SCOTT WASHBURN

Scott Washburn deferred the election of vice-chair to the next PATAC meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.