



Parking And Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes

Tuesday February 11, 2025, at 2:00pm

CHAIR: Thomas Hawkins

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm by Thomas Hawkins.

ATTENDEES:

MEMBERS: Aimee Bourassa, Marty Dempsey, Sarah Gamble, Emily Hind, Carolyn Kelley, Walter O'Dell, Matthew Terza, Matthew Williams

NON-MEMBERS: Carrie Bush, Adam Hall, Lee Hart, Frank Javaheri, Jessica Kluttz, Debbie Leistner, Mike Simonovich, Milo Zapata, Jesus Gomez, Katrina Fields(Taking Minutes)

LIAISON: Linda Dixon, William MacDonald

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Margaret Fields, Gregg Henderschiedt, Chuck Kammin, Andrei Kirilenko, Patrick Klager,

STUDENT MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Aaron Amster, Samantha Kinggard, Shelby Schultz, Connor Wells

INTRODUCTIONS:

Linda Dixon introduced Adam Hall, new Senior Planner in PDC.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion to approve the agenda with modifications was set by Walter O'Dell and seconded by Matt Williams.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Thomas Hawkins asked the committee to review and approve the minutes from the November 12, 2024, meeting. A motion to approve was set by Marty Dempsey and was seconded by Walter O'Dell with the condition to strike the construction dates on the UF-689 project from the November 12th meeting minutes.

AGENDA ITEM: Improvement Plans for University Avenue and 13th Street.

PRESENTING: Ali Brighton

Ali discussed the history of the project, which aimed to address the high number of crashes and fatalities involving pedestrians and bicyclists along the two corridors. She mentioned the implementation of near-term improvements, such as reducing the speed limit and

adding new traffic signals, and the ongoing Pd. And E project, which involved data collection, corridor walks, and concept refinement. Ali also mentioned the coordination with FDOT and U.F. and the public meetings held in the fall. The project is currently in the final documentation phase, with the information to be used for the design phase and future funding. The committee discussed the improvements to the University Avenue and 13th Street corridor, focusing on pedestrian and bike safety. They considered the impact of marking crosswalks and the influence of nearby intersections on pedestrian behavior. The committee also discussed the relationship between the university, the city, and FDOT, and the potential for more transformative changes to the corridor.

ACTION:

A two-part motion was set by Sarah Gamble and seconded by Walter O'Dell to make the University Avenue and 13th street project a priority in 2025 and for the committee to spotlight this project with V.P. Renton and other upper-level leadership and ask them to prioritize and advocate for this project. The motion passed unanimously.

UF-672 New Music Building-Programming Phase

Presenting: Milo Zapata

In the meeting, Milo Zapata, the project manager for the U.F.- 672- new music building, presented the project's overview and site considerations. The project involves renovating the existing music building and constructing a new facility for teaching, performance, and recording spaces. Two potential sites were discussed, both of which are within the historical impact area and academic research future land use.

ACTION:

A motion was set by Sarah Gamble and seconded by Walter O'Dell to approve the project with the caveat to prioritize improvement of the space and pedestrian infrastructure. Matt Williams made an amendment to the motion for ADA transportation options. The motion passed unanimously.

UF-683-Dental Science Building Envelope-Programming Phase Information

Presenting: Milo Zapata

This project involves repairing selected areas of the building exterior and mitigating water intrusion to the interior.

ACTION:

A motion was set by Matt Williams and seconded by Walter O'Dell to approve the project in the programming phase. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEM: ADA/Accessible Parking Spaces on Campus

Presenting: Marty Dempsey

Marty expressed his concerns about accessible parking spaces being used inappropriately at SW Rec and other areas around campus. Sr. Director Will MacDonald explained that he is currently working diligently to improve this issue around campus.

ACTION:

No action. This was a discussion item only.

DISCUSSION ITEM: Shelter The Swamp-Expanding UF Bus Shelter Coverage

Presenting: Caroline Botts

Caroline Botts presents a plan to install 10 improved bus shelters using student traffic court funds. The plan aims to provide better protection from sun and rain at bus stops. The committee recommends that the student group work with campus and government leadership to choose shelters and implement the project in compliance with requirements.

ACTION:

A motion was set by Sarah Gamble and seconded by Caroline Botts to support the student initiative of introducing new bus shelters with the recommendation that they work with the appropriate leadership to ensure the project meets all needed requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business:

Walter O'Dell expressed his concern about roundabouts on campus. He asked if during the planning stage if they look at traffic flow to determine placement of the roundabouts. It was determined that no one had an answer and suggested that an email be sent to Linda Dixon for an update at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:49pm by Thomas Hawkins