

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 13, 2020 2:00 pm

206 TAPS/via ZOOM

ATTENDEES:

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

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

NON-MEMBERS: Frank Bellomo, Ali Brighton, Steve Caron, Chad Doering, Ron Fuller, Frank Javaheri, Chris Jones, Wade MacLaren, James Vignola, David Woods, Nina Shubert (Recording), 352-258-6108, 352-318-8148

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Eric Esterline, Micaela Gibbs, Stanley Kaye, Kalen Manasco, Carley Rudd, Bruce Welt

CHAIR: Keith Rambo

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Keith Rambo.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Keith Rambo asked the committee to review and approve of the minutes from September 2020. There was some question if Ann Wehmeyer was in attendance. She was not in attendance in September and her name was removed. The minutes of September 2020 were approved with the attendance updated.

TAPS UPDATE

PRESENTING: RON FULLER, TAPS

DISCUSSION:

Due to a full agenda Ron Fuller deferred the TAPS update to the next meeting.

UF-632 DATA SCIENCE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BUILDING – UPDATE ON ITEMS

PRESENTING: JAMES VIGNOLA, PD&C

DISCUSSION:

James Vignola presented the committee's requested update on the design phase for the Data Science Information Technology Building. Presented were the following discussion points from the August 2020 meeting:

- Revisit disability accessible parking
 - Addition of two parking spaces – one ADA, one undesignated
 - Overflow parking at Frazier Rogers Hall, Reitz Union, etc.
 - Questions regarding mobility device access to the building
 - Map of paved pathways
 - Entrances equipped with disability entrance door button.
 - Grade changes are ADA compliant
- Revisit bike parking
 - FTE Calculations – LEED counts
 - Short term parking - 182
 - Long term parking – 28
 - Map of bike rack distribution.
 - Peak Racks recommended and will be utilized.
 - The layout of the bike racks around the building was discussed.
 - Further discussion with Ron Fuller will take place regarding bike rack layout and installation.
- Report on shower access and security permissions
 - Keycard access – Access to non-occupants of the building.

ACTION:

For presentation and discussion.

UF-623B, UF-623C & UF-623D – ADVANCED SCHEMATIC DESIGN

PRESENTING: MILO ZAPATA, PD&C, JESSICA DAVIDSON, PROJECT CIVIL ENGINEER

DISCUSSION:

Milo Zapata introduced the advanced schematic design for the campus utility project and Jessica Davidson, project civil engineer, presented the overview of the project. The project has three parts:

- UF- 623 D – Central Energy Plant
 - Location will be in the existing commuter lot on Gale Lemerand Drive.
- UF-623 B – Thermal Distribution Utility Infrastructure
 - Will cover areas along Museum Road, Newell Drive, Mowry Road, Gale Lemerand and Center Drives.
- UF 623 C – Electrical Utility Infrastructure
 - Includes a substation located off Mowry Road, an E-house yard west of the new energy plant and a transformer at substation #2.

Jessica Davidson also discussed updates and entertained questions regarding the following from the previous presentation August 2019:

- Central Energy Plant
 - Parking – Through redesign reduction to 35 space from the original 80 spaces. New design includes one ADA space.
 - Inquiries addressed:
 - Diagram of entrances to the facility – Main entrance will be on the south side of the structure.
 - Reduction in parking – Original parking was based on staff personal vehicle parking. Design and reprogramming have reduced the parking to staff state vehicle, secure access parking only.
- Thermal Distribution Utility Infrastructure
 - Overhead pipe steam rack design
 - Closure of pedestrian path and reroute.
 - Parking impact to lot west of Black Hall during construction of pipeline.
- Electrical Utility Infrastructure – Presented conceptual view.
 - Horizontal directional drill – Eliminate some disruption on Mowry Road.
 - No direct impacts in the conservation areas.
 - Concerns regarding impact of natural gas lines – Drilling will be 50 feet below grade. Information and concerns will be shared with other committees.

ACTION:

The project sought approval for the parking changes at the Central Energy Plant. A motion to approve was set by Scott Washburn and seconded by Thomas Hawkins. The motion was approved.

Note all other presentation points were to update information for the committee.

UF-200 UF PUBLIC SAFETY DESIGN DEVELOPMENT PHASE

PRESENTING: FRANK JAVAHERI, PD&C

DISCUSSION:

Frank Javaheri presented the design development phase for the UF Public Safety Complex. Some of the presentation and discussion points included:

- Map of existing site with boundaries for the project area
- Map of existing parking area

- 86 spaces on north side and 14 at the Centrex building – Total 100 spaces
- Map of new site design
 - UF Public Safety building – Located on the north side of property in the current parking area.
 - Community plaza
 - Bus stops
 - Renovations to Centrex building
 - Parking areas –
 - ADA parking access
 - Guest and visitor parking
 - Fenced area for police department use.
 - Bicycle parking
 - Exit gate
 - Discussed the parking for the Public Safety Complex will have a projected loss of 5 spaces. The original loss was projected to be 6 spaces.
- Artistic renderings and directional views of the complex – Buildings, walkways, bus stop, parking.

The committee discussed presentation points and expressed some concerns regarding to following:

- The shared use ADA parking spaces and delivery access at the Jennings Hall office - The new complex design would be blocking access and the service drive.
- Bus shelter for the area – Provide space/footprint for a bus shelter,
- Pedestrian walkways and landscaping
- Trees in area – Removal of magnolias, replace with oaks
- Parking grades on the east and west sides – Groundskeeping
- Vehicle inspection and bike storage area – As budget allows
- Parking – Visitor, ADA parking
- Water and fluid usage in vehicle inspection area and no drainage into the creek. – Inspection area will not conduct major repairs.
- Storm water and/or water retention plan – Impervious surfaces in the area.

ACTION:

A motion for approval of the design development phase was set by Thomas Hawkins and seconded by Allen Masters. The motion was approved.

UF-644, UF-644A & UF-644B – DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

PRESENTING: THOMAS FEATHER, PD&C, ELIZABETH NOLDER, CHRIS JONES, IBI

DISCUSSION:

(Note this project presentation was inadvertently skipped, so presented as the final agenda item.)

Thomas Feather introduced the design development phase for the Reitz Union lawn and Inner Road improvements:

- Includes chilled water, steam and electrical infrastructure.
- Road improvements –
 - Inner Road one-way to two-way traffic.
 - Modification to 13th Street right-of-way
 - Northbound left turn lane
 - Signalization changes

The project has two primary facets. Elizabeth Nolder presented the project’s underground utility scope:

- Chilled water
- Replacement for the existing duct system which runs from Reitz Union lawn through along Inner Road and across SW 13th Street.
- Electrical duct banks for future use – remaining empty currently

Chris Jones presented artist renderings of the projects traffic scope. Parking will be removed for the two-way traffic. New inner Road area will include:

- Bike lanes
- New sidewalks
- New lighting
- Trash receptacles
- Benches
- Crosswalks - Areas at the predominant north and south crossing areas.
 - Discussed raised crosswalks and lighting

Parking removal will include 57 spaces and 1300 feet of scooter parking area. As well up to 10 spaces will be removed for Fine Arts drop-off area.

Ali Brighton spoke of the changes and improvements at the intersection of Inner Road and SW 13th Street:

- Signalization – Arms replaced in northeast and northwest corners, per City of Gainesville and FDOT.
- Northbound left signal phase.

Noted the project is in compliance with the Master Plan and the Landscape Plan.

There was extensive discussion among the committee members regarding the following:

- Bus traffic and closing of Union Road - Meeting with RTS
 - Rerouting bus lines
 - Bus shelter footprints
- Crossover at 13th Street
 - Impact to pedestrian tunnel and restoration
- Fine Arts building parking
 - Drop-off area
 - Exit and entrance area
 - Dumpster pad – Truck entrance and exit
 - Service vehicle parking – Dean' parking
- Tunnel at 13th Street – Lightning, aesthetic and structure.
 - Lighting
 - Structure
 - Vandalization and graffiti
- Sidewalks and pedestrian and bike walkways and throughways
 - Inner Road throughways
 - Pedestrian walkways and access north and south
 - Along west side of 13th Street.
 - Cypress Hall area
- Turn lane and entrance to campus at Inner Road from left lane at SW 13th, with consideration to Union Road closure.

Thomas Feather gave the project schedule for beginning the chilled water at the Reitz Union lawn in November 2020, with other phases starting in the first quater of 2021. The duration will be around a year and a half.

There was additional discussion regarding

- All pedestrian, bike and vehicle traffic circulation and safety
- Landscaping/tree line along SW 13th Street.
- Parking removal at Beatty.

ACTION:

The project is seeking approval of all projects presented. Thomas Hawkins set a motion to approve with three parts:

- Approval of UF644 UF-644A and UF-644B.
- Approval pf UF-644 with the request for a discussion at a future meeting/presentation for staff recommendation of a sidewalk/walkway connection on NW 13th Street from Inner Road to Museum Drive.
- Approval with capital improvements projects list and analysis for the timeline for funding.

Scott Washburn seconded the motion. The projects were approved with the presentation to PATAC from staff of a sidewalk connector from Inner Road to Museum, including a staff analysis for getting the capital improvements funding through the list.

OTHER BUSINESS:

PRESENTED BY: KEITH RAMBO

Thomas Hawkins requested a conversation and presentation regarding transportation safety at the University. This presentation would include statistics for crash data, emergency responses, enforcement, etc.

ACTION:

A motion was set by Thomas Hawkins for a meeting and presentation regarding campus transportation safety and seconded by Scott Washburn. Linda Dixon added that crash data is in the existing conditions report for the Transportation and Parking strategic plan on the Campus Master Plan update page.

The motion was carried by unanimous consent.

Scott Washburn requested updates on the roundabout construction. Frank Javaheri state that some of the larger road projects are over budget so they were seeking funding. Allan Masters stated that the roundabout at Museum and Radio Road was open as of Friday October 9. The road at the baseball stadium was open two weeks prior. Parking lot behind the O'Connell center is closed. The potential intersection project at Archer and 23rd is awaiting funding.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was proposed by Keith Rambo and set by Scott Washburn. Meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.