

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 10, 2020 2:00 pm

206 TAPS

ATTENDEES:

MEMBERS: Keith Rambo, Stephen Hardy, Scott Washburn, Kalen Manasco, Branden Pearson

LIASONS: Scott Fox,

NON-MEMBERS: Ron Fuller, Stuart Cullen, Jaurie Hall, Frank Javaheri, Thomas Hawkins, Erik Lewis, , Leena Rosario, Clay Sweger, Caeli Tolar, Milo Zapata, Nina Shubert (Recording)

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Yenisel Cruz, Eric Esterline, Micaela Gibbs, Amanda Perry, Stanley Kaye, Michell Leonard, Kalen Manasco, Sven Normann, Mark Rush, Ann Wehmeyer, Bruce Welt, Cynthia Willming

CHAIR: Keith Rambo

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Keith Rambo.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Keith Rambo asked the committee to review and approve of the minutes from February 11, 2020. The committee voted and approved the minutes.

TAPS UPDATE

PRESENTING: RON FULLER, TAPS

DISCUSSION:

Break Week Projects

- Pressure washed Garages III, IV, and VIII – Will complete washing Garage VIII summer 2020.
- Freshened numerous parking spaces where striping had faded
- Lighting Replacements – Various campus areas

Reopened Lot at UF Orthopedic and Sports Medicine

- Closed for two months – Lot tested for depressions

Coordinated Displaced Parking Between Harrell and McKnight Brain Institute – Due to utility work

- Moved general disability spaces
- Utility work projected to end of March 2020

There was some discussion by the committee regarding a patch of pavement in disrepair in southwest corner of by Garage VII. The responsibility for this would belong to another department however TAPS will advise regarding the repair.

UF-652 BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH BUILDING

PRESENTING: FRANK JAVAHERI, PD&C

DISCUSSION:

Frank Javaheri presented the programming phase for the new Biomedical Research Building to be located on Newell Drive across from the Harrell Medical building on a current parking lot, a service drive area mostly used by contractors. Presented was a concept and the building is projected to be six stories. The committee discussed and had questions and concerns regarding the following:

- Parking and mitigation –
 - Find another area in vicinity for contractor parking
 - Pay mitigation fees
 - Working with UFHealth Shands regarding space lost for vendor and service personnel.
- Loading dock location
 - Concerned with the area's land rise

- Building with a lower level parking garage – Possible, but larger building cost

ACTION:

A motion to approve the building project programming phase was set by Scott Washburn and seconded by Branden Pearson. The committee approved the motion.

1022 SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY – DEMO AND NEW CONSTRUCTION

PRESENTING: CLAY SWEGER, EDA

DISCUSSION:

Clay Sweger presented the demolition and the reconstruction of the Sigma Chi fraternity house located on Fraternity Drive. The original house was built in the 1950's. The house is privately owned by the alumni who sponsor the fraternity. Service drives will be closed during the demolition and rebuild. The new house will be two stories on the ½ acre of land. This project site plan includes a final restriping the parking area which will add 2 to 3 spaces, addition of scooter parking and bike areas. There are 56 residents in the current house. Parking impact will be a closure of 10 to 11 spaces during construction. The construction area would be fenced off with the allowance of safe pedestrian and bike movement through the area. The committee discussed the following points regarding the proposed scooter parking:

- Service drive area – Not for scooter parking
- Concerns with the scooter access being a shared sidewalk for pedestrians and bicycles
- Safety of the proposed scooter parking location

Clay Sweger offered to return to the committee with a revised concept of the house with the scooter and bike areas.

ACTION:

As the committee expressed concerns about the scooter parking and bike areas, a motion to approve included the project subject to present another plan to the committee for the scooter and bike areas. This motion was set by Branden Pearson and seconded by Stephen Hardy. The motion was approved.

CAMPUS TRAILS MASTER PLAN

PRESENTING: ERIK LEWIS, PD&C, LAURIE HALL, CHW

DISCUSSION:

This project is part of the Campus Master Plan. Laurie Hall presented information and history for creating the Campus Trails network:

- Trail system around Lake Alice
- Project process overview and progress
- Map of trails and bike paths
- Goal and objectives
- Conservation and ecology of campus
- Project mission
- Project goals
- Map of the connections on campus
 - Creating the trail system and loops
 - Connections around campus
- Map of the Master Plan's draft
 - Boardwalks
 - Boat ramps
 - Connection to Fifield area and baseball stadium

There was a map perspective presented from Lake Alice and the bat houses.

The presenters and the committee discussed the following:

- Sidewalks vs. boardwalks
- Boat ramp
- Final concept pictures and priority map for the plan
- Materials used for this project

Additional discussion points of the trails by the committee included:

- Lighting in the trail areas
- Access recommendations – Daytime and nighttime areas and conservation areas
- Mixed use for bikes and pedestrians
 - Most areas will be paved
 - Some trails will be mulched
- Through access north of the bat houses – Land belongs to University Athletic Association
- Connectivity on campus
- Way-finding – Integrated with city and county trail system

ACTION:

A motion to approve the Campus Trails project was set by Scott Washburn and seconded by Stephen Hardy. The committee approve the project.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Scott Fox discussed the City of Gainesville commission's approval of e-scooters. Expecting e-scooters in the city as early as summer 2020.
- Branden Pearson inquired regarding the letters from the three fraternities sent to the PATAC regarding scooter parking and the mega zones. It was stated that there will be a response to each of these letters.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.