

# PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 12, 2020 2:00 pm

206 TAPS/via ZOOM

## **ATTENDEES:**

**MEMBERS:** Keith Rambo, Eric Esterline, Scott Washburn, Michelle Leonard, Kalen Manasco, Ann Wehmeyer, Bruce Welt

**LIASONS:** Maj. Brad Barber, Scott Fox, Linda Dixon, Craig Hill, Ray Thomas, Matt Williams

**NON-MEMBERS:** Ron Fuller, Tim Boelein, Jay Brown, Robert Hatker, Melanie Heflin, Frank Javaheri, Erik Lewis, Casey Tiemo, John Toner, Jim Vignola, Chris Ware, David Wood, Nina Shubert (Recording)

**MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:** Yenisel Cruz, Stephen Hardy, Micaela Gibbs, Branden Pearson, Amanda Perry, Stanley Kaye, Sven Normann, Mark Rush, Cynthia Willming

**CHAIR:** Keith Rambo

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. by Keith Rambo.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Keith Rambo asked the committee to review and approve of the minutes from March 2020. Frank Javaheri asked that the title of UF-652 be changed to "Biomedical Research Building." A motion to approve the minutes with this change was set by Scott Washburn and seconded by Michelle Leonard. The minutes were approved.

## **TAPS UPDATE**

**PRESENTING: RON FULLER, TAPS**

### **DISCUSSION:**

- Maintenance Work for Garages and Parking Lots – The absence of traffic able to clean
  - Cleaning garages
  - Restriping parking spaces
- License Plate Recognition – Ordering cameras and vehicles for this new process.
- Preparing Garage XI for COVID-19 Testing Site – Large scale testing. Small scale is located at the infirmary.
- Phasing in Work Staff
- Animal Science and Richey Road Projects – Designed and ready to begin
- Change of Parking Enforcement on SW 13<sup>th</sup> at Tigert Hall – The University will assume parking enforcement of this area from the City of Gainesville. Scope of area will be changed to include a bus pull-out area on the north section. The remainder will remain scooter parking as a mega-zone.
- New Public Safety Building – Moving tow compound lot to behind Garage 14.

Major Barber asked regarding the communication with the City of Gainesville and the parking enforcement change. The city sent an email turning over the enforcement duties to the University. This email will be forwarded to Major Barber at his request.

## **UF-373 FLMNH SPECIAL COLLECTIONS BUILDING – ADVANCED SCHEMATIC DESIGN PHASE**

**PRESENTING: JIM VIGNOLA, PD&C**

### **DISCUSSION:**

Jim Vignola presented the advanced schematic design phase for the Museum of Natural History Collections Building. The presentation points were the following:

- Background/Scope/Description/Location
- Parking Impacts
- Current Status of the Project

- Seeking PATAC Approval

The building will be two stories and 29,000 square feet. One third of the building will be for office and labs and two thirds will be for Compact Storage (wet collections). The existing area, 13,000 square feet, and the roadway will be replaced with a 10,350 square foot area. There is possible future road access to the Doyle Connor Building. Existing nine parking spaces (4 on the north east side and 5 on the south west side) will be replaced with 11 spaces and one ADA space. The building will house 9 occupants. The floor plan and graphic design for the building was presented. It was asked what the decal designation would be for the parking area. The area will remain Orange decal parking. There are 6 U-racks for bicycles proposed for this area, equally 12 bike spaces. Ron Fuller ask that the project consider installing Peak bike racks instead of U-racks at the building. Construction would begin October 2020.

**ACTION:**

A motion to approve the project as presented was set by Scott Washburn and seconded by Anne Wehmeyer. The project advanced schematic design phase was approved.

**UF-200 PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING – ADVANCED SCHEMATIC DESIGN PHASE**

**PRESENTING: ROBERT HATKER, PD&C**

**DISCUSSION:**

Robert Hatker presented the advanced schematic design for the new Public Safety/Police Department Building. The existing Police Department Tudor building will be demolished and a large oak tree in the site will be removed. The Public Safety building will be three stories with 50,000 square feet, along with a renovation of the Centrex Building. The project points presented included and considered the following:

- Existing exits and entrances, road access – Newell and Museum Drives
- Consideration of area land grade –
  - The accommodation of the Public Safety building footprint and access to the new vehicle inspection facility.
  - Walls will be installed to accommodate the grade.
- Trees – Heritage trees remaining, showed tree removal plan.
- Parking
  - Polices Department building will have a secure fenced parking area.
  - 94 parking spaces will be retained – 100 currently
    - 14 spaces at Centrex will remain and will be restriped.
    - Loss of 6 spaces
- Building demolition – Main building, annex and temporary portable.
- Utilities – Construction avoiding essential central fiber optics bank at Centrex.

A map was presented of the buildings’ footprint, the proposed parking areas, retention walls, grade of the area and the landscaping. For safety and security purposes of a law enforcement structure there is an 80-foot landscape buffer between the front entrance and the road. Major Barber stated that 94 spaces was fine and the Police Department can work with the new parking arrangement John Toner asked if the access and connection road on the southwest corner to Jennings Hall and parking by Centrex would remain. This area’s access will be retained. Ron Fuller asked about the vehicle inspection area. Major Barber stated the area would be for internal fleet management, inspections and repairs.

**ACTION:**

A motion to approve was set by Scott Washburn, seconded by Anne Wehmeyer. The project’s schematic design phase was approved.

**UF-641 EAST CAMPUS DATA CENTER EXPANSION – DESIGN DEVELOPMENT PHASE**

**PRESENTING: DAVID WOOD, PD&C, JOHN TONER,**

**DISCUSSION:**

Originally project design did not include any parking impact. Presenting to the committee at this phase because some impact to parking is included due to parking changes. David Wood presented an aerial view of the project location, a computing building at East Campus. The project includes the construction of an additional mechanical yard on the north side of this building, which will impact parking. This mechanical yard will add a larger computing capacity to the building, house an emergency generator and add increased cooling capacity for the computer and equipment. The mechanical yard will have a missile resistant wall built to meet weather (hurricane) wind impacts. Two sites were proposed for this project, with a request that the first site be considered for approval:

- Site 1 – Parking loss – 8 spaces – User group’s preference due to location at existing mechanical yard
- Site 2 – Parking loss – 3-4 spaces – Required fuel and maintenance truck access will take away parking spaces

Replacement parking was proposed at an existing lot area on the east side close to Waldo Road entrance. This lot can be expanded with this project. Note that although it was mentioned that there was an ADA space Site 1, there is no ADA space in that area. The committee discussed the following:

- Parking utilization in the proposed areas – The proposed sites have limited utilization and there is enough adequate parking in the East Campus area to accommodate the parking loss.
- Long term expansion for facility – Development planned eventually on the north side and along Waldo Road. Nothing extensive within next 10-year plan.
- Sites 1 and 2 for this project.

**ACTION:**

Initial motion set by Anne Wehmeyer to approve both sites. Michelle Leonard seconded the motion. Linda Dixon suggested addressing the parking in the motion. Scott Washburn asked if parking replacement was necessary. The meeting participants discussed replacement parking vs. mitigation fee. Scott Fox stated that mitigation fees are put aside and used for future parking projects. The amended motion, set by Anne Wehmeyer, is for the construction costs for replacement parking be transferred into the mitigation fund, if it is proven to be allowed. Michelle Leonard seconded the amended motion. The committee approved the motion with modifications.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

No other business was presented.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn was proposed by Keith Rambo and set by Scott Washburn. Meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.