

## **Infrastructure Council Minutes February 11, 2021 1:00 p.m.**

### **via Zoom:**

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/97233988200?pwd=UnpiUIQ2eS9LV2JZOEQrc1VtczhyZz09>

**Present:** Richard Scholtz, Linda Dixon, Carlos Dougnac, Amanda Pritzlaff, Chad Doering, Cydney Mcglothlin, Frank LoMonte, Gail Hansen de Chapman, Jonathan Orsini, Keith Rambo, Tim Young, Keith Schneider, Ray G. Thomas, Ray Issa, Laurie Bialosky, and Shannon Dunn.

1. **Call to Order** – Richard Scholtz, Chair

- The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Infrastructure Council Chair Richard Scholtz.

2. **Approval of January 14, 2021 Minutes**

- The minutes were approved.

3. **Chair's Report**

- The [agenda](#) and presentations from the February Faculty Senate Steering Committee, which met last week, were reviewed.

- Graduate student housing officials met with Chair Scholtz, Graduate Student Council President Jonathan Orsini, and Senator and council member Frank LoMonte, to strategize about creative ways to fund affordable graduate student housing. Points of discussion included that: 44 buildings are slated for demolition; UF recently spent \$16,000 for underground pipe plumbing patches; UF has commissioned a \$175 million loan for the new Honors Residence Hall which is breaking ground in 2022; and it was relayed that Maguire and University Village South (UVS) rehabilitation costs would be approximately \$35 million. Communication to graduate students about ongoing housing plans and options continues.

4. **Campus Master Plan** – Linda Dixon, Director of Planning, Planning, Design & Construction Division [Campus Master Plan Amendment 2020-2030](#) slides were presented and discussed, including the plan's strategic development, goals, projects, and policies, as well as plan highlights, analyses, and comparisons to other universities. Future land use and capital projects, including building sites and renovations, were reviewed in addition to elements of the campus development agreement. The plan's jurisdiction and communications blueprint were discussed, and inquiries were answered regarding McCarty Woods and housing plans.

- The plans are subject to annual amendments and such a conversation would occur through the committees.

## 5. [Pedestrian Safety Memo](#)

- An update on pedestrian and traffic safety measures around West University Avenue, SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street, SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street, and SW Archer Road was distributed to campus via a memo from Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Charles Lane and Vice President for Student Affairs D'Andra Mull.

## 6. **Reporting of Contributing Committees and Administrative Liaisons:**

- **University IT Committee (S)** – Ray Issa
  - The committee hosted Erik Deumens, Director of UF Information Technology Research Computing, at its January 25 meeting to discuss the Artificial Intelligence (AI) initiative. The committee also reviewed HyFlex classroom technology updates with Mark McCallister, Director of Academic Technology; UF email retention policies; and the five-year UFIT strategic plan. The next meeting occurs at the end of this month.
- **Parking and Transportation Committee (J)** -- Keith Rambo
  - There is a proposed addition to the Harn Museum (UF-671 – Harn American Art Wing) which PATC has approved. The central energy plant and utility infrastructure design phase (UF-623-B, C, D) was approved with no major modifications.
  - The UF-656 Landscape Master Plan Gateway and UF-668 Racquet Club Dining were also approved.
  - Extensive discussion was held on a safety report presented by Scott Fox, Transportation and Parking Services Director.
- **Lakes, Vegetation, and Landscaping Committee (J)** -- Gail Hansen
  - Expanded Harn Museum programming has necessitated a wing for a new American Art collection. The committee approved the removal of three trees in the parking lot which were in poor condition. Energy plant infrastructure was addressed. Safety and security issues have also been raised relative to planters and a glass building façade; and the addition of a cast iron or substantial bench which would inhibit vehicle operation and

maximize pedestrian safety was discussed. The university is trying to use more native plants and vegetation and less turf.

- A temporary structure and underground utility area by Lake Alice has been approved.
- The committee discussed the UF-668 Racquet Club Dining Project and its placement of the outdoor dining area and approved the relocation of bike racks.
- Supplemental landscaping in four to five other projects will be considered at a later date due to time constraints at the last committee meeting.

- **Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee (J)** -- Tim Young

- The Newell and Tigert gateways were approved. The honors residential hall's advanced schematic design was approved as well.

- **University Libraries Committee (S)** – Judith Russell

- Prior to the meeting, University Libraries Dean Judith Russell passed along that the walkthrough and scaffolding climb at Smathers was conducted with a positive outcome. Some punch list items in the finishes remain, but the results show improvement. University Libraries and UF Facilities Services are pleased with the project and the Construction Manager, BBI Construction Management, Inc.

## **7. Adjournment**

- The meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.