

## Infrastructure Council Minutes

**February 14, 2023**

**Scheduled 9:00 a.m.**

**160 Pugh Hall, and zoom:** Meeting ID: 959 6504 5629 Passcode: 304109

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**Present:** Keith Rambo, Walter O'Dell, Alex Wong, Selman Hershfield, Mark Helms, Ray Issa, Gail Hansen, Ann Baird, Jay Watkins, Patrick Reakes, Alex Wong, Ariel Pomputius, Matt Williams, Nancy Clark, Yousong Ding, Patricia Sohn, Anthony Valenzuela, Vandana Baweja, and Rachel Mandell.

- **Call to Order – Keith Rambo, Chair**
  - The meeting was called to order by Infrastructure Council Chair Keith Rambo at 9:03 a.m.
- **Approval of Jan 10, 2023 Minutes:** Need to fix spelling of Patrick's last name as Reakes, otherwise approved.
- **Chair's Report / Steering Committee Update**
  - **Keith:** Chair is the organizer of this meeting, not content creator, so encourage the attendees to bring up topics of interest to them.
- **Update on thermal production and library – AVP Helms**

Mark: Getting closer to finalizing this, perhaps a month away. Only 1 bidder completed final follow-through. Cannot give many details. Things are looking positive going forward with ability to include future technologies. Tax credits are available that weren't a while ago. Nice things happening with new buildings (Holland Hall) on campus, switching from steam to hot water. Next will switch to health sciences dental tower for energy savings. After that will be the Cancer and Genetics Research Building, with potential to save \$1M per year in energy on that building complex. Will meet with Keith once facts can be made public.

Mark: Library West: planned to have it fully open/repared in 30 days, following the winter flooding.

Keith asked about the valve and sensor system that led to the freezing and flooding:

Mark: the sensor failed which shut of flow and left water standing int the pipes which freeze. They are looking at the causes of this failure. There were 4 coil failures around campus, one being a water fountain outside a building.

Keith asked about census of how many at-risk valves around campus.

- **Reporting of Contributing Committees and Administrative Liaisons:**
  - **Lakes, Vegetation, and Landscaping Committee (J) -- Gail Hansen**
  - Gail: in Dec. approved Broward Hall dining expansion. Will preserve all existing oak trees – recommended them to build up not out to save trees.
  - In Jan: approved landscaping outside Harn Museum. Problem with people climbing big red art piece which requires repainting it.
  - Reitz Union student social space changes.
  - Reitz Union Liberty Pond seawall repair, but is in conservation area which will be impacted by new rules (see below).
  - In Feb: approved at Flavet Field to remove half the new temporary parking lot to put back in 6 (new) tennis courts (plan A). Talked about replacing the rest of that temporary parking to make pickleball, volleyball courts and the like (plan B).
  - Alex: concern that need parking for people to use the courts and is used by grad students during special events since their regular parking gets taking up so Flavet becomes their overflow.
  - Gail: They had discussed this. For larger events they will allow people to park on Flavet Field itself for this overflow.
  - Coming up with new rules for planting in conservation areas. Not yet formalized.
  
- **Preservation of Historic Buildings and Sites Committee (J) – Ann Baird**
- Ann: Meet in Jan. discussed the new Disability and Resource center. Will tear down existing buildings, which was approved, but concern for crossing at University Ave. Ultimately was approved.
- Alex: update on old pres. House>. Ann: that has been put on hold.
  
- **Parking and Transportation Committee (J) – Scott Washburn**
- Keith: Scott not attending today. meeting later today to talk about site selection phase of the Flavet Field changes. 2 items on agenda.
  
- **Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee (J) – Jay Watkins**
- Jay: Flavet Field changes were discussed also in their committee.
  
- **Sustainability Committee (J) – Ariel Pomputius**
- Ariel: met in Jan. Gators Going Green student group presented concept of green graduation cords.
- Walt mentioned lack of recycling along Archer Road being city’s jurisdiction and they will likely not add bins there.
- Keith: anything within 25 feet of the roadway is the city’s jurisdiction.
- Mark: city does try to put bins in areas of highest volume. Focusing now on University Ave.
- Keith: is there a CAP2 update?

- Matt: still waiting on decision of who will sign off on it, but much is already going forward.
- **University IT Committee (S) – Ray Issa / University IT Administration – Mark McCallister**
  - Ray: discussed ChatGPT and Canvas' filtering of it under plagiarism.
  - Alex: gave feedback on ChatGPT use.
  - Gail: had her class come up with a topic and have ChatGPT write a report and submit to Canvas. 90% of essays were caught by Canvas as being plagiarism.
  - Ray: ChatGPT is a means to talk about and integrate AI into the classroom.
  - Matt: there will be more AI-type things in the future.
  - Ray: similar to wikipedia
- **University Libraries Committee –Patrick Reakes**
  - Patrick: not much new apart from already-mentioned regarding reconstruction post-flooding.
  - Keith: 24/7 access?
  - Patrick: on track for starting Monday after spring break to gather data, then will go through process to assess need and finances.
- **New Business**
  - Walter: any changes expected with new administration?
  - Keith: have not yet had a meeting with the new administration and no one else expressed noticing yet

## 7. Old Business

Keith: next meeting will be 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in March due to spring break.

## 8. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

*Minutes Submitted by Infrastructure Council member Walter O'Dell.*