

Infrastructure Council Minutes

February 5, 2024

2:00 p.m.

***303 Rinker Hall** *or if needed via Zoom:

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Passcode: 290195 Meeting ID: 980 0613 3762 Dial in: +1 305 224 1968

Present: Walter O'Dell, Yousong Ding, Linda Dixon, Cynda Crawford, Patrick Reakes, Ann Baird, Linda Dixon, Matt Williams, Gail Hansen de Chapman, Scott Washburn, Andrew Zimmerman, Carlos Dournac, Selman Hershfield, Mark McCallister, Patricia Sohn, Rachel Mandell; David Gaddis Ross; Raymond Issa

1. Call to Order – Walter O’Dell, Infrastructure Council Chair

- The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. by Infrastructure Council Chair Walter O’Dell.

2. Approval of January 8, 2024 Minutes

- The minutes were approved.

a. Chair’s Report / Steering Committee Updates

- Not many updates; discussions on the e-scooter issue in the Steering Committee. An undergraduate student was recruited to the committee.

3. Reporting of Contributing Committees and Administrative Liaisons:

a. Parking and Transportation Committee (J) – Scott Washburn

-No meeting last month due to a natural disaster warning; discussions on EV charging came up. EV chargers appeared on campus in 2015 but no dedicated funding to maintain these chargers. There were discussions on how to promote the use of EV chargers and parking issues (back-in parking, etc.). Several questions were raised in the meeting: how many are needed; how many are there on campus (38 available on campus; internal software has the potential to manage these chargers and analyze the use for comparison with peer institutes; Tesla chargers are different from all other brands). There were discussions on whether the charging cost can be considered, which can help maintain the chargers. During normal hours, a specific permit of the corresponding parking lot is needed to charge the car for up to 4 hours; over 1,000 uses so far in 2024 and increasing use of these 38 chargers is expected.

b. University IT Committee (S) – Ray Issa

-Topics of Last month's meeting: AI awards; beyond classes; expect some updates on ERP and ONE.UF etc. later.

- c. **Lakes, Vegetation, and Landscaping Committee (J) -- Gail Hansen**
 - Met on Feb 1; three minor projects were approved; McCarty Hall Palm Garden would include a hop therapy garden, which will remove some trees and plant new trees; a teaching building at IFAS will be torn down but no tree will be removed; adding a teaching lab in Microbiology and Cell Sciences, tear down 5 to 6 palm trees.
- d. **Preservation of Historic Buildings and Sites Committee (J) – Ann Baird**
 - Met mid of Jan; looked at two items and approved both; painting Buckman Dr. and Fletcher Dr.; Disability Resource Center will be located northside Hub; four different types of architectures provided; two buildings will be there and a courtyard between them; the schematic design was approved with some suggestions. There were discussions on parking space affected by the planned building, including one-way road design and rerouting.
- e. **Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee (J) – Jay Watkins**
 - There was no LUFPC meeting or report. The next meeting will be on Feb 6th!
- Sustainability Committee (J) – Andrew Zimmerman**
 - Met a couple of weeks ago to decide on projects to be focused on this year; (1) Climate excellence program; a website with courses was proposed; planned to send newsletters to departmental chairs to share something related to sustainability, etc.; (2) UF Champions for Change Awards for anyone going above and beyond for sustainability (<https://sustainable.ufl.edu/news-events/champions-for-change-awards/>), nomination due on March 16; a new manager was recruited to manage the trash recycling on campus; question about the details of cleanness of steam emission from Duke Energy Plan; ongoing discussions on water efficiency with Duke Energy Plan.
- f. **University Libraries Committee Administrative Liaison – Sr. Associate Dean Patrick Reakes / ULC Chair: Vandana Baweja**
 - (1). Installation of additional security cameras in Marston Science Library where we've identified "dead" spots with no camera coverage.
 - (2). Smathers Building air handler project progressing on schedule. Temporary a/c unit installed to maintain correct temp and humidity levels during the main part of the project. The air handler installation should be done by late spring/early summer.
 - (3). Preliminary meeting regarding eight air handler units in Marston. That project is on the deferred maintenance list that was promulgated several years ago, but may or may not go forward depending on funding. They estimate they have 90% funding now, but need to make sure they have additional funding or may just do part of the project.
 - (4). Additionally, the Smathers Building envelope project is supposedly still moving forward at some point. Also on the deferred maint list, but funding not a sure thing. We've had a scoping meeting that focused the project primarily on the windows since water intrusion through those is the main issue.

4. New Business / Spring Agenda Suggestions

- Climate Excellence Program is hoping to be put to the table of Senior Vice President soon; Received graduate student representative concerns on graduate housing issues and Dr. O'Dell responded to these concerns from his personal opinions; Ann Baird shared comments on these issues brought up by this representative multiple time over past years and praised the actions of Dr. O'Dell.

5. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Infrastructure Council member Yousong Ding.