

## Minutes - Infrastructure Council - November 6, 2023 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, Cynda Crawford, Yousong Ding, Jessica Scheffield, Patrick Reakes, Vandana Baweja, Ann Baird, Linda Dixon, Patricia Sohn, Matt Williams, Gail Hansen de Chapman, Ray Issa, and David Ross.

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

- The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Infrastructure Council Chair Walter O’Dell.

### 2. Approval of October 2, 2023 Minutes

- The minutes were approved.

### 3. Chair’s Report

- Welcome Chair of Sustainability Committee Andrew Zimmerman, and Vice Chair Jessica Sheffield. Student representatives have not been selected yet.

- Retired general David Kratzer is reporting to President Sasse as Senior Vice President for Construction, Facilities, and Auxiliary Operations. He is overseeing the use of \$1 billion for building construction; Linda Dixon shared more insights about the role of David Kratzer, more strategic.

- Thanks to Director of Planning Linda Dixon for reporting in the last UF Senate meeting.

### 4. Reporting of Contributing Committees and Administrative Liaisons:

#### a. Lakes, Vegetation, and Landscaping Committee (J) -- Gail Hansen

- Expanding natural history museum, approved the removal of three front trees; suggested to include native plant species in landscape.

- UF-685 Holland Law ESCO Heating Hot Water Conversion. The project is located north of the Holland District chiller plant CWP-7 and is along a hot water piping route. The canopy is being built over part of a parking lot (about 15 parking bays) with solar panels on top. The sidewalk needs to be widened into the turf area because the columns for the canopy will be located in the existing sidewalk. No trees will be impacted so this was an information only presentation to the committee.

- Approved the relocation of two big palm trees in front of the Reitz Union.

**b. Preservation of Historic Buildings and Sites Committee (J) – Ann Baird**

- No update.

**c. Parking and Transportation Committee (J) – Scott Washburn**

Scott was not able to attend but sent a report.

- A campus staff member discussed the bicycle lane design/configuration along Newell Dr. There is an intersection location (just south of Museum Rd.) where the bicycle lane terminates prior to the end of the northbound approach and requires bicycles to merge in the lane with automobiles. The design does not violate standards but is perceived as undesirable by some bicyclists.

- A student discussed two accidents they were involved in, both within a span of a few months, in which they were riding their bicycle on campus and were hit by an inattentive/distracted auto driver.

- There was also discussion about some close calls between bicycle riders and transit buses on campus, experienced and/or witnessed by individuals present at the meeting.

- This led to a broader discussion about how our committee can be more proactive in ensuring future infrastructure development on campus is as bicycle and pedestrian friendly as possible. As a result, a focus of November's meeting will be information about the campus master planning process.

**d. Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee (J) – Jay Watkins**

- Jay Watkins did not attend the meeting. *Note: LUFPC Chair election not yet held.*

**e. Sustainability Committee (J) – Andrew Zimmerman**

- Jessica Sheffield: Chair Andrew Zimmerman was selected; Welcome any information about ongoing projects related to sustainability and the committee is willing to help share the projects with the public. Walter O'Dell and Matt Williams mentioned the trash recycling on campus, including litter in the creek to Lake Alice and recycling on Archer Road. The county is using the same facility for recycling but there are discussions and insights about economic aspects of recycling.

**f. University IT Committee (S) – Ray Issa**

- Updates on the use of card readers to take attendance for large in-person classes, instead of sign-up sheets.

**g. University Libraries Committee Administrative Liaison – Sr. Associate Dean Patrick Reakes / ULC Chair: Vandana Baweja**

- Vandana Baweja: Created a space in Smathers for students to create 3-D projects. Faculty can also use it. Materials should be taken by users.

-Patrick Reakes: Re-estimate plants; the Marston Science Library project is influencing the loading dock and other functions until next summer

-Renovation of the West side of the library is finished.

**5. Old Business**

- Old President House as faculty lounge: never become a project yet, no funding for renovation.

- Security cameras were installed around the Jewish center.

**6. Adjournment**

- The meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Infrastructure Council member Yousong Ding.