



Minutes were approved on 4-21-05

**University of Florida Conservation Study Committee  
April 7, 2005 @ 1:00 PM  
Facilities Planning and Construction Conference Room  
226 Stadium  
MINUTES**

**Members Present:**

Ms. Linda Dixon, Manager, Planning Office, Facilities Planning & Construction  
Mark Clark, IFAS, Soil & Water Science  
Joyce Dewsbury, Special Collections  
Paula Fussell, Finance and Administration  
Erik Lewis, Facilities Planning & Construction  
Clay Montague, Environmental Engineering Sciences  
Jack Putz, Botany  
Erick Smith, Physical Plant Division  
Tom Walker, IFAS, Natural History  
Marty Werts, Physical Plant Division

**Members Absent:**

Mark Brown, Environmental Engineering Sciences  
Sheri Bryan, IFAS, Facilities Planning & Operations  
Peggy Carr, Landscape Architecture  
Eva Czarnecka, Microbiology & Cell Science  
Chuck Hogan, Physical Plant Division  
Mark Hostetler, IFAS, Wildlife Ecology  
Gerald Kidder, IFAS, Soil & Water Science  
Cecile Kiley, College of Nursing  
Nancy Menzel, College of Nursing  
Mackenzie Moritz, Student  
Meghan Pressley, Student  
Nick Vellis, University Police Department

**Visitor:**

Ondine Wells, Student

The University Conservation Study Committee (CSC) met on Thursday, April 7, 2005 at Facilities Planning and Construction Division, 226 Stadium West Conference Room. Linda Dixon, Chair, presided and called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

## **I. Welcome and Introductions**

Linda Dixon welcomed committee members to the April 7, 2005 CSC meeting and members agreed introductions were not necessary.

## **II. Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion:** Tom Walker moved to approve the Agenda as presented.

**Second:** Erik Lewis

Motion carried unanimously

## **III. Adoption of March 17, 2005 Minutes**

**Motion:** Erick Smith moved to approve the March 17, 2005 minutes as presented.

**Second:** Tom Walker

Motion carried unanimously

## **IV. Draft Open Space Land Use Coverage**

Ms. Linda Dixon presented the campus master plan map depicting the land use coverage as discussed by committee members at previous CSC meetings for Conservation, Green Space Buffer and Urban Park and also the new conservation areas for the University Golf Course and the Civil/Coastal Engineering site on SW 6<sup>th</sup> Street for committee members review and approval.

Clay Montague asked if committee members had covered all of the areas that could be designated as Buffers. Ms. Dixon identified all of the proposed areas designated as a Buffer on the map. Erik Smith asked, from an operational standpoint, how would the Buffer boundaries be identified on the ground. He suggested that width should be associated with each buffer along a property line.

Linda stated that Buffers are used as set backs and there is not a management plan for Buffers as it is for Conservation areas. She could put a table in the master plan that would identify the width of each Buffer from boundary to boundary.

Committee members also reviewed and discussed a Table presented by Linda Dixon showing the comparison of the acreage in each of these designated areas for the currently adopted campus master plan and the proposed 2005-2015 campus master plan.

Some of the changes are:

- Some of the land was taken out of Passive Recreation and put in Conservation Area which will have an associated management plan. For example, the Foundation property by Bivens and the Dash Course.
- The property with the drainage ditch by Sorority Row was taken out of Conservation and put in Urban Park.
- Other areas were taken out of Passive Recreation and put in Urban Park and Buffer.
- Some small Passive Recreation areas formerly covered inconsequential space between buildings, adjacent to roads or including stormwater swales.

The largest Passive Recreation losses are the Foundation Property, Dash Course, and behind Fifield Hall/Microbiology. Linda stated that the land use area adjacent to Fifield Hall, the land around the Organic Garden area, and along Hull Road will be designated under the Outdoor Academic Category rather than Passive Recreation.

Clay Montague stated that he felt that the committee members should consider all of the Passive Recreation Areas that are on the old map that had not been designated on the new map. For example, the President house, the area on the corner of 13<sup>th</sup> Street, a small Passive Recreation area along Archer Road and, the area south of Shands.

Linda stated that some of these areas are within the building site grounds. For example, Shands, around the Med Plaza, between the parking garage and the road. The Archer Road Corridor is being looked at in detail by the Transportation Study Committee. These areas will be treated as part of the building envelope or part of the streetscape.

Paula stated that perhaps the front and back lawn of the President's house could be considered. Linda said that the area behind the President's house is currently in Conservation and the committee needs to review that area also.

Mark Clark asked which of the Passive Recreation areas are going to go into other land use categories adjacent to Conservation areas. It seems to him that these areas are critical to consider if there need to be a designated Buffer. A building or something could expand in that space and therefore, encroach upon what exists now as Passive Recreation. Tom Walker reminded members that each conservation area boundary had been revisited and made as large as possible, sometimes including areas that had been in Passive Recreation.

Linda Dixon pointed out all of the areas on the new map that had been previously designated as Passive Recreation Areas to committee members. She stated that in terms of land use coverage, she did not see the need to call out every courtyard and strip of grass next to a building or road. In the existing plan, this had been done in some places and not others.

Marty Werts suggested that the two large trees at the Physics Building have a Buffer.

Committee members continued discussing the Passive Recreation areas including more discussion regarding the President's house lawn area. Members also discussed the area South of No Name Road and their desire to preserve a landscaped or vegetated swale to intercept stormwater from any building or research plot uses before sheet flowing into Lake Alice.

**Motion:** Erick Smith moved to designate a 25-foot wide Buffer South of No Name Road between the Microbiology building's parking lot and the road leading to the Envirotron.

**Second:** Mark Clark

Motion carried unanimously

**Motion:** Paula Fussell moved to approve the map as drawn with the modification at President's Park to take out the Gazebo and some of the other landscape areas and put them into Urban Park land use. To provide a Urban Park land use around some of the President house lawn area and to extend the Urban Park land use in front of the Physics Building over to the sidewalk along Gale Lemerand and, designate a Buffer along SW 16<sup>th</sup> avenue at the VA Parking Lot.

**Second:** Clay Montague

Motion carried unanimously.

Linda stated that she met with Veterinary Medicine and IFAS regarding the Outdoor Academic area and the need to find new places for the horses on the Genetic/Cancer site. Linda asked if The committee would consider approval to put five acres in Outdoor Academic land use to help accommodate their need along Ritchie Road north of Bivens Lake.

After discussion committee members had the following concerns and recommendations:

- Perhaps they should deal with these issues when they are actually ready to move the horses.
- What about the north area?
- Can they reduce their herd size?
- Are they making efficient use of the resources that they currently have.
- Intensify pasture management.
- Could they reduce the amount of acres?

**Motion:** Tom Walker made a motion to put five acres in Outdoor Academic land use.

**Second:** Clay Montague

Motion failed 5 to 4

**V. Due to lack of time, the remaining agenda items were deferred to a meeting on April 21, 2005.**

**VI. The Meeting Adjourned at 3:05 pm.**