



Minutes were approved on 8-25-05

**University of Florida Conservation Study Committee
August 4, 2005 @ 1:00 PM
Facilities Planning and Construction Conference Room
226 Stadium
MINUTES**

Members Present:

Ms. Linda Dixon, Manager, Planning Office, Facilities Planning & Construction
Fred Cantrell, Finance and Administration
Peggy Carr, Landscape Architecture
Mark Clark, IFAS, Soil & Water Science
Chuck Hogan, Physical Plant Division
Gerald Kidder, IFAS, Soil & Water Science
Erik Lewis, Facilities Planning & Construction
Erick Smith, Physical Plant Division
Tom Walker, IFAS, Natural History
Marty Werts, Physical Plant Division

Members Absent:

Mark Brown, Environmental Engineering Sciences
Eva Czarnecka, Microbiology & Cell Science
Joyce Dewsbury, Special Collections
Mark Hostetler, IFAS, Wildlife Ecology
Cecile Kiley, College of Nursing
Nancy Menzel, College of Nursing
Clay Montague, Environmental Engineering Sciences
Mackenzie Moritz, Student
Meghan Pressley, Student
Sheri Munn, IFAS, Facilities Planning & Operations
Jack Putz, Botany

The University Conservation Study Committee (CSC) met on Thursday, August 4, 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 August 4, 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: Peggy Carr

Motion carried unanimously

III. Adoption of July 21, 2005 Minutes

Motion: Tom Walker moved to approve the July 21, 2005 minutes as presented.

Second: Marty Werts

Motion carried unanimously

IV. Conservation Element Draft

Erik Lewis presented the final Conservation Element policy 4.11 as redrafted at the July 21st meeting for committee member review and approval. Staff wanted the committee to look at the rewrite and consider its implications. Linda stated that there are two areas on campus that she felt this policy might apply in the current draft of the 2005-2015 Future Land Use Map. These are the Radio Road extension and the five acres the Vet School is interested in near Bivens Lake. Linda summarized that the policy as currently written gives three options that could be considered: (1) designate some additional land in conservation areas on campus (2) purchase property within Alachua County at a ten to one ratio or (3) enhancement and restoration of an on-campus conservation area.

Committee members discussed whether IFAS and the Vet School have maximized all of the land that they currently utilize. They felt there should be a strong policy that would make it difficult to give up conservation areas.

Policy 4.11: Development activity that necessitates a land use change reducing the ~~upland area~~ ~~in~~ size of a designated Conservation Area and that is inconsistent with that area's management plan is strongly discouraged. Such development activity must meet the requirements of ~~the~~ Future Land Use Element for State and Federal agencies, and provide the evaluation of alternatives and impact minimization strategies as specified in the Future Land Use Element. However, if such development is deemed necessary following these evaluations, then mitigation for ~~upland~~ Conservation Areas shall be required. The mitigation shall be approved by the Lakes Vegetation and Landscaping Committee, and may be in the form of either: 1) designation

of equal acreage land in the Conservation land use classification for a zero net loss of Conservation acreage with similar function and value; 2) acquisition and preservation of property in Alachua County with similar habitat function and ecological value of at least equal size at a 10:1 ratio with preference for land acquisition adjacent to other Preservation Areas; and/or 3) fund the enhancement and restoration of designated Conservation Areas equal to the monetary value of land acquisition described in the previous option and approved by the Lakes, Vegetation and Landscaping Subcommittee.

Motion: Peggy Carr made a motion to approve Conservation Element Draft Policy 4:11 as written.

Second: Chuck Hogan

Motion carried unanimously

Policy 2.2

Linda Dixon presented Policy 2.2 from the draft Future Land Use Element. This policy statement addresses the steps that a project must take before proposing a land use change in a Conservation area.

Peggy Carr asked Linda Dixon if she would review Policy 2.2, particularly the word “minimize.” She also suggested deleting “analyze and” in the second sentence of the policy. Linda said she would review Policy 2.2 again.

V. Conservation Area Land Management (CALM) Plan Draft

The CSC began considering the draft CALM Plan at its meeting on July 21, 2005. At today’s meeting Erik Lewis presented the draft CALM Plan to members for further discussion and approval.

After reviewing future improvements for each of the conservation areas, committee members made the following suggestions and comments:

- Committee members discussed possible installation of a chilled water line and exotic plant control in the Bartram Carr Woods area. Members suggested that the Physical Plant Division should reevaluate what areas need to be mowed and consider time and resources.
- Erick Smith suggested having sample specifications for fencing and other sources of infrastructure improvements. Linda Dixon said they could add photos of examples.
- Mark Clark suggested that in some of the ponds, the stormwater outfalls could be raised to increase storage and help attenuate peak flows.

Due to time constraints committee members were unable to complete their review of the draft CALM Plan. Therefore, Erik Lewis recommended that members review the draft and if they

had any specific comments to email them to him. Erik stated that he would like to focus on Stormwater Element Policies at the next meeting.

VI. Stormwater Element Policies and Data Analysis Report

Due to time constraints, this was deferred until a future agenda.

VII. Set Next Meeting

CSC members agreed on August 25th at 1:00 pm for their next CSC meeting. In addition to the regular monthly scheduled CSC meeting on September 15th members, agreed to meet on September 1st from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm.

VIII. The meeting Adjourned at 3:00 pm.