



Minutes were approved 2/3/05

**University of Florida Conservation Study Committee
January 20, 2005 @ 10:00 AM
Facilities Planning and Construction Conference Room
226 Stadium
MINUTES**

Members Present:

Ms. Linda Dixon, Manager, Planning Office, Facilities Planning & Construction
Mark Brown, Environmental Engineering Science
Eva Czarnecka, Microbiology & Cell Science
Chuck Hogan, Physical Plant
Mark Hostetler, IFAS
Gerald Kidder, IFAS
Cecile Kiley, College of Nursing
Erik Lewis, Facilities Planning & Construction
Nancy Menzel, College of Nursing
Clay Montague, Environmental Engineering Sciences
Erick Smith, Physical Plant
Nick Vellis, University Police Department
Tom Walker, IFAS
Marty Werts, Physical Plant

Members Absent:

Sheri Bryan, Facilities Planning & Operations
Peggy Carr, Landscape Architect
Mark Clark, IFAS
Joyce Dewsbury, Special Collections
Paula Fussell, Finance and Administration
Mackenzie Moritz, Student
Meghan Pressley, Student
Jack Putz, Botany

The University Conservation Study Committee (CSC) met on Monday, January 20, 2005 at Facilities Planning and Construction Division, 232 Stadium West Conference Room. Linda Dixon, Chair, presided and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Committee members introduced themselves followed by Linda Dixon, chair welcoming members to the meeting.

II. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Erick Smith moved to approved the Agenda as presented.

Second: Nick Vellis

Motion carried unanimously

III. Adoption of November 29, 2004 Minutes

Motion: Nick Vellis moved to approve the minutes of November 29, 2004 as amended.

Second: Clay Montague

Motion carried unanimously

IV. Distribution of CALM Plan CDS

Linda Dixon distributed to committee members CDS of the CALM Plan. She asked members to review the Plan and if they had any comments or recommendations to send them to Erik Lewis. Linda stated that further discussion of the CALM Plan would not be on the Agenda until late Spring.

V. Definition of Conservation & Passive Recreation Definitions:

Linda gave a brief recap of the committee member's discussion at the last meeting regarding the definition of Conservation areas and Passive Recreation areas and what usage would be appropriate in Conservation areas vs. Passive Recreation areas. The committee tried to come up with a definition that would correctly identify these properties and their boundaries on the future Land use Map. At the November 29 meeting, the committee recommended Staff to rewrite the definition of Conservation Areas and Passive Recreation Areas including separation of Passive Recreation in additional category(ies) as needed to identify significant urban open spaces.

Linda presented to the committee the revised Staff recommendation of definitions for Conservation areas and Passive Recreation areas with separate categories identifying significant urban open spaces for review and approval:

Motion: Clay Montague made a motion to accept the proposed 2005-2015 Staff recommended definition for Conservation Areas as amended:

Conservation Areas: In accordance with a Conservation Land Management Plan and policies of the Campus Master Plan, this land use category identifies areas on campus that shall be preserved and managed to protect natural features including topography, soil conditions, archaeological sites, plant and animal species, wildlife habitats and wetlands. Allowable uses in Conservations areas include natural habitat preservation, water resource protection, teaching and research, utility conveyances, stormwater facilities and nature parks.

Second: Mark Brown

Motion carried unanimously

Eric Smith suggested changing “Open” Space Buffers to Green Space Buffers and deleting “Open Space” from Urban Parks.

Motion: Clay Montague made a motion to accept the proposed 2005-2015 Staff recommended definition for Green Space Buffers as amended:

Green Space Buffers: In accordance with policies of the Campus Master Plan, this land use category identifies areas on campus that shall be maintained as buffers to provide set-back, vegetative screening, fencing and/or other means of separating adjacent land uses. Such buffers may be designated adjacent to non-university properties, designated Conservation Areas, roadways or major utility infrastructure. Stormwater facilities and underground utility conveyances are allowed uses within a Green Space Buffer.

Second: Mark Brown

Motion carried unanimously

Motion: Clay Montague made a motion to accept the proposed 2005-2015 Staff recommended definition for Urban Parks as amended:

Urban Parks: In accordance with policies of the Campus Master Plan, this land use category identifies areas on campus that shall be maintained as Urban Park resources to provide vital green spaces within built areas and connections between built areas. Urban Parks may be designated at significant existing or proposed gardens, greenways, lawns and plazas. Stormwater facilities and underground utility conveyances are allowed uses within Urban Parks.

Second: Mark Brown

Motion carried unanimously

VI. Conservation Areas, Preservation Areas, and Passive Recreation

Linda Dixon discussed inconsistencies in the current Master Plan between designations of Conservation, Passive Recreation and Preservation Areas. She asked the committee to review five areas and recommend an appropriate land use category based on the new definitions developed by the committee.

Dash Course

Motion: Mark Brown made a motion to change the current designation for the Dash Course from Passive Recreation Areas to Conservation Areas within the boundaries presented.

Second: Tom Walker

Motion carried unanimously

Wilmont Garden

Motion: Mark Brown made a motion that Wilmot Garden be adopted as Urban Park within the boundaries presented.

Second: Nick Vellis

Motion carried unanimously

Solar Park Pond East

Motion: Tom Walker made a motion that the committee is sympathetic with making the general area on the map, enclosed in red, as part of the Conservation Area and requested staff to return with a final boundary adjustment recommendation.

Second: Gerald Kidder

Motion carried unanimously

Sorority Park (East and West of SW 11th Street)

Motion: Mark Brown made a motion that the three parcels identified as Sorority Park be adopted as an Urban Park except for the existing parking lot.

Second: Nick Vellis

Motion carried unanimously

Archer/VA woods

Staff requested that this parcel come to the committee at a later date for recommendation.
No Action Taken.

VII. Guiding Principles

Members discussed the draft Guiding Principles and suggested modifications. By acclamation, the committee agreed to table the approval until the next meeting and requested Staff to provide a revised draft based upon their comments.

VIII. Schedule of Next Meeting

The committee changed the next meeting date from February 2nd to February 3rd and agreed to meet every third Thursday of each month from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm until further notice.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 11:58 am