

**URI Master Plan Review Team  
Minutes of Meeting  
Thursday, November 9, 2017  
Bliss Hall, Dean's Conference Room**

**Membership Present:** Abigail Rider, Christopher McMahan, Steve Baker, Ann Morrissey, Chelsea Siefert, Paul DePace, Dave Palazzetti, John Kirby, William Green

**Membership Absent:** Vern Wyman, Jodi Hawkins, Linda Acciardo, Jerry Sidio, Brian Maynard, Michael Katz, Student Representative to be appointed

**Support Staff Present:** Ryan Carrillo, Dulcie Ilgenfritz, Sheleen Clarke, Kenneth Burke, Karen Beck, Marsha Garcia, Dave Lavallee

**Call to Order**

Abigail Rider called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

**Approvals**

The minutes of the September 14, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes. Motion passed.

**Informational Items**

Informational items 1-3 were presented by Karen Beck, University Landscape Architect.

**1. Lower College Road**

Lower College Road has several issues which need to be addressed. There are limited sidewalks, both the trees and pavement are in poor condition, and the roadway needs to be upgraded to provide the required services safely. The Office of Capital Projects is working with Gordon R. Archibald (GRA) on the road design.

Proposal to remove parking on Lower College Road, create two 11' travel lanes, and add a 5' sidewalk with a 3' grass strip between the sidewalk and road. Installation of blue light phones and cameras. A rotary at the intersection of Campus Ave and Lower College Road is being considered as a suggestion from the Transportation and Parking Master Plan.

Plans are at 90 percent with construction expected in the summer of 2018. Ryan Carrillo is to work with St Augustine's regarding their parking needs as related to the timing of the construction and changes in parking.

Due to the amount of construction on campus during the summer of 2018, Ann Morrissey suggested that Kathy Collins, VP for Student Affairs and Dean Libutti, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs be brought into the discussions.

**2. Stone Dust Way**

Stone Dust Way is located between Taft and Ballentine Hall. The existing pavement area will be removed and a more pedestrian friendly path installed. The path will be stamped, colored concrete with a square plaza near the pond and possibly benches. This new design is low maintenance, will improve north to south pedestrian access, and help with stormwater management.

### **3. Plains Road Temporary Entrance Landscape**

Until RIDOT installs a rotary (currently scheduled for 2021) a temporary enhancement of the intersection of Plains Road and 138 to better represent the University is needed. The plan is to use excess fill from current campus construction to create landscaped berms on both sides of Plains Rd. A more distinct sign will be installed to mark the Plains Road entrance to the University. This sign will either be temporary or a permanent sign that can be moved if necessary. A Wayfinding RFP is needed to address University signage.

### **4. Sr. Leadership Approved Landscape Master Plan**

Abigail Rider reported that Sr. Leadership was happy with the Landscape Master Plan. They agree with the goals of the plan. Especially the need for the following:

- Core of campus to be pedestrian oriented
- Only Service and Accessible Parking should be located within the core
- All other parking out of the center of campus

Noting the adjustments that are forthcoming in parking, people need to brace for this.

Having the storm water, landscape, and sustainability plans is the perfect lead up to the overall Campus Master Plan.

The November 9, 2017 MPRT meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.