

Facilities & Infrastructure Committee
GUC Room 207
Monday, May 1 – 3:30 pm

The following bullets summarize what we discussed in this meeting:

- The agenda for this meeting was unanimously approved.
- The minutes from the October 12, 2016, were unanimously approved.
- Current Projects:

Tree Assessment

1. A list detailing 26 campus trees was distributed, along with a map designating where the trees are located, with the purpose being to inform the committee of the stability ranking of each tree. Trees #5 and 13 will be removed immediately, and other trees on the list will be monitored and removed when they are deemed too unstable to leave in the ground.

(a) Proposed - UNA Student/Veteran Memorial Trees (Roaring LIONS) - UNA

Student/Veteran Memorial Trees should be a class of their own honoring UNA students that made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. This group of memorial trees would be wholly sponsored by the University of North Alabama with a unique aspect of marker signifying inclusion into this special group of memorials. These memorial trees would be equally distributed throughout campus and be provided prominence in each location planted. The specimen planted should be of a genus that is long lived and pest resistant. As of May, 2017, there are thirty-five such individuals that qualify for this type of memorial. There are currently no memorial trees for individual student-soldiers planted on campus. It is proposed that a Student-Veteran Memorial tree be planted each Veteran's Day in November until all soldiers have been honored. Secondly, Student-Veteran Memorial trees should replace any large "Community Sensitive" tree removed from the UNA campus.

- (b) Proposed - UNA Memorial (Veterans) Tree Grove** - To honor all American Soldiers who have participated in the birth and defense of this nation, it is proposed that a designed grove of trees be planted within the Memorial Amphitheater. This grove would be designed to frame and accentuate the Memorial Amphitheater itself. Each tree(s) would be dedicated to a specific conflict in American history, with multiple trees representing each conflict. Grove Marker(s) should describe the nature of each conflict and individual tree markers indicating which conflict the tree is dedicated. This grove could also act as a place of remembrance for victims national tragedies, such as 9/11. This group of memorial trees would require outside fundraising. Judy Jackson asked Paul Green, UNA Grounds Supervisor, to create a document detailing all the costs of such a grove, including cost of the tree purchase, the cost of purchasing and planting a tree, the cost of a seat or bench next to the tree, the cost of brochures explaining what the Memorial Tree Grove is and any maintenance costs that would be associated with the project.

Construction Updates

1. The Circular Road parking project should be completed by May 13th, and will net 203 additional parking spots.
2. The Collier Library Roof bid date is May 11th, and after a bid is accepted, the project should take 2 months.
3. Human Sciences, Hospitality & Design Phase II – UNA is the sole occupant of the building. The Medicare office has moved out of the building completely.

4. Laura M. Harrison Hall – As soon as graduation in May is over, demolition of Floyd Hall will begin and the process will take 8-9 weeks to complete. Approximately 100 parking spots below Flowers Hall will be earmarked for the building contractors during demolition and construction work.

Proposed Parking at Cedar/Cypress Streets

UNA needs to acquire 2 pieces of property to fully integrate parking in this area, that will eventually net 100 parking spots. Phase II of this project will remain on hold until additional funding is identified. The parking study commissioned by the City of Florence has not been released, but it is this committee's understanding that the report said UNA has a deficit of 400 parking spots. Upon completion of plans for the Circular Road Parking project and the Cedar/Cypress Street parking project, this deficit will be greatly reduced.

911 Building Identification

The Florence City officials responsible for emergency management have notified UNA that signage designating a street address is required in front of each building. The two issues the committee discussed were creating a template for signage to insure all the 911 information is in the same place on the outside of each building and that consistent symbols and fonts are used, and the need to check into what type of signage is allowed on buildings which carry are on the historical register. The costs of such signage was also a topic of discussion. A completion date for this project has not been determined.

Paintable Lion Paw

The SGA and other student groups have expressed a desire to have a permanent surface they can paint or chalk during UNA milestones, such as graduation, Greek events, etc. A map was circulated with a giant lion paw in the suggested location of Aderholt Way in front of LaFayette Hall and Powers Hall.

New Master Plan

The last Master Plan UNA created was in 2012, and a new plan needs to be created. No deadline was set for this project.