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Morris (Marty) Hylton, Chair
Preservation of Historic Buildings & Sites Committee
PO Box 117013
Gainesville, FL 32611

Dear Mr. Hylton:

After reviewing the minutes of the Preservation of Historic Buildings & Sites Committee (PHBSC) meeting held on May 21, 2019 please note the following:

1. The PHBSC recommends approval of the WRUF – UFPD Case Study Report application for demolition with the condition that there be a thorough review of the building to determine what can be preserved for reuse in the next building, and review of the antenna's historical significance.

I approve the committee's recommendation.

2. The PHBSC recommends approval of the UF – 200 New Public Safety Building – UFPD Building project site selection as presented.

I approve the committee's recommendation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Curtis A. Reynolds".

Curtis A. Reynolds
Vice President for Business Affairs

cc: Committee Members
Erik Lewis

**Preservation of Historic Buildings & Sites Committee
May 21st at 2:00 PM
Planning, Design and Construction – Conference Room 235
MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Aufmuth – University Libraries
Linda Dixon – Planning, Design & Construction
Craig Hill – Business Affairs
Priya Sharma - Clinical Faculty
Carl Van Ness – Librarian & Archivist, Special Collections

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Marty Hylton – Chair –Interior Design
Megan Daly – University Libraries
John Diaz – Agricultural Education & Communications
Chad Doering – Housing & Residence Education
Carlos Dougnac – Planning, Design & Construction
Helen Huet - Libraries
Joshua Hurdle – Student
Melina Jimenez – English Language Institute
Tipton Lichtenstein – Student
Melissa Mellon – University Writing Program
Francisco Oquendo – Planning, Design & Construction
Jay Watkins – School of Music
Michael Wolf – College of Law

OTHERS PRESENT:

Erik Lewis – Planning, Design & Construction
Melissa Thomas – Planning, Design & Construction
Wendy Simonson – Planning, Design & Construction
Cydney McGlothlin – Planning, Design & Construction
Frank Javaheri – Planning, Design & Construction
Jennifer Todden – Department of Housing

The committee unanimously agreed this meeting would be chaired by Linda Dixon, due to the low number of voting members. Linda opened the meeting at 2:00 PM. Joe Aufmuth arrived late and took over Chairing for Linda.

I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Joe Aufmuth made the motion to approve the agenda and September 2018 minutes.

Second: Priya Sharma

Motion Passed Unanimously

II. MINOR PROJECTS

WRUF-UFPD Case Study Report

Erik Lewis

Erik Lewis stated he was before the committee seeking approval to demolish the WRUF- Old Radio Station that was now the University of Florida Police Department (UFPD) building. He went over the background of the building and noted it was placed on the National Historic Register in 1989. He showed the Historic District on campus and noted that this building was pretty far removed. He explained that the building was opened in 1928 as the home of the WRUF Radio Station and that in 1955 the UFPD had moved into the building. He said that there had been two minor renovations on the exterior (one was a galvanized metal patio roof attached to the south side of the building and the other was an enclosure on the northeast corner to make a utility room). He said that the interior had been extensively remodeled with almost no original details still present. Erik also noted how different the architecture of the building was for campus with its steep peaked roof, reflecting a northern climate with lots of snow.

Erik said that an original floor had been removed in a primary room in order to deal with drainage issues from impervious surfaces directing water under the building. He noted that the remedy had exacerbated the problem and now the building had mold and had been condemned by E, H & S. He said that remediating the building and drainage issues would cost an estimated \$400,000. Erik went over the National Historic Register criteria used to nominate the building and noted that it met the criteria for A (because of its contribution to the growth of radio as an agricultural communication medium and it was a training ground for broadcasters and communications engineers) and C (as the only example of the Tudor Revival style architecture on campus). Carl Van Ness said that there had previously been another similar building on campus.

Erik showed pictures of the existing building, noting that beyond the two minor alterations, it was mostly original and in decent shape. Erik went over the Programmatic Memorandum of Agreement (PMA) the University has with the Department of State, Division of Historic Resources (DHR) that includes a section with procedures for UF to complete in order to remove historic buildings. He continued that before the building could be demolished the University of Florida had to provide DHR with a Project Case Report (PCR) that documented the reasons why UF felt the preservation of the property was not feasible. He said the report (which he had been using as an outline for his presentation) had to be reviewed by DHR prior to any action by UF. Erik went over the PMA stipulations on how UF can proceed with demolition and the documentation required before commencing.

Joe Aufmuth read into the record an email text from Marty Hylton:

"My preference is to explore alternatives to demolition including a study for potential rehabilitation and adaptive use and how a new building might be placed on the site. If demolition is the option chosen, I recommend that a mitigation plan be developed and it should include: 1. Historic Structure Report following federal standards: <https://www.nps.gov/dscw/hsr-standards.htm> 2. Historic American Building Survey submission – History, Drawings, and Photography: <https://www.nps.gov/history/hdp/standards/habsguidelines.htm> . In preparing the drawings, the building should be digitally documented using 3D laser scanning. 3. Salvage building components to be incorporated in the new building. 4. Signage in the new building that interprets the old radio station structure – or alternatively – a Florida State Historical Marker on the site."

Motion: Carl Van Ness made the motion to approve the application for demolition with the condition that there be a thorough review of the building to determine what can be preserved for reuse in the next building, and the review of the antenna's historical significance.

Second: Priya Sharma

Motion Carried Unanimously

UF-200 New Public Safety Building – UFPD Building

Wendy Simonson

Wendy introduced herself and stated that she was before the committee to request site approval for the University of Florida Public Safety Building. She said that the new building would be located on the existing UFPD compound, at the corner of Museum Road and Newell Drive. She showed the site plan and noted the critical telecom utility lines on the site. She showed footprints of both the proposed 34,000 GSF two-story building and the reconfigured parking lot. She indicated that the program mandates the orientation of the new building and parking lot being maintained as shown. She finished by noting that the budget includes a provision to renovate specific areas of Jennings Hall Office (Bldg. 0596), but does not include any funding to renovate the Centrex Building (Bldg 0132).

Motion: Carl Van Ness made the motion to approve project site selection as presented.

Second: Priya Sharma

Motion Carried Unanimously

III. OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 2:35PM.