

MINUTES

BIRMINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION

The Birmingham Planning Commission convened via WebEx on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 8:45 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Michael Morrison, Vice-Chairman Dr. Nyesha Black, Chairman Pro-Tem Haley Colson-Lewis, Patty Pilkerton, L'Tryce Slade, Ronald Crenshaw, Mashonda Taylor, Brian Gunn, Dr. Victoria Hollis, Kevin Moore, Councilor Valerie Abbott (Dr. Darryl Lee), and Michael Eddington

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

STAFF PRESENT: Tim Gambrel and Michael Ward

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Morrison. Commissioner Lee made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hollis and the agenda was approved unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 2, 2020 AND FEBRUARY 3, 2021

The minutes weren't ready at the time.

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No Director's report.

IV. CASE NO. PF-3-83G

SUBJECT: A public hearing to consider a request for the approval of the 2020 Campus Master Plan update for the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB)

APPLICANT: Geoff Boyd, Director of Planning, Design & Construction at UAB

PREMISES: Those properties included within the UAB campus.

Geoff Boyd, Director of Planning, Design & Construction at UAB, addressed the Planning Commission. Mr. Boyd said the University of Alabama System requires that every five years each institution update their respective Master Plans. He mentioned that UAB last completed a master plan in 2015 and it was approved by the Planning Commission in December 2015.

Mr. Boyd stated that UAB's 2020 Master Plan has been developed over a 22-month period and it included more than 700 participants internal and external to UAB. He also stated that the Master Plan covers 100 city blocks.

Mr. Boyd said the goals of the 2020 Campus Master Plan include addressing student, patient, and research growth needs as well as the campus's embrace of its surrounding urban context and community engagement. He noted that a couple of buildings on UAB's campus are LEED certified and they plan to have more LEED certified buildings moving forward. He mentioned that the Master Plan was approved by the Five Points South and Glen Iris neighborhoods as well as the Design Review Committee.

Commissioner Lee asked if incorporating more glass in the university's building designs will negatively affect energy efficiency. Mr. Boyd said as they're designing more LEED buildings, they are achieving more energy efficiency. He added that glass technology has improved to the point that they're not losing as much energy as before.

Commissioner Lee asked about lighting on campus. Mr. Boyd said UAB still relies on overhead street lighting from the City of Birmingham and Alabama Power. He added that UAB provides and maintains its pedestrian scale, LED lighting.

Commissioner Slade asked Mr. Boyd to explain some of the cost savings that UAB has realized from their current LEED buildings. Denton Lunceford, Assistant Vice-President of Facilities Design Planning & Construction at UAB, addressed the Planning Commission. Mr. Lunceford said the UAB buildings that are LEED certified have had a significant decrease in energy usage. He mentioned that the McCallum Building (located at the corner of University Boulevard and 20th Street South) is being renovated in three phases and the first two phases have already made the building more energy efficient.

With no additional questions or comments, Commissioner Lee made a motion to approve Case Number PF-3-83G. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and the roll call vote was as follows:

AYE (12): Morrison, Black, Colson-Lewis, Pilkerton, Slade, Crenshaw, Taylor, Gunn, Hollis, Moore, Lee, and Eddington

NAY (0):

The following resolution was approved unanimously:

WHEREAS, the Master Plan for the University of Alabama at Birmingham was initially approved by the Birmingham Planning Commission on March 3, 1983 (Case No. PF-3-83); and

WHEREAS, said Master Plan was subsequently updated and conditionally approved by the Planning Commission on August 3, 1988 (Case No. PF-3-83A) and further amended on August 4, 1999 (Case No. PF-3-83B); and

WHEREAS, said Planning Commission reviewed and conditionally approved the Medical Center District Master Plan (Case No. PF-3-83C) on January 10, 2001, as an amendment to the University's 1995 Master Plan Update; and

WHEREAS, the University of Alabama at Birmingham's 2000 Master Plan Update (Case No. PF-3-83D) was reviewed and conditionally approved by the Birmingham Planning Commission on August 7, 2002; and

WHEREAS, said Planning Commission reviewed and approved a revised and refined conceptual development plan for the University's planned Campus Green (Case No. PF-3-83E) on May 4, 2005, as an amendment to the University's 2000 Master Plan Update; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed and approved the University's Master Plan Update 2015 as a further amendment to its Master Plan on December 2, 2015 (Case No. PF-3-83F); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has reviewed and carefully evaluated the 2020 UAB Campus Master Plan as a further amendment to its Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the proposed 2020 UAB Campus Master Plan represents a flexible planning strategy through which the University's Master Plan can be refined, revised and modified as necessary over time in response to changing conditions and campus developments; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 UAB Campus Master Plan sets forth a number of sound goals and positive recommendations along with a planning system designed to guide the future growth and development of the University; and

WHEREAS, the Five Points South Neighborhood Association reviewed and approved the 2020 UAB Campus Master Plan on April 27, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Design Review Committee reviewed and approved the 2020 UAB Campus Master Plan on April 28, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Glen Iris Neighborhood Association reviewed and approved the 2020 UAB Campus Master Plan on May 3, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Birmingham Planning Commission has held a public hearing to allow citizen input and has considered all comments concerning the proposed 2020 UAB Campus Master Plan; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Birmingham Planning Commission that said Planning

Commission hereby APPROVES the University's 2020 Master Plan, as updated within the document entitled "UAB—2020 Campus Master Plan Update", dated December 2020.

VI. Other Business and Communications

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.