In attendance: Sarah Davis, co-chair; Joe McDonald, co-chair; Sim Komisar; Vikki McConnell; Nora Demers; Peter Corcoran; Kathleen Crawford; Rhonda Holtzclaw; Mike Savarese; Raciely Hernandez (for Deion Jones); Sandy Terranova (for TC Yih); Shelby Gilbert

Absent: Lisa Paige

Guests: David Ceilley, David Green, Julie Gleason, Jacob Robinson

Notes: Kathleen Crawford

Approval of minutes – Correction: Neil Wilkinson’s name spelled incorrectly. Peter motioned to accept the minutes as amended, Sim seconded, minutes passed unanimously.

The committee welcomed guest speakers who play an active stakeholder role in campus land use.

David Ceilley told the committee of the wildlife rescue prior to construction of the Solar field. By using silt fences 136 invertebrate species were relocated. This added very little time and expense to the project and also served as a learning experience for FGCU students. He stated that with a little forethought before projects, such as for the south entrance road, we can do very innovative things that will showcase us as THE sustainable university.

Julie Gleason and Jacob Robinson spoke about extracurricular use of outdoor spaces. There are many events scheduled outdoors. These mostly occur in areas that are regularly scheduled by Campus Reservations such as on the Library Lawn, The ROC, and Housing’s green space. Students use a checklist when programming outdoor space and students are informed of rules and procedures such as not staking tents or other equipment, and the need to have trash and recycling receptacles. Julie stated that most vendors know our requirements as well. There are now over 180 Registered Student Organizations and they each must go through an orientation every fall semester.

David Green share with the committee the University of Oregon’s interactive map which allows a user to precisely locate and find information about buildings, classrooms, departments, programs, offices, eateries, residence halls, trees, and art on campus. He also showed the work of several semesters of work by his students to log and create a prototype of a similar map for FGCU. With some additional university support this map can be scaled up beyond just the spectrum of class use to log sustainability initiatives, research, and act as a central clearinghouse of projects which could also be a great marketing tool for campus.

The committee discussed the process and timeline for creating the land use recommendations report. Target due date for the report is April 2nd.

Next ESC meeting will be held on Tuesday March 19th at 3:30 in AB7 room 402. Brian Fisher will join to discuss land use as it relates to Housing.