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# **City of Gainesville**

*City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, May 9, 2011**

**1:00 PM**

**City Hall, Room 16**

## **Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee**

*Commissioner Scherwin Henry, Chair  
Commissioner Thomas Hawkins, Member  
Commissioner Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Member*

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## CALL TO ORDER

*The meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM.*

## ROLL CALL

*Chair Henry introduced himself, welcomed everyone in attendance, and went around the room giving each person an opportunity to introduce themselves.*

*Representatives from Black on Black Crime Task Force, Pine Ridge Neighborhood, Eastside Advocacy Group for Youth, YMCA, Reichert House, Girls 2 Young Ladies, Alachua County Library, Girls Place, Boys & Girls Club and Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs were in attendance.*

Present: Scherwin Henry and Thomas Hawkins

Absent: Jeanna Mastrodicasa

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

*Commissioner Hawkins moved and Commissioner Henry seconded to adopt the agenda as presented.*

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Commissioner Hawkins moved and Commissioner Henry seconded to approve the minutes as prepared.*

### **100955. Approval of the February 24, 2011 and March 24, 2011 Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee approve the minutes of the February 24, 2011 and March 24, 2011 as submitted.*

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## DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

*These minutes are a summary of the meeting and are not a verbatim discussion; an audio recording of the meeting is available upon request.*

### **080471. Status Update on the City Commission Strategic Initiative 3.3: Analyze the availability and accessibility of child and youth programs and identify a role for City Government including addressing the harmful effects of child and youth poverty (NB)**

**Strategic initiatives have been referred to Standing Committees to promote efficient and effective communication streams between elected officials, city staff and Gainesville residents concerning the implementation of the City's Strategic Plan. This item is a request for the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee to receive an update on the progress of Strategic Initiative 3.3: Analyze the availability and accessibility of child and youth programs and identify a role for City Government including addressing the harmful effects of child and youth poverty.**

*Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers provided a brief history and introduced Michelle Park Assistant Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Director and Tony Jones, Police Chief who are co-champions for this initiative. Ms. Park thanked all providers for attending the meeting and allowed each provider to give updates to the Committee about programs being offered this summer by the different organizations. Ms. Park advised the Committee that a directory will be drafted which includes programs being offered this summer by the various organizations in attendance at today's meeting.*

*Pine Ridge*

*Homework help, theater presentation, expanded field trips over the summer, program for gifted.*

*Eastside Advocacy Group for Youth*

*Summer Enrichment Program filled with activities which includes; math skill development, reading & writing.*

*YMCA*

*Camp Rock - Theme; different theme each week, speciality camps including science, arts; etc.; Leadership Camp Program; Cheer & Dance Program; three overnight trips.*

*Library*

*Open 7 days a week for camp groups to come in and use the library; all programs are free; on-line live chat available for homework help.*

*Ms. Park inquired about registering/bringing kids to the special Monday program. Ms. Astengo, advised that the room seats 300 people but would like for campers to call in advance to let them know you are coming.*

*Girls 2 Young Ladies*

*Free camp for girls ages range 6 to 17; the camp hours will be Monday through Thursday from 9 to 5. Camp activities include arts & crafts, social skills and field events. They are also working in conjunction with student nurses on health and sanitation concerns.*

*Girls Place*

*Girls ages range from 5 to 18 and camp hours are from 7:30 AM until 6 PM; activities include field trips, leadership skills, athletics, arts & crafts; community service and social skills. Also offer week long sports camps; basketball camp and*

*cheer & dance camp.*

*Boys & Girls Club*

*Programs are developed for Elementary, Middle and High School students; summer camps are structured along educational, sports and recreational activities. The Boys & Girls Club recently received national recognition for having one of the best boys & girls clubs in the nation.*

*Reichert House*

*Compact summer program being offered Monday through Friday from 8 AM until 4 PM; 4th grade through 12th grade. There will be five certified teachers on site this summer. They will have credit retrieval for high school students who have lost credits for the previous year; college tours to Tampa and Tallahassee; swimming, archery, culinary, life skills and laundry classes. They will also offer the annual "boot camp" in Paris Island, South Carolina; as well as a "You and the Law Program" that will educate the youth about interacting with law enforcement.*

*Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs*

*"Let's Move G'ville" summer camps will be offered at Eastside Recreation Center, Porter's Community Center, Clarence R. Kelly Community Center and Union Academy/Rosa B. Williams Center. "Kids on the Move" summer camp will be offered at the Albert "Ray" Massey Recreation Center. In addition to the recreation camps being offered; there are also nature camps and summer aquatic programs being offered. Teen HeatWave and Operation Respect Yourself will be offered again this summer; as well as a new initiative titled "Teen Lounges". This pilot program will be housed at the Clarence R. Kelly Community Center and Porter's Community Center. The lounges will be M-F nights from 6 - 9 PM for kids between the ages of 14 - 18 (18 only if still in school).*

*Commissioner Henry asked if a child can attend any camp or will they be restricted to just one. Ms. Keleher advised that children are not restricted to a specific camp. Commissioner Henry inquired if advertising has been done for the Operation Respect Yourself event to be held on June 3rd. Ms. Keleher stated that limited information has gone out. Chief Jones advised that Reichert House youth will assist with distributing flyers in various neighborhoods.*

*Commissioner Hawkins commented that he is impressed with the number of programs and the varieties that are being offered this summer.*

*Commissioner Henry inquired if Mr. Oransky could offer tennis lessons for the kids of the Pineridge community. Ms. Park stated that staff would look into providing tennis lessons for the Pineridge community and the Eastside Advocacy Group for Youth.*

*Commissioner Henry inquired if summer programs will be offered at the YMCA McGurn? Ms. Sawyer advised that programs will be offered, but the numbers are smaller than the Northwest site.*

*Commissioner Henry inquired about programming for middle and high school students at the library. Ms. Astengo advised that the library does not have a lot of*

*programs for middle and high school students. They do volunteer type programs and teen internship programs. The bookmobiles will continue their regular schedules and can do special programs on Fridays.*

*Commissioner Henry inquired about participation programs for the girls age group of 12 to 18 at Girls Place. Ms. Clements advised that the girls like to stay separated from the younger girls and they do a lot of community service; such as, picking up litter in the parks, volunteering, cooking classes and arts and crafts.*

*Commissioner Henry inquired about the age groups of Girls 2 Young Ladies. Ms. Smith advised that they separate their girls into groups: age 6 - 12 are the Princesses and age 12 or 13 - 17 are the Queens. The Queens do different programs.*

*Ms. Park commented that the teen lounges are brand new initiatives for this summer and will focus on the 14 - 17 year old age group.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee receive an update on the progress of Strategic Initiative 3.3: Analyze the availability and accessibility of child and youth programs and identify a role for City Government including addressing the harmful effects of child and youth poverty.*

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## **MEMBER COMMENT**

## **CITIZEN COMMENT**

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM.*