

City of Gainesville

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200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes

Tuesday, July 30, 2013

2:00 PM

Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room 16

Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee

*Commissioner Lauren Poe, Chair
Commissioner Susan Bottcher, Member
Commissioner Thomas Hawkins, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee meeting was called to order at 2:04PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Poe, Bottcher, Hawkins

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee adopted the agenda as circulated.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

130097. Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2013 (B).

Attachments: [130097 Minutes 20130730.pdf](#)

RECOMMENDATION

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee approve the minutes of the June 5, 2013 meeting as submitted.

Approved as Recommended

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

These minutes are a summary of the meeting and are not verbatim discussion. A copy of the meeting recording will be provided upon request.

120720 **Strategic Initiative 6.3: Status Update on the City Commission Strategic Initiative to Complete Capital Projects at Parks - Improve Land Conservation and Acquisition Program (B)**

This item provides an update to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee regarding the progress on completion of capital projects at parks.

Attachments: [120720 PowerPt 20130730.pdf](#)

Steve Phillips, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, introduced this agenda item explaining that before the half cent sales tax was approved, we were required to outline the different projects we were proposing to use the funds for (land acquisition, park development and park improvements). A list with 23 projects was generated and prioritized. Funds for the Wild Spaces Public Places capital projects were allocated based on the implementation plan approved by the City Commission. Jobs were created in Gainesville and many local contractors were hired to complete the work on these projects impacting the local economy.

RECOMMENDATION

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee hear an update from staff regarding the progress of capital projects utilizing Wild Spaces, Public Places funds.

120722. Strategic Initiative 6.5: Recreation Master Plan (B)

This item provides an update regarding funding alternatives for the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Master Planning Process.

Attachments: [120722 PowerPt 20130605.pdf](#)
[120722 PowerPt 20130730.pdf](#)

Assistant Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Michelle Park introduced this agenda item presenting an overview of funding alternatives for the Master Plan. Finance Director Mark Benton detailed the funding options.

Ron Combs, Senior Assistant City Attorney, was asked to contact Dave Wagner to find out whether it is legal for the City to use revenue from the Charter County Transportation sales surtax to pay for a stand-alone bike and pedestrian facility. Dave Wagner's previous opinion was that the revenue can only be used for a bike or pedestrian facility when combined with a larger roadway project.

Pegeen Hanrahan discussed the 2008 funding efforts stating that 75% of single-issue measures for recreation passed and 71% multi-variant passed. She recommended speaking with colleagues in the County Commission and other municipalities in Alachua County.

Art Stockwell stated that Pledge 5 Foundation (non-profit organization) would like to make a presentation to the City of Gainesville seeking permission to place "this facility sponsored by" signs in Gainesville. In return for raising funds with these signs, the Pledge 5 Foundation will take care of all the maintenance for the bike and hike trails in Gainesville. Commissioner Poe would like the Pledge 5 Foundation scheduled to a future RCAPW meeting.

Commissioner Hawkins made a recommendation for each committee member to contact an Alachua County Commissioner and then made a two-part Motion: 1) ask the Chair for a report on the discussions with the Alachua County League of Cities regarding sensitivity to WSPP II; and 2) obtain information from the Parks and Recreation staff on funding a feasibility study for a referendum generic as to sales tax or property tax (include the cost, how we would pay for it and how quickly it could be done). Commissioner Bottcher seconded the Motion. The Motion was approved.

RECOMMENDATION

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee discuss the funding scenarios for the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Master Plan and provide staff direction for future action.

120969. Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee Referrals (B)

This item is to provide an opportunity to discuss and recommend the potential removal of specific items referred to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee by the City Commission.

Attachments: [120969 Referral List 20130402.pdf](#)
 [120969 Referral List 20130730.pdf](#)

After reviewing the list of referrals in Committee, Commissioner Bottcher made a Motion to remove 120643 and 110398 from the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee referral list. Commissioner Hawkins seconded the Motion. The Motion was approved by consensus.

The Strategic Initiatives on the referral list will be discussed at the Strategic Planning Retreat next week.

Phil Mann will provide updated information from FDEP for the next RCAPW meeting regarding #100196 Contamination on the NW 6th Street Rail Trail.

RECOMMENDATION *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee discuss the list of items referred to the Committee by the City Commission.*

NEXT MEETING DATE

Monday, August 26, 2013 at 3:00PM in the Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room #16

ADJOURNMENT

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works meeting adjourned at 4:04 PM.