

# **City of Gainesville**

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



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, September 14, 2009**

**5:00 PM**

**City Hall, Room 16**

## **Community Development Committee**

*Commissioner Thomas Hawkins, Chair  
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Scherwin Henry, Member  
Commissioner Craig Lowe, Member*

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## CALL TO ORDER

*The CDC was called to order at 5:03 PM.*

## ROLL CALL

Present: Craig Lowe, Scherwin Henry and Thomas Hawkins

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

*The CDC approved the agenda with the modification that item 090311 will be discussed after item 090392.*

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### **090403. Minutes of July 13, 2009 (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION** *The Community Development Committee approve the Minutes of July 13, 2009.*

**Approved as Recommended**

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## DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

### **090392. Vision for East University Avenue to Hawthorne Rd Corridor - 5 Points Area (B)**

**This item involves developing a vision for the transformation of the Area of East University Avenue to Hawthorne Rd. Corridor (5 Points Area).**

*The CDC discussed this item and agreed to request staff representation from GRU, Public Works, RTS, and CRA at a future meeting to continue discussion on defining the specific area/corridor to target for revitalization. Topics for discussion will include what other cities with similar challenges have done successfully, what issues or challenges are holding back revitalization (sidewalks, utility infrastructure, beautification, etc.), identify deficiencies (stormwater capacities), what tools and resources are available within and outside the City, and have staff make recommendations on the specific geographic area/corridor to target based on goals.*

**RECOMMENDATION** *The Community Development Committee discuss the issue of transforming the area of East University Avenue to Hawthorne Rd. Corridor (5 Points Area).*

**Discussed**

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**090310.****Sidewalk and Road Improvement Plan (B)**

**This item involves developing a plan to build out sidewalks and make other road improvements throughout the portion of the City annexed in 1905.**

*The CDC discussed this item and agreed to request staff representation from Public Works at a future meeting to continue discussion on mixed use streets with heavy traffic, and specific areas of concern such as the 5th Avenue and Pleasant Street Neighborhood, Porter's Neighborhood, and the 1905 Annexation area. The Public Works staff will be asked to attend and provide a GIS map as well as the current budget for sidewalks.*

**RECOMMENDATION** Community Development Committee add this referral to the Community Development Committee's pending referral list.

**Discussed**

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**090311.****Utility Infrastructure to Support Small, Urbanized Areas (B)**

**This item involves developing a plan to build out utility infrastructures to support development of the allowable density in a few small, urbanized areas of the city, such as Five Points.**

*The CDC discussed this item and agreed to request representation from GRU and Public Works at the next meeting to discuss infrastructure. Staff is to research and share with the Committee what the process is to achieve goals to improve the infrastructure including funding, overall process, what other cities have done, and what tools and resources have been put into place already, so the Committee can put this information into an official form and stated direction in order to achieve objectives.*

**RECOMMENDATION** Community Development Committee add this referral to the Community Development Committee's pending referral list.

**Discussed**

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**090312.****Future Transit System Vision (B)**

**This item involves a recommendation to create a vision of the City's future**

transit system to synthesize the concurrency management program, Gainesville's future land use map and the Bus Rapid Transit initiatives of RTS and Alachua County's Long Term Concurrency Management System.

*The CDC agreed to request that this item be removed from the CDC referral list as it is scheduled to be heard at a City Commission Workshop on October 19, 2009.*

**RECOMMENDATION** *Community Development Committee to City Commission: 1) add the proposed referrals to the Community Development Committee's pending referral list.*

**Returned Without Recommendation**

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**MEMBER COMMENT**

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM.*