

City of Gainesville

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



Minutes

Thursday, November 12, 2015

1:00 PM

City Hall, Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room

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

*Commissioner Randy Wells, Chair
Commissioner Helen Warren, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 1:07pm.

ROLL CALL

Present 2 - Commissioner Warren, and Wells

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Adopted

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved as submitted.

Adopted

[150247.](#)

Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2015 (B).

Attachments: [150247_RCAPW Minutes from 9-10-15_20151112.pdf](#)

RECOMMENDATION *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee approve the minutes of the September 10, 2015 meeting, as submitted.*

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

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

[140739.](#)

Welcoming City (B)

Attachments: [140739A_Program Overview_20150312.pdf](#)
[140739B_Commitment Form_20150312.pdf](#)
[140739C_Welcoming Cities Report_20150312.pdf](#)
[140739A_Getting Started - Local Gov_20151112.pdf](#)
[140739B_WCC Framework_20151112.pdf](#)

Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers provided a brief history of the Committee's consideration of the Welcoming City item, and introduced two representatives of Welcoming America, who were participating via conference phone from their offices in Decatur, GA: Keiran Bone, Director of Membership and Events, and Daniel Valdez, Regional Manager for the Southeast. UF graduate student in international studies, Paula Roetscher, provided a presentation explaining what it would take for

Gainesville to become a Welcoming City. This would require a resolution of endorsement from the City Commission and a committee that would work with Welcoming America to receive training and resources. Commissioner Wells asked the Welcoming America representatives and staff for a comparative list of city and county members of similar size to Gainesville and asked the citizens to demonstrate community interest and willingness to serve on the Welcoming City Committee. The item will be considered again by the RCAPW Committee before being sent to the City Commission once the following items are ready: 1) Community draft of a resolution explaining why Gainesville would be well-suited to this program; 2) a draft Welcoming City committee, made up of members of the interfaith community, Chamber of Commerce, University of Florida, Santa Fe College, and the Office of Equal Opportunity; and 3) a willing staff liaison to the committee. The eventual presentation to the City Commission should describe benefits other communities have received from being named a Welcoming City.

RECOMMENDATION *The Committee discuss the Welcoming City Initiative and provide staff with guidance as appropriate.*

Discussed

[150168.](#)

Trends Analysis (B)

This item involves a request for the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee (RCAPW) to hear a report from staff of budget decrements experienced by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department since the recession.

Attachments: [150168 RCAPW Trend Analysis Presentation 20151008.pdf](#)
[150168 Trends Analysis Presentation 20151112.pdf](#)

Per Commissioner Todd Chase's request, Director of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs department (PRCA), Steve Phillips, and Assistant Director of PRCA, Michelle Park, explained the budgetary decrements to their department since 2008. It was agreed that staff would provide a one-on-one explanation to Commissioner Chase and then bring the presentation to the full Commission for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee hear a report from staff regarding budget decrements experienced by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs (PRCA) Department since the recession in 2008.*

Discussed

[140180.](#)

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

Attachments: [140180 Pending Referrals 20140731.pdf](#)
[140180 Pending Referrals 20140820.pdf](#)
[140180 Pending Referrals 20140911.pdf](#)
[140180 Pending Referrals 20141009.pdf](#)
[140180 Pending Referrals 20141113.pdf](#)
[140581 Staff Presentation 20150108.pdf](#)
[140180 Pending Referrals 20150212.pdf](#)
[140180 Pending Referrals 20150312.pdf](#)
[140180 Pending Referrals 20150409.pdf](#)
[140180 Pending Referrals 20150514.pdf](#)
[140180 Pending Referrals 20150910.pdf](#)
[140180 Pending Referrals 20150910.pdf](#)
[140180 Pending Referrals 20151112.pdf](#)

RECOMMENDATION

*The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works
Committee review and prioritize the list of pending referrals.*

No Action Taken

MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

*Chip Skinner, Regional Transit System (RTS) Marketing and Communications
Supervisor, provided an update on the solar charging station pilot program at the
Rosa Parks hub. The two stations will be installed early in 2016 once the security
cameras are in place at the hub.*

NEXT MEETING DATE -- Thursday, December 10, 2015

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:07pm.