

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Agenda

December 17, 2014

5:00 PM

Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room (16)

Economic Development/University Community Com

*Commissioner Randy Wells, Chair
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Todd Chase, Member
Mayor Ed Braddy, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[140526.](#)

Economic Development/University City Committee Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2014 (B).

RECOMMENDATION

The Economic Development/University City Committee approve the minutes of the August 27, 2014 meeting as submitted.

[140526_Minutes_20141217.pdf](#)

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

[140353.](#)

Evergreen Cooperative Initiative Model (B)

Explanation: On October 2, 2014 the City Commission referred the Evergreen Cooperative Initiative item to the Economic Development/University Community Committee.

In 2008 a working group of Cleveland institutions launched the Evergreen Cooperative initiative to create living wage jobs in six low income neighborhoods. The initiative utilizes the coop model designed to catalyze new businesses that are owned by employees. The Evergreen Cooperative Corporation (ECC) serves as a holding company leading the initiative and drives new business development and on-going management of business enterprises. ECC is the keeper of the Evergreen vision "to promote and expand economic opportunity in disinvested neighborhoods of Cleveland, with an ultimate goal of stabilizing and revitalizing these areas of the City." ECC provides strategic guidance, coherence and continuity to the Evergreen network, which includes individual Evergreen cooperative businesses, a revolving loan fund, a real estate unit, a shared-serves company (Evergreen Business Services), and other units still to come.

Fiscal Note: There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee members discuss the Evergreen Cooperative Initiative Model.

Legislative History

10/2/14 City Commission Referred to the Economic Development/University
Community Com

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[140353_Evergreen Cooperatives Model_20141217.pdf](#)

[130498.](#)

Strategic Initiative 3.5 - Work collaboratively with community economic development and workforce partners to attract, retain and nurture a diverse and skilled work force in order to strengthen the City's overall human capital capacity.

Explanation: At the August 27, 2014 Economic Development/University City Committee meeting, the Economic Development and Innovation Director was asked to reach out to the local Builders Association and other community groups to partner with the City for training opportunities specific to the building industry; and to identify the potential funding and fiscal impact.

Fiscal Note: Staff has identified funding that may be utilized for such a program provided the program complies with applicable Federal regulations.

RECOMMENDATION

The Economic Development/University City Committee discuss Workforce Development programs and provide direction.

Legislative History

11/19/13 City Commission Referred to the Economic Development/University
Community Com

8/27/14 Economic Development/Unive
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Com Approved by Consensus

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[130498_SI 3.5 Workforce Development Programs_20141217.pdf](#)

MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

Meeting schedule to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT