

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes

Monday, August 26, 2013

3:00 PM

City Hall, 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 3:07PM.

ROLL CALL

In Attendance: Poe, Bottcher, Hawkins

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Bottcher made a Motion to adopt the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works committee agenda with a modification to continue item 120713 to the September 2013 RCAPW meeting. Commissioner Hawkins seconded the Motion. The Motion was approved by consensus.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

130221. Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes of July 30, 2013 (B).

Attachments: [130221_Minutes_20130826.pdf](#)

RECOMMENDATION

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee approve the minutes of the July 30, 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.

120713. Strategic Initiative 5.2 Update (B)

This item is to present an update to the RCAPW Committee regarding progress on the 6th Street Projects and receive input on some design elements.

Attachments: [120713_PowerPt_20130826.pdf](#)

RECOMMENDATION

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee hear a presentation from staff and provide input as needed.

Continued

100196. Contamination on the NW 6th Street Rail Trail (B)

This item is to provide an update to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs & Public Works Committee regarding the contamination of the 6th Street Rail Trail north of NW 16th Avenue.

Attachments: [100196_Aerial Maps_20130826.pdf](#)

Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers introduced the item. Public Works Director Teresa Scott presented an update regarding contamination on the NW 6th Street Rail Trail. This has been listed as a potential funding project in the surtax. If the surtax passes and the City can acquire the right of way and discover a responsible party, we could develop a remediation plan and construction of the trail. The clean-up of the trail property will include both ground water and soil contamination. It is estimated that it will take several million dollars to clean up the contamination of pest control chemicals.

Florida Pest Control has been non-responsive to the initial contact from DEP regarding this contamination. Assistant City Attorney Ron Combs was asked to investigate how Florida Pest Control can be compelled to respond to DEP.

Commissioner Hawkins made a Motion for the RCAPW Committee to continue this item for 60 days to request information from the City Attorney's office on how responses can be compelled from potentially responsible parties and hear any updates from Public Works. Commissioner Bottcher seconded the Motion. The Motion was approved by consensus.

RECOMMENDATION *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee discuss the status of the contamination along the 6th Street Rail Trail north of NW 16th Avenue.*

121124. Mobile Parking Software Application (B)

This item is to provide an update to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs & Public Works Committee regarding potential use of mobile parking software applications and options for digital customer access to parking availability.

Attachments: [121124_PowerPt_20130826.pdf](#)

Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers introduced this agenda item. Teresa Scott, Public Works Director, gave a presentation on parking software applications. The proposed pilot program would assist drivers to find available parking spaces and allow them to pay for parking with a credit card. The one-year pilot program will include the 468 current metered spaces and will provide useful information. The pilot program has no up-front cost but we would split the fees 70/30 with Park on the Fly with 70% coming to the City.

Following a transportation/parking discussion by the members, Commissioner Bottcher made a Motion to recommend that the City Commission authorize staff to develop a pilot program with Park on the Fly allowing those parking in metered spaces the option to pay by credit card or by phone. Commissioner Hawkins seconded the Motion. The Motion was accepted by consensus.

RECOMMENDATION

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs & Public Works Committee hear a presentation and discuss the options for providing mobile parking software applications within the City of Gainesville.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Monday, September 23, 2013 at 3:00PM in the Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room #16

ADJOURNMENT

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works meeting adjourned at 4:07PM.