

**CITY OF GAINESVILLE****Inter-Office Communication**

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**DATE:** September 19, 2005

**TO:** Toni McVay

**FROM:** Chantel Dorsey

**SUBJECT:** Remove Referrals from Public Works Committee

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*031017- Mason Manor*

On October 12, 2004, the Public Works Committee discussed the flooding issue in Mason Manor. Staff presented an alternative for installation of a diversion wall structure that would redirect the minor over flows from Hogtown Creek and reduce the number of minor flooding occurrences in the neighborhood. This alternative does not remove the homes from the flood zone. The Public Works Committee along with neighborhood representatives reviewed staff's recommendation and deemed it appropriate.

*002696- Issues of Southeast 4<sup>th</sup>*

Staff discussed a report for neighborhood improvements on SE 4th Place. On April 14, 2004 affected parties (St. Francis House, GPD, GFR, and residents of SE 4th Place) attended a public hearing that discussed issues on SE 4th Place and a possible street closing. As a short-term solution, Public Works implemented parking restrictions along SE 4th Place. This is a 1-hour time limit for parking from the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and parking is completely prohibited between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. This restriction has been in place for several months and appears to address issues on SE 4th Place. Additionally, the St. Francis House made some modifications to their property fencing which help restrict and control the foot traffic onto and off their property.

Public Works Staff agree to coordinate a meeting with affected parties to further discuss the chain linked fence installation in regards to cost, fence type, and fence length. For further improvements, Staff will continue to work with the neighborhood as necessary.

*001074- Flood Lights on R/W*

Staff discussed their response to the Public Works Committee. Their investigation found that several of the floodlights had been added after the original construction. Staff investigated this matter and found that after the City's Building Division reviewed their building plan, extra floodlights were added to their design. One of the locations received permits for the additional light fixtures. Staff advised the store manager to comply with Code requirements as the current light fixtures are in violation. The manager agreed to correct the problem and is searching for an electrician to disconnect the switching to the fixtures. In the interim, the floodlights will remain in the off position.

*040738- Main Street Project Contamination Concerns*

December 14, 2004, Staff gave an update on Main Street contamination concerns. Staff advises staff of the concerns with ownership of the roadway that will be constructed. Staff will be attending the County's meeting and will provide an update to the City Commission.

*040298- Roads and Ditches in the Duval Neighborhood*

Citizens of the Duval Neighborhood will work with Staff to better enhance their roads and ditches. Staff received a list of affected areas and will continue to work with the neighborhood as necessary. The City Road Maintenance program will provide additional assistance with this item.

*030231- City Road Maintenance Programs*

Staff implementing the Pavement Management System to assist with monitoring the City Road Maintenance Program

*030780- Solid Waste - Recycling Enhancement*

Staff adopted a proactive method in handling recycling enhancements to by inspecting and enforcing the following:

1) Monitoring commercial hauling vehicles and container spillage or need for repairs; 2) Issue violation notices to businesses and/or properties for non-compliance with Solid Waste Ordinances; 3) Mediate between businesses and haulers; 4) Research and determine property ownership; 5) Clean up waste from non-compliant business and bill back for charges; 6) Monitor commercially collected residential properties (apartments, condos, etc.); and 7) Monitor and evaluate commercial recycling goals

Staff will continue to educate the public to perform waste audits, and more to enhance the Gainesville Community. In the future, Staff implements a similar process for City Employees.



# City of Gainesville

## Referral Status

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File Number	Name	Referred to	Refer Date	Due Date
<i>Referred by:</i> City Commission				
050141	Safety at the 39th Avenue Girls Club - Donald Gaskin's Comment (NB)	Public Works Department	6/13/2005	12/13/2005

To: Stu Pearson, P.E.  
Interim Public Works Director

From: Philip R. Mann, P.E.  
Supervising Engineer - Traffic Operations

Subject: Entrance to the Girls Club on N.W. 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue (S.R. 222)

We have been asked to examine the access for the Girls Club of Alachua County at 2101 N.W. 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue. N.W. 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue is also a State Road (S.R. 222). At this location, N.W. 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue is a 5 lane cross section with the center lane being a left turn lane. Therefore, there is a left turn lane for westbound traffic into the Girls Club. This allows westbound traffic going to the Girls Club to get out of the through lane to await a gap in oncoming traffic to safely make their left hand turn lane. For eastbound traffic, there is not a right turn lane. This is a private development and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) would expect the Girls Club to construct a right turn lane as well as donate the right of way necessary to construct that lane (as with any private driveway). There currently is not sufficient right of way on the south side of N.W. 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue to construct a right turn lane.

The cross section for N.W. 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue is the same from N.W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street to N.W. 34<sup>th</sup> Street. Along this section of N.W. 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue, there is a series of streets and driveways on both sides of the street. I personally travel through this intersection numerous times daily as I live in the neighborhood north of the Girls Club. I actually exit from my neighborhood about 90% of the time on the street on the north side of N.W. 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue that aligns with the Girls Club Entrance. The access onto N.W. 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue is actually pretty good in that visibility for turning traffic into and out of the Girls Club is not obstructed and a westbound left turn lane exists.

As N.W. 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue is a State Highway, any traffic signs utilized must comply with State and Federal Standards. There is not a specific sign that would give further guidance or warning of the entrance.

The Girls Club only has frontage on N.W. 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Access to N.W. 19<sup>th</sup> Street or N.W. 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue would have to be through City owned parks. Both Green Tree Park to the east of the site and the Kiwanis Challenge Park to the south are currently developed. Access through these parks would also require redesign of the park and relocation of existing facilities.

Part of the access difficulties at this facility is most likely related to peak hour traffic congestion. This is common along the major arterials in the Gainesville Urban Area. The Girls Club is actually aided in their access by adjacent traffic signals. Traffic signals exist at 19<sup>th</sup> Street to the east and 24<sup>th</sup> Boulevard to the west of the site. The traffic signals, spaced at appropriate distances, provide gaps in traffic for turning traffic at the streets and driveways in between these two signals.

I hope this addresses the concerns. Please let me know if you need any additional information.