

City of Gainesville

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



Minutes

Monday, February 25, 2013

1:30 PM

City Hall, Room 16

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

*Commissioner Susan Bottcher, Chair
Commissioner Todd Chase, Member
Commissioner Thomas Hawkins, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs & Public Works meeting was called to order at 1:35PM.

ROLL CALL

Present 3 - Hawkins, Chase, and Bottcher

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

120872. Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2013 (B).

RECOMMENDATION *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee approve the minutes of the January 28, 2013 meeting as submitted.*

Approved 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.

120663. Student Participation in Public Art (NB)

This item involves a discussion of establishing a set aside for Art in Public Places funds for under 18 year old artists participating in the Art in Public Places (APPT) program.

Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers introduced this item. Russell Etling, Program Coordinator, explained that the Call to Artists criteria is utilized to maintain the highest caliber artwork by experienced artists. Staff recommended the removal of the requirement for applicants to be 18 years old and above from the Call to Artists language.

Commissioner Hawkins made a Motion for the Recreation, Cultural Affairs & Public Works Committee to support the staff recommendation and remove the item from the RCAPW referral list. Commission Chase seconded the Motion. The Motion was approved by consensus.

RECOMMENDATION *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee: 1) hear a staff report regarding Student Participation in Public Art; and 2) recommend that the City Commission: a) approve the removal from project calls of the*

language regarding age restriction being 18 years old or above, and b) remove this item from the referral list.

Approved as Recommended

120643. Transportation Accessibility to Medical Clinics via Regional Transit System (RTS) (B)

This item is to provide information requested by the City Commission regarding accessibility to medical clinics in the City of Gainesville provided by Regional Transit System (RTS).

Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers introduced this item. Doug Robinson, RTS Transit Planner Chief, met with Dr. Levy in December to discuss the list of clinics. A series of maps was developed indicating the location of the clinics in relation to RTS bus stops.

Dr. Maurice Levy requested a bus stop be located in front of the Mercy Clinic where 19 physicians and 100 students currently volunteer. Improved patient transportation to the clinic is needed. The closest bus stop is currently located in front of Florida Works about 200 yards north of Mercy clinic. The physicians encourage the patients to use public transportation and provide bus passes.

Doug Robinson explained that a quarter mile is the industry standard for the distance between bus stops in this area of Alachua County. Changing RTS routes is complicated and not all bus stops are ADA accessible. There is the possibility of relocating bus stops closer to the clinics but as new stops are created/improved the new bus stop amenities must meet ADA requirements. Ridership determines which improvements are made for each bus stop. Capital enhancements could include the sidewalk, pad, signage, bench, and trash receptacle.

Commissioner Hawkins made a Motion to ask the staff to focus on the RTS routes for three specific clinics (Rahma Mercy Clinic, Solstice Lab, and Westside Samaritan); what they would propose to provide greater accessibility; costs involved (operating costs and capital enhancements); and any negative affects to the balance of the route. The committee plans to discuss this at future meetings and requested that County staff be invited. Commissioner Chase seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION *The Committee discuss and provide directions.*

Approved as shown above (See Motion)

120127. Old Landfill Remediation (B)

This item is to provide information on Old Landfills for which the City has responsibility as well as an update on the progress of the Airport Landfill Remediation project.

Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers introduced this item. Teresa Scott described the history of the Airport Landfill and the remediation that has been performed. A conceptual closure plan for the Municipal Solid Waste/Construction and Demolition landfill north of the Gainesville Regional Airport was distributed to committee members. Staff will work with the consultant to revise the plans and submit them for approval to the FDEP. Final plans are expected to be completed by the end of summer 2013.

After hearing a presentation by staff, Commissioner Hawkins recommended that this agenda item be removed from the RCAPW referral list. Commissioner Chase seconded the Motion. The Motion was approved by consensus.

RECOMMENDATION *The RCAPW Committee hearing a presentation from staff.*

Approved as shown above (See Motion)

NEXT MEETING DATE Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 1:30PM

ADJOURNMENT

Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee meeting adjourned at 3:39PM.