

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Agenda

October 10, 2011

1:00 PM

City Hall, Room 16

Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee

*Commissioner Scherwin Henry, Chair
Commissioner Todd Chase, Member
Commissioner Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER**ROLL CALL****ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS****110211.****Fourth of July - City Fireworks (B)**

This item is a referral to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee regarding City funding for fireworks for the Fourth of July in the City of Gainesville

Explanation: Commissioner Todd Chase brought this item forward at the July 7, 2011 City Commission meeting after the cancellation of the 2011 "Fanfares and Fireworks" event at the University of Florida (UF). Commissioners would like to bring back a community Fourth of July fireworks event for 2012, either in conjunction with UF, and/or with support of the business community. WUFT has expressed a desire to work with the City of Gainesville to bring the event back in 2012. UF Executive Director of Multimedia Properties, Randall Wright, will provide a brief presentation regarding the history and current status of this event. In addition, Adam Boukari, Assistant to the City of Alachua City Manager, will provide information regarding the City of Alachua's event.

Fiscal Note: In 2011, the City Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department budgeted \$4,590 in its Support Services budget to co-sponsor the Fanfare and Fireworks event; however, the event was cancelled by the University of Florida due to a lack of sufficient funding for the event's \$30,000 budget. Funding in the amount of \$4,590 is included in the FY 11-12 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department budget to co-sponsor the Fanfares and Fireworks event in 2012.

RECOMMENDATION

The Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs Committee: 1) hear presentations by Randall Wright, Executive Director of Multimedia Properties, WUFT, and Adam Boukari, Assistant to the City of Alachua City Manager, regarding fireworks events; and 2) provide staff with direction regarding plans for 2012.

Legislative History

7/7/11 City Commission Referred (7 - 0)

Recreation, Cultural Affairs
and Public Works
Committee

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110258.**Private Purchase of Public Land (B)**

This item involves a referral to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee to review the matter of private purchase of public land.

Explanation: At their August 9, 2011 meeting, the City Commission referred the question of private purchase of public land to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee.

This matter was reviewed by the Nature Centers Commission (NCC) at their August 18, 2011 meeting. A letter of response from the NCC Chair was sent to Mayor Craig Lowe on September 19, 2011. This matter was also sent to the Public Works Lands Right Coordinator, who is responsible for procuring, disposing of, and administering real estate rights for the City.

Fiscal Note: This item does not require funding.

RECOMMENDATION

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee hear an update from staff and discuss the referral.

Legislative History

8/4/11	City Commission	Referred (6 - 0 - 1 Absent)	Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee
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090777.

Recreation Master Plan (B)

This item provides an update regarding the status of the Recreation Master Planning Process.

Explanation: At the May 6, 2010 meeting, the City Commission approved the expenditure of funds for the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs (PRCA) Department to contract with a Consultant to develop a Recreation Master Plan. PRCA Assistant Director Michelle Park provided a detailed presentation about the process to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee on October 10, 2010. Today's update to the Committee provides current information about the status of the Recreation Master Plan in its initial data collection phase.

The goal of this project is to develop a ten-year implementation plan for the various recommendations to serve the parks, recreation and cultural needs of Gainesville's citizens and create a framework for a well-balanced parks, recreation and cultural system for the City.

Fiscal Note: Funding for this project is available in the Wild Spaces Public Places Program, utilizing a portion of the funds dedicated for the approved Priority 1 project, "Neighborhood Park Improvements Recreation Master Planning Development."

RECOMMENDATION

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee hear an update from staff regarding the status of the Recreation Master Planning Process.

Legislative History

2/4/10	City Commission	Referred (6 - 0 - 1 Absent)	Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee
4/8/10	Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee	Approved, as shown above - See Motion(s)	
5/6/10	City Commission	Approved as Recommended (7 - 0)	
10/4/10	Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee	Discussed	

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