

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## Minutes

Monday, January 14, 2013

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 16

## Community Development Committee

*Commissioner Thomas Hawkins, Chair  
Commissioner Randy Wells, Member  
Commissioner Yvonne Hinson-Rawls, Member*

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## CALL TO ORDER

*The Community Development Committee was called to order at 5:37PM.*

## ROLL CALL

**Present** 3 - Hawkins, Wells, and Hinson-Rawls

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**Adopted**

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### 120737.

Community Development Committee Minutes of November 27, 2012 (B)

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The Community Development Committee approve the Minutes of November 27, 2012, as circulated.*

**Approved as Recommended**

### 120738.

Community Development Committee Minutes of December 18, 2012 (B)

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The Community Development Committee approve the Minutes of December 18, 2012, as circulated.*

**Approved as Recommended**

## DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

### 120740.

Review of Pending CDC Referrals (B)

*The Committee discussed that the four items of #090322 – Green Belt Study for City Perimeter, #090392 – Vision for E. University Avenue to Hawthorne Avenue – Five Points Area, #110259 – Historic Structure Protection and #110937 – Options for Land Use and/or Zoning Changes in the N. Main Street Charrette Area be brought before the Committee during the February and March meetings. The Committee directed staff to determine which two of the items will be heard at the February meeting and which two will be heard at the March meeting.*

*Upon request from Commissioner Hinson-Rawls, Ralph Hilliard, Planning Manager, gave a brief history of the item #110937 – Options for Land Use and/or Zoning Changes in the N. Main Street Charrette Area. Ralph Hilliard, Planning Manager, explained that this area is rolled into the Form Base Code area. Commissioner Wells requested staff to render a drawing of the new conceptual idea showing how it would look. Mr. Hilliard advised that this item remain on the referral list for easy accessible future reference.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The Community Development Committee review and approve the pending referral list and proposed action schedule prepared by staff.*

**Approved as Recommended**

120202.

Quasi-Judicial Boards Terms and Composition (B)

*The Community Development Committee heard a brief history and overview from Erik Bredfeldt, Interim Planning and Development Services Director.*

*Commissioner Hawkins handed out to staff and citizens a response email from Brent Godshalk, City Auditor, to give opinion on the Community Development Committee referral related to Ouasi-Judicial Boards' terms and attendance in comparison with the Audit Finance Legislative Committee's (AFLC) recent actions. Mr. Godshalk wrote that the Community Development Committee referral can be addressed independent of the AFLC referral, the only overlap is related to the City Attorney's efforts to bring back resulting ordinance revisions.*

*After the Committee heard input from staff and citizens on this item, the following motion was moved by Commissioner Hinson-Rawls, seconded by Commissioner Wells. Motion passed unanimously.*

*MOTION: The Committee recommends to the City Commission that term limits for the Board of Adjustments, City Plan Board, Development Review Board and Historic Preservation Board be eliminated.*

*After the Committee heard input from staff and citizens on this item, the following motion was moved by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Hinson-Rawls. Motion passed unanimously.*

*MOTION: The Committee moved: 1) To direct staff to present at the appropriate time, the Little John Engineering Associates final report to the Committee as a stakeholder; and 2) To remove item # 120202 from the referral list.*

RECOMMENDATION      *The Community Development Committee: 1) receive a presentation from staff; and 2) provide feedback and direction to staff as appropriate.*

**Approved as shown above (See Motion)**

**MEMBER COMMENT**

*Commissioner Hinson-Rawls brought forward a letter from Wells Fargo Bank North Florida division that references a Neighborhood LIFT initiative for \$1 million grants to local nonprofit organizations that offer programs that support homeownership and neighborhood stabilization such as housing for the homeless, workforce development and small and micro business assistance. Commissioner Hinson-Rawls requested that staff research the information to see if the City of Gainesville could qualify for the grant program.*

*Commissioner Hinson-Rawls brought forward information from Lorman OnDemand Webinars company advertising an OnDemand Learning – Online Continuing Education webinar titled Dealing With the Impact of Foreclosures on Municipalities and Communities. The Webinar subject targets to help local officials, other industry professionals, and property owners, to better understand and manage foreclosures and vacant property. Commissioner Hinson-Rawls expressed this may be an opportunity to look into for staff information and possibly offering a community meeting. Fred Murry, Assistant City Manager, will continue to work with Commissioner Hinson-Rawls identify resources to take advantage of opportunities to*

*enhance home ownership programs.*

*Commissioner Hinson-Rawls inquired into the status of Bernadette Harper's error, an issue from the last Community Development Committee meeting directed to staff to take a look at the situation. Fred Murry reported that Ms. Harper could not qualify because the rules stated she had to be in the house. Commissioner Hinson-Rawls reminded previously talking about taking Code Enforcement fees to set up a pool of money to help people make a house habitable so people could get in the house to get the other money. Commissioner Hawkins recounted that the Committee previously ask staff to come back within 60 days and directed staff be extremely aggressive to tell us how much it would cost so it could be budgeted to find funds to subsidize home loans, home repair and to have the attorney be aggressive on home matters.*

### **CITIZEN COMMENT**

*Don Shepherd asks how this credits the general public. And also, is this something the Mayor has questionable attributes about.*

**NEXT MEETING DATE - Monday, February 11, 2013 5:30 PM**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*The Community Development Committee adjourned at 6:40PM.*