

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

1:00 PM

City Hall, Room 16

Equal Opportunity Committee

*Commissioner Randy Wells, Chair
Commissioner Yvonne Hinson-Rawls, Member
Commissioner Susan Bottcher, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER - 1:06 PM

ROLL CALL

Present 3 - Wells, Bottcher, and Hinson-Rawls

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Adopted as circulated

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

120810. Equal Opportunity Committee (EOC) Minutes (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The EOC approve the minutes of 1/9/13 as circulated.*

Approved as Recommended

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

120699. Initiative 2.6 Development Strategies to Support Small, Minority and Women-owned Local Businesses (B)

The EOC received an update on and continued discussion of the City's five major projects by showing top dollar and breakdown of where dollars went to Small, Minority, and Women-owned Businesses.

Chair Wells recognized EO Director Cecil Howard, Finance Director Mark Benton and GRU Administrative Director Steve Stagliano who spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The Equal Opportunity Committee: 1) hear an update on five of the City's current major projects; and 2) take appropriate action.*

Discussed

120588. Disparity Study Referral (NB)

The EOC continued discussion of the benefits of conducting a Disparity Study.

MOTION: Ask Mr. Howard to contact the Montgomery, Alabama City Clerk about the status of their Ad hoc Disparity Study.

RECOMMENDATION *The Equal Opportunity Committee: 1) hear an update on conducting a Disparity Study; and 2) take appropriate action.*

Discussed

080938. Streamlining Gainesville Government Report (NB)

The EOC discussed the demographic and geographic make-up of the City's Boards and Committees. The lack of women and minority representation and the lack of

representation from the East side of town were of concern. Also discussed were ways to improve marketing of vacancies to include where and when to advertise.

Chair Wells recognized EO Director Cecil Howard and citizen Donald Sheppard who spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The Equal Opportunity Committee: 1) hear a presentation from EO Director on the issue of geographic and demographic representation on Citizen Boards; 2) discuss the issue of geographic and demographic representation on Citizen's Boards and Committees, and 3) take appropriate action.

Discussed

MEMBER COMMENT - None

CITIZEN COMMENT

Donald Sheppard spoke regarding citizens interested in applying for Boards and Committees.

NEXT MEETING DATE - March 13, 2013

ADJOURNMENT - 2:45 PM