

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## Minutes

Wednesday, August 14, 2013

4:00 PM

City Hall, Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room

## Community Development Committee

*Commissioner Thomas Hawkins, Chair  
Commissioner Randy Wells, Member  
Commissioner Todd Chase, Member*

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## CALL TO ORDER

*The meeting was called to order at 4:03 PM*

## ROLL CALL

**Present** 3 - Chair Hawkins, Member Wells, and Member Chase

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

*The agenda was adopted with modifications by consensus to hear item #121109 on Lighting Issues before item #130141 on Peddlers and Vendors.*

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[130219.](#) Community Development Committee Minutes of July 10, 2013 (B)

**RECOMMENDATION** *The Community Development Committee approve the Minutes of July 10, 2013, as circulated.*

**Approved as Recommended**

## DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

*These minutes are a summary of the meeting, not a verbatim discussion. A copy of the meeting recording may be provided upon request.*

[120740.](#) Review of Pending CDC Referrals (B)

*The Committee briefly reviewed the list and took no action.*

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

**No Action Taken**

[121109.](#) **Lighting Issues (B)**

*Assistant City Manager Fred Murry briefly introduced this item, and Sean McDermott of the City Attorney's Office gave an explanation and history of this item. Interim Planning and Development Services Director Erik Bredfeldt also spoke to the matter and provided an overview.*

*Mr. David Lea, GRU Senior Analyst, expressed concerns regarding operating and maintenance costs for GRU to become compliant under this new ordinance related to the unknowns of LED lighting.*

*Mr. John Hudson expressed concerns about language in the ordinance that creates a hardship on small businesses.*

*Planning staff explained that the new ordinance only assembled and organized the existing requirements into one place that were scattered through different sections of the ordinances and inefficient. A waiver process was included to provide flexibility in the new ordinance.*

*Mr. Hudson requested that the City provide a list of approved lighting fixtures under the ordinance, in order to make this simple for small business owners.*

*The Committee discussed concerns about protecting adjacent property owners, developing a loose definition of approved lighting fixtures, working on the waiver process for a photometric plan through a threshold, and determining feasibility for GRU to move to LED lighting and comply with the new ordinance. After a good deal of discussion and input from staff and citizens, the Committee asked that this item be brought back within the next few months with more information from staff.*

*The following motion was made by Commissioner Wells, second by Commissioner Chase, approved unanimously.*

*MOTION: Staff will provide more information on: 1) the GRU lighting program including current inventory and revenue information; 2) estimate the level of uncertainty/risk involved and the cost/benefit analysis of the GRU program moving to LED (capital & operating); 3) details from Planning staff on exemption process (particularly section F) and how to modify to respond to concerns of threshold and cost; 4) the potential of a similar LED Roadway Lighting program; and 5) including public safety lighting concerns if changes are recommended to the existing ordinance.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The Community Development Committee: 1) hear a brief presentation from staff on the revised Ordinance; and 2) direct staff as appropriate.*

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

[130141.](#)

**Peddlers and Vendors (B)**

*This item was introduced and a brief history given by Code Enforcement Manager Chris Cooper. Staff proposed adding a section to Chapter 19 to allow for game day vending booths adjacent to right-of-way. The Committee received input from staff and citizens on this item and discussed the challenges and benefits of a University event vending program. Commissioner Wells made the motion below, Chair Hawkins passed the gavel to Commissioner Chase and was the motion seconder; motion passed with a 2-1 vote (Commissioner Chase dissenting).*

*MOTION: The Community Development Committee directed staff to draft language for a University event vending program including a map to be brought back to the CDC.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The Community Development Committee: 1) hear a presentation from staff; 2) determine if the Community Development Committee wishes to recommend changes to the existing regulations to the City Commission; and 3) remove this item from the Community Development Committee's referral list.*

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

**MEMBER COMMENT**

*Commissioner Wells asked Assistant City Manager Murry about the Pledge 5 event that had a special event permit denied. Mr. Murry explained that the permit requires approximately 10 days, especially when closing roads, and unfortunately City staff did not have enough time to accommodate the late request. The organization only submitted the application one week in advance, even though it had been advertised several weeks in advance.*

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

*None*

**NEXT MEETING DATE - Wednesday, September 11, 2013 4:00 PM**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting was adjourned 6:30 PM*