

City of Gainesville

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200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes

Wednesday, May 22, 2013

4:00 PM

City Hall, Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room

Community Development Committee

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

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CALL TO ORDER - 4:12 PM

ROLL CALL

Present 3 - Hawkins, Hinson-Rawls, and Wells

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted by consensus.

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)

RECOMMENDATION

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

No Action Taken

[121069](#)

Food Trucks (B)

This issue of Food Trucks was referred to the Community Development Committee for review and discussion.

The Economic Development & Innovation Director, Erik Bredfeldt, introduced this item, and presentation was given by Lead Planner, Lawrence Calderon on the current regulatory regimen regarding the manner in which Food Trucks are permitted and regulated. The Committee also heard from Food Truck vendors about their existing operations and perceived problems with the current regimen. In addition, the Committee heard from interested citizens. The Committee deliberated and expressed an interest in allowing Food Trucks to provide eating services to the community using the existing Special Event Permit mechanism. The following motion was made by Commissioner Wells, second by Commissioner Hinson-Rawls, approved unanimously.

MOTION: Staff is to: 1) bring this item before the City Commission and request approval to initiate a Petition to the Plan Board that would allow for the issuance of a Special Event Permit for weekly Food Truck provision of service in the Central City District as a year-long pilot program; 2) publicize to stakeholders seeking comment on boundaries; and 3) remove this referral from the CDC pending referral list.

RECOMMENDATION

The Community Development Committee: 1) hear a presentation from staff on Food Trucks; 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(s)

[090795.](#)

Nuisance Abatement (NB)

This item is a follow up to previous discussions by the Community Development Committee regarding nuisance abatement.

The Economic Development & Innovation Director, Erik Bredfeldt, introduced this item, and received an update on this item from Code Enforcement Manager Chris Cooper. Staff provided information on the city initiating foreclosures on properties which have become a chronic nuisance and on which the city has a lien that would allow the city to initiate a foreclosure. Staff proposed a pilot program for FY14 to evaluate the long term potential for such a program, and also proposed a \$15,000 budget increment to fund the pilot program. The following motion was made by Commissioner Hinson-Rawls, second by Commissioner Wells, approved unanimously.

MOTION (Part 1): The Community Development Committee recommend to the City Commission to move forward with the Nuisance Abatement Foreclosure Pilot Program and approve the \$15,000 funding increment in the FY14 budget discussions.

Staff is also proposing a pilot program in FY14 to address overgrown vacant properties. A \$10,000 budget increment is being proposed to fund the program which will allow staff to administratively abate violations of Chapter 13 of the city's code of ordinances related to high grass and overgrowth. When the city performs an administrative abatement the property owner will be billed for the cost and any unpaid bills will result in a lien on the property. Commissioner Wells asked that staff reach out to the Gainesville Housing Authority's Section 3 program. The following motion was made by Commissioner Hinson-Rawls, second by Commissioner Wells, approved unanimously.

MOTION (Part 2): The Community Development Committee recommend to the City Commission to: 1) move forward with the Overgrown Property Nuisance Abatement Program; 2) approve the \$15,000 funding increment in the FY14 budget discussions; and direct staff to reach out to the Gainesville Housing Authority's Section 3 program.

RECOMMENDATION

The Community Development Committee: 1) discuss the pilot Nuisance Abatement Programs presented by staff; 2) determine if it is in the interest of the Community Development Committee to direct staff to implement the pilot Nuisance Abatement Programs; 3) recommend the City Commission approve FY2014 budget increments to implement the pilot programs; and 4) remove this item from the Community Development Committee's referral list.

Approved, as shown above - See Motion(s)

MEMBER COMMENT

Commissioner Hinson-Rawls asked about the status of neighborhoods being blanketed by flyers. Mr. Cooper addressed her questions and stated that a memo went to the Commission today on this issue.

Commissioner Hinson-Rawls asked about the status of the GTEC agreement. The item was discussed earlier at the EDUCC meeting. The CRA staff will be preparing an item for the Commissioners, and it will most likely be discussed at the upcoming

CRA Strategic Planning Session. Commissioner Hinson-Rawls asked that this item be expedited.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Dr. Goldstein asked about the status of #100529 – CPUH Heritage Overlay item for his neighborhood association. Mr. Bredfeldt told him that the item has been approved on the City side, and is only waiting on the neighborhood to make a decision and move forward with the item. Dr. Goldstein said he would consult with the neighborhood association board and get back with city staff on this matter.

Mr. Shepherd - various concerns

ADJOURNMENT - 5:52 PM