

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## Minutes

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

2:00 PM

Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room #16

## Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee

*Commissioner Susan Bottcher, Chair*  
*Commissioner Todd Chase, Member*  
*Commissioner Thomas Hawkins, Member*

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**CALL TO ORDER**

*Commissioner Bottcher called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM*

**ROLL CALL**

**Present** 3 - Hawkins, Chase, and Bottcher

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

*The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee adopted the agenda as circulated.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**121050.** Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2013 (B).

**Attachments:** [121050 Minutes 20130423.pdf](#)

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee approve the minutes of the April 2, 2013 meeting as submitted.*

**Approved as submitted.**

**DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS**

**120542.** Signage and Pavement Marking Improvements for Pedestrian Safety (B)

This item is a referral from the City Commission to discuss the issue of improvements to signage and pavement markings to enhance pedestrian safety.

**Attachments:** [120542 Presentation 20130128.pdf](#)

[120542\\_Signage PowerPt\\_20130423.pdf](#)

*Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers suggested consolidating agenda items 120542 and 121053 with 120712 to focus on the Strategic Initiative. Public Works Director Teresa Scott introduced Deborah Leistner, Public Works Planning Manager, who gave a presentation on potential safety improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists (including continued education to raise safety awareness) for a cost of approximately \$5 million.*

*Commissioner Hawkins made a Motion to move this staff recommendation and the back-up presentation to the full City Commission for consideration at a regular meeting prior to budget hearings. Commissioner Chase seconded the Motion.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The Committee discuss the issue of improvements to*

*enhance pedestrian safety.*

**The Motion passed by consensus.**

**120712.** Status Update on the City Commission Strategic Initiative 5.1 (B)

Strategic initiatives have been referred to Standing Committees to promote efficient and effective communication streams between elected officials, City staff and Gainesville residents concerning the implementation of the City's Strategic Plan. This item is a request for the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee to receive an update and discuss Strategic Initiative 5.1: Assess neighborhoods to determine the need for infrastructure improvements for bicycle and pedestrian use.

**Attachments:** [120712\\_SI 5-1 PowerPt\\_20130423.pdf](#)

*A presentation by Deborah Leistner outlined the infrastructure improvements for bicycle and pedestrian use. The desired outcome includes adequate and safe facilities to accommodate bicycle and pedestrian use, reducing automobile dependency and increasing accessibility and mobility options to all users of the transportation system. The University of Florida has expressed interest in creating a bike sharing program in partnership with the City.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee receive an update from staff and discuss the initiative.*

**No action taken on this item at this time.**

**121053.** Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (B)

**Attachments:** [121053\\_BikeMasterPlan PowerPt\\_20130423.pdf](#)

*Following a presentation by Deborah Leistner, Public Works Planning Manager, concerning the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, Commissioner Hawkins made a Motion for staff to prepare an amendment to Strategic Initiative 5.1 to add the goal of being a Gold Level League of American Bicyclist city, the bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements the Committee discussed earlier in the meeting, and the capital projects in the County Bike Master Plan within the city limits.*

*Staff was asked to prepare a list with the locations and priorities of the proposed safety improvements for the City Commissioners to review. Commissioner Hawkins amended his Motion as follows: Staff to prepare an amendment to Strategic Initiative 5.1 to add the goal of being a Gold Level League of American Bicyclist city and the capital projects in the County Bike Master Plan within the city limits. Commissioner Chase seconded the Motion.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *Refer to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee*

**The Motion passed by consensus.**

**121038.** Casual Sunday Events at McPherson Park (NB)

This is an event that has occurred on Sunday afternoons and evenings at the TB McPherson Center, 1707 SE 15th Street, for the past 18 years. The event originated for persons to gather and socialize without any programmatic components.

**Attachments:** [121038\\_Minutes\\_20130606.pdf](#)

*Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers introduced this item. Mr. Folkers asked Chief Jones to provide the history of the Casual Sunday event. The popularity of this event is creating traffic concerns and other potential issues as well as an additional expense.*

*Currently, two officers are positioned inside the event and two additional officers patrol 15th Street during the event at a cost of \$1070 each week. GPD is managing this weekly expense but at some point the City may need to allocate funds if the budget becomes strained. At this point in time, it appears that both the event and the budget are being managed. There is no action at this point.*

*Commissioner Hawkins made a Motion to remove this item from the RCAPW referral list. Commissioner Chase seconded the Motion.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The City Commission remove this item from the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee (RCAPW) referral list.*

**The Motion was approved by consensus.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee meeting adjourned at 4:07PM.*