

City of Gainesville

*City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601*



Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

3:00 PM

Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room

Public Safety Committee

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

130326. Approval of April 25, 2013 Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The Public Safety Committee approve the minutes of the April 25, 2013 meeting as submitted.*

The Committee voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2013 meeting as submitted.

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

110683. Alcohol Sales and Consumption Outdoors Downtown (B)

The basis of this referral is an interest in addressing increasing demand for outdoor events in the downtown area that allow the sale and consumption of alcohol on City property.

RECOMMENDATION *The Public Safety Committee discuss the draft ordinance, make changes as appropriate and provide a recommendation to the full City Commission.*

The Public Safety Committee continued the discussion of an amendment to the City's Alcohol Ordinance to address the interest of businesses to provide for the temporary outdoor sales and consumption of alcoholic beverages beyond University of Florida football home games. Among the proposed changes, entities would be allowed to apply for six events per location, plus five UF Home Games per year and be limited to a defined area. Downtown business owners spoke in favor of the proposed amendments to the ordinance. Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers commented that GDOT had been advised of the proposed changes at their September meeting and were in favor of the City moving forward with the recommendations.

Members of the Roller Rebels were in attendance at the meeting to request consideration from the City to use the MLK Center for their matches and for permission to sell alcohol at those events. It should be considered that if the City were to allow the sale of alcohol at the MLK Center for this group, they would have to allow it for other groups who request to sell alcohol. Several citizens spoke in support of the women's sports event at MLK, but not the sale of alcohol.

The Committee voted 3-0 to move forward to the full City Commission with the rewrite of the Alcohol Ordinance for discussion and to keep the MLK request

separate for future discussion.

120691.

Develop and Continue Programs to Reduce the Causes of Crime - CCOM Strategic Initiative (NB)

Strategic initiatives have been referred to Standing Committees and the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), 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 Public Safety Committee to receive an update on the progress of Strategic Initiative 1.1: Develop and Continue Programs to Reduce the Causes of Crime.

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Safety Committee receive an update from Police Chief Tony Jones and his staff on gangs and gang activity in the City.

Due to time constraints at the meeting, Chief Jones gave a brief update on gangs in Gainesville. GPD has many efforts they employ to deal with the gangs that he feels are helping; i.e., prevention, intervention, and re-entry programs. Chief Jones and members of his staff met recently with parents of gang members, some gang members, and school officials to discuss the incidents at local schools. More meetings with this group are planned for the future.

Chief Jones will make a full presentation to the Black On Black Crime Task Force Meeting on October 2 at the Kirby Smith Administration Building.

MEMBER COMMENT

None.

CITIZEN COMMENT

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next scheduled meeting date is Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.