

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Draft

April 12, 2018

1:00 PM

Roberta Lisle Kline Room

General Policy Committee

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Harvey Budd (At Large)

Commissioner Helen Warren (At Large)

Commissioner Charles Goston (District 1)

Commissioner Harvey Ward (District 2)

Commissioner David Arreola (District 3)

Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)

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ROLL CALL - 1:03 PM

Present 6 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola

Absent 1 - Commissioner Goston

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Ward, that this Matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, Commissioner Warren, and Commissioner Ward

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Goston, and Commissioner Arreola

AGENDA STATEMENT

[170947.](#) **General Policy Committee Minutes (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee approve the minutes of March 22, 2018.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Warren, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, that this Matter be Approved as Recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, Commissioner Warren, and Commissioner Ward

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Goston, and Commissioner Arreola

[170389.](#) **Wild Spaces Public Places Proposed Projects and Implementation (B)**

The General Policy Committee will hear an update on Wild Spaces Public Places (WSPP).

Commissioner Arreola arrived at 1:05 pm.

Dan Hoffman gave a brief introduction.

Betsy Waite and Sarit Sela made presentations.

Michelle Park and Fred Murry spoke to the matter.

Listed below are comments/suggestions from the City Commission:

Mayor Poe: 1) Clarence R. Kelly Center - Pull all of the active uses up to NE 17th Street; NE 8th Avenue is good; and put parking on the backside to engage with the neighborhood and sidewalks; 2) Sweetwater Park - could use two to three shade

structures out in the park (little benches with roofs over them); 3) Revisit the idea of mini skateboard features; and 4) Creating a living music instrument park.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos: 1) Reserve Park - NE 11th street (sidewalks); 2) Bridge over Sweetwater (create an interesting bridge); 3) Connecting Sweetwater on the south (into the alligator head) to the Hawthorne Trail; 4) Work on the Trails Master Plan with the County so the community can see a long-term vision in the community; 5) Forest Park (lights for soccer) (this park is not on the WSPP list, and would have to be funded through the regular CIP); 6) Trash cans and recycling; 7) Adding more parks to areas that were recently annexed (Tower Road and Williston Road); and 8) Rubberized track.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd: 1) A Quinn Jones Museum Improvements - Clean up the parking lot across the street to allow for more parking (as well as bus ingress/egress).

Commissioner Ward: 1) Signage - Tends to not be standard (Needs to tell a story); 2) Hogtown Headwaters Park (Tom Petty opportunity); and 3) Weiss property to be used for an active park (this park is not on the WSPP list).

Staff will report back on the Tom Petty survey at the April 26, 2018 meeting.

Commissioner Warren: 1) Is there a residential structure being incorporated into the plans. Phil Mann stated that the ultimate goal between GRU/Public Works includes the educational building and welcoming center; 2) Activity stations along the trails; and 3) Exercise equipment outdoors.

Commissioner Arreola: 1) Art in public spaces (public art); and 2) Cricket facility.

Jon Reiskind, Robert Hutchinson, Julia Reiskind, Amy Carpus and Meg Neiderhofer spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The members of the General Policy Committee provide any appropriate policy guidance related to Wild Spaces Public Places at this time.

Discussed

[140699.](#)

Transportation Safety / Vision Zero Framework (B)

This item is a request for the General Policy Committee to discuss the transportation issues and transportation system safety.

Debbie Leistner made a presentation.

Mayor Poe would like to have a discussion in the future about city-wide maximum speed limits.

Captain Jorge Campos, Phil Mann and Sergeant Nancy Kerkau spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee 1) hear a presentation; 2) direct staff to: (a) bring a Vision Zero policy to the City Commission for consideration; (b) continue to work with

stakeholders; and (c) determine costs for the development of a local Vision Zero plan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Warren, seconded by Commissioner Arreola, that this Matter be Approved as Recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Goston

[170717.](#)

Charter Review Commission (B)

Nicolle Shalley and Omichele Gainey spoke to the matter.

Motion: Authorize the City Attorney to craft the framework and language for Charter Review Commission (model off of Alachua County).

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee hear an update and discuss as deemed appropriate.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Ward, that this Matter be Approved, as shown above. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Goston

[170950.](#)

General Policy Committee Referral List (B)

This is a request for the General Policy Committee to review anticipated dates for pending items to be placed on an upcoming General Policy Committee Agenda.

Item No. 170799 - Clarifying what Qualifies an Accelerated Change vs. a Normal Change to the Land Development Code. - (Possibly add to the April 19, 2018 City Commission meeting - to be heard in the afternoon).

Item No. 160349 - Review of the Tree Ordinance Expansion of the Uses of the Tree Mitigation Fund - Move to May 10, 2018.

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee review the list of anticipated dates for pending referrals to be placed on upcoming General Policy Committee Agendas.*

Discussed

ADJOURNMENT - 4:05 PM