

City of Gainesville

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



Minutes

Thursday, March 12, 2015

1:00 PM

City Hall, Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room

Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works **Committee**

*Commissioner Lauren Poe, Chair
Commissioner Yvonne Hinson-Rawls, Member
Commissioner Helen Warren, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Poe called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Hinson-Rawls entered the meeting at approximately 1:23 PM.

Present 3 - Commissioner Poe, Commissioner Hinson-Rawls, and Commissioner Warren

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[140795.](#)

Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2015 (B)

RECOMMENDATION

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee approve the minutes of the February 12, 2015 meeting as submitted.

Approved by Consensus

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

The minutes are a summary of the meeting and are not verbatim discussion. A copy of the meeting recording will be provided upon request.

[130861.](#)

Glen Springs Property Appraisal and Potential Acquisition (NB)

This is a request for the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee to review and discuss the matter of possible acquisition and public use of the Glen Springs property.

Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers introduced this item and Jeff Montgomery provided a presentation. Additional input was provided by several members and partners of the Friends of Glen Springs (FROGS). After the presentation and much discussion, the FROGS members agreed to work with staff and the Elks to determine what will be needed for a public/private partnership to take place and they will report back to the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee review and discuss the matter of possible acquisition and public use of the Glen Springs property with FROGS representatives.

Discussed

[140739.](#)**Welcoming City (B)**

Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers introduced this item and Sam Trickey provided a brief presentation. The committee heard public input and had a brief discussion. Commissioner Warren made the following motion, with a second by Commissioner Hinson-Rawls that was approved unanimously.

MOTION: The RCAPW Committee direct staff to determine the details and recommendations for the City Of Gainesville to become a "Welcoming City" and move this item to the City Commission for consideration and ask it be removed from the referral list.

RECOMMENDATION *The Committee discuss the Welcoming City Initiative and provide staff with guidance as appropriate.*

Approved as shown above (See Motion)

[130508.](#)**Strategic initiative 6.3: Identify Steps of Implementation for the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Master Plan and Continued Acquisition of Conservation Land (B)**

This item involves a request for the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee to discuss the Trust for Public Land proposal to conduct feasibility research and provide recommendations to develop a program to fund the implementation of the Master Plan.

Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers introduced this item. Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Assistant Director Michelle Park provided the staff presentation and update. At the February 12, 2015 RCAPW meeting, the Committee voted to request the Mayor send a letter to the Trust for Public Land (TPL) Regional Office located in Tallahassee, requesting Technical Advice and Assistance with the Commission's Strategic Initiative 6.3 to develop a program to fund the implementation of the Master Plan. TPL provides professional technical services to state and local government executives, boards and public agencies that need to research and evaluate recreation and conservation options.

At the February 19, 2015 City Commission meeting the Commission approved a request for the Mayor to send a letter to TPL's Regional Office as recommended by the Committee. In response to the Mayor's letter, TPL has provided a proposal for technical advice and assistance to support the City's efforts. TPL's findings and recommendations should be available in May, 2015. Commissioner Hinson-Rawls made the following motion, with a second by Commissioner Warren that was approved unanimously.

MOTION: The RCAPW Committee direct staff to bring the TPL proposal to the City Commission on March 19, 2015 for acceptance of the proposal and to direct the City Manager to proceed.

RECOMMENDATION *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee: 1) discuss the Trust for Public Land proposal to conduct feasibility research and provide recommendations to develop a program to fund the implementation of the Master Plan, and 2) make a recommendation to the City Commission.*

Approved, as shown above - See Motion(s)

140180.

Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee Referrals (B)

The Committee reviewed the referral and provided direction to staff to hear items #100607, #140514, and #130508 in April. The Committee agreed to add items #140581 and #140739 to the list to request removal from the referral list. They also agreed to rename item #140316 to "Mulch in Parks." After some discussion regarding the former Strategic Initiative 7.2 (#130510), Commissioner Hinson-Rawls made the following motion, with a second by Commissioner Warren that was approved unanimously.

MOTION: The RCAPW Committee request that the City Commission refer a new item to the RCAPW Committee regarding "Commercial Garbage and Recycling" to deal with pricing and contract term concerns present in local commercial garbage contracts as well as potential solutions to commercial recycling obstacles.

RECOMMENDATION *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee review and prioritize the list of pending referrals.*

Approved as shown above (See Motion)

MEMBER COMMENT

None

CITIZEN COMMENT

None

NEXT MEETING DATE - Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 1:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM.