

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 31, 2011

2:30 PM

City Hall, Room 16

Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee

*Commissioner Scherwin Henry, Chair
Commissioner Thomas Hawkins, Member
Commissioner Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 PM and those present introduced themselves.

ROLL CALL

Present: Scherwin Henry and Thomas Hawkins
Absent: Jeanna Mastrodicasa

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Hawkins moved and Commissioner Henry seconded to adopt the agenda as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

100662. Approval of the December 13, 2010 Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes (B)

Commissioner Hawkins moved and Commissioner Henry seconded to approve the minutes as presented.

RECOMMENDATION *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee approve the minutes of the December 13, 2010 meeting as submitted.*

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DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

These minutes are a summary of the meeting and are not a verbatim discussion. an audio recording of the meeting is available upon request.

100470. Fifth Avenue Paint-Out Sponsorship (NB)

This item is a referral to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee regarding City sponsorship of a "Paint-Out."

Mr. Folkers provided the background on this item that was brought up by Commissioner Poe and referred to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee. Steve Phillips, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director advised that . Mr. Phillips advised that City staff met with CRA staff, Sue Johnson and Maury Lowry to discuss the 5th Avenue Paint Out.

Ms. Johnson distributed information on the initial planning of the 5th Avenue Paint

Out (Plein Air), which is an event where artists in the community are invited to make paintings outside about significant buildings and or people in the area. The proposed date for the Paint Out is Saturday, October 15, 2011.

Commissioner Hawkins commented that he liked the idea and was pleased that the CRA is assisting. He recommended contacting neighborhood representatives in the 5th Avenue and Pleasant Street neighborhoods for assistance.

Commissioner Henry inquired if the artists will perform individual paintings of the area or are they assigned an area to paint. Ms. Johnson advised that artists are self contained and self sufficient. The general theme would be to paint the neighborhood; although, CRA does have a map that has been developed for the Heritage Trail project. Commissioner Henry suggested that the paintings would have more meaning if they are historical aspects of the neighborhood. Mr. Kiner advised that CRA could identify objects, such as the Heritage Trail.

Ms. Johnson inquired about the City assisting with porta-potties and/or signage. Commissioner Hawkins inquired about the funding process for special event funding. Mr. Phillips advised about the two year funding cycle that has already passed. Commissioner Henry inquired about the CRA assisting with funding. Mr. Kiner advised that the CRA does not have any funding at this time for this project. Mr. Phillips advised that the staff will review the Cultural Affairs budget. Commissioner Henry suggested sending out letters to see if different companies would be willing to donate porta-potties. Mr. Folkers advised that staff will look for areas that they can provide in-kind services.

RECOMMENDATION *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee hear a proposal by Sue Johnson regarding the City of Gainesville sponsoring a Paint-Out with local artists in the Fifth Avenue area.*

Discussed

100544. Cinema Verde Environmental Film Festival (NB)

Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers gave a brief update on this item and introduced Ms. Trish Riley of the Cinema Verde Environmental Film Festival. Ms. Riley gave an overview on the Environmental Film Festival. The festival was held for the first time last spring and generated about \$30,000 in support for the 3-month period. The Environmental Film Festival is a way to educate the public in ways to help protect the planet. Commissioner Henry inquired if Cinema Verde Environmental Film Festival has had any conversations with GRU. Ms. Riley advised that they have not had any conversations with GRU this time; however, the last time GRU donated \$500 and metal water bottles. Commissioner Hawkins provided contact information for the GRU Community Outreach Coordinator. Ken McMurry, Cinema Verde Environmental, made comments about the film and art festival; specifically, the art component. Commissioner Henry inquired about where some of the events will take

place. Locations include the Bo Didley Community Plaza, Harn Museum and The Hippodrome.

Commissioner Henry inquired about topics of speakers and films. Ms. Riley advised that some of topics include water, waste and economic justice. Mr. McMurry advised the committee that they have reviewed the city's strategic plan and believe they can coordinate some of the initiatives into their festival.

Commissioner Henry inquired if they have considered sponsoring a symposium for businesses about going green and charging a fee to raise funds for their organization. Commissioner Hawkins inquired about fee waivers for use of the plaza. Mr. Phillips advised that the plaza is coordinated by GPD. Mr. Folkers advised that staff would look for opportunities to assist with in-kind services. Ms. Riley asked that the City get involved with Earth Hour at 8:00 PM on March 26th.

MOTION: Commissioner Hawkins motioned and Commissioner Henry seconded that the City Commission authorize a resolution to dim lights for Earth Hour.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission: 1) hear a presentation from representatives of the Cinema Verde Environmental Film Festival and comments from City staff; and 2) provide any comments and suggestions.*

Discussed

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100523. City of Gainesville Registry of Protected Public Places Listing (B)

This item is a referral from the Gainesville City Commission to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee (RCAPW) regarding the potential listing of eleven (11) nature parks to the Registry of Protected Public Places.

Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers gave a brief update on this item. Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director Steve Phillips introduced Don Hambidge, Assistant Public Works Director, Ann Mullins, GRU Land Rights Coordinator and Stephanie Nagid, PRCA Program Coordinator. Mr. Phillips advised that the properties on the list does not specifically affect PRCA departments but has a broader scope. It could theoretically affect other departments which is why GRU and Public Works staff are included in the discussions. Stephanie reviewed the power point presentation with the Committee. Ms Nagid pointed out that staff sent out the listing to other departments they felt might need input; and all were ok with it. Staff also met with GRU to discuss the allowable uses and determined that the following statement will be included: "subject to approval by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs department, utilities as needed for park or other city owned property development or to serve another utilities customer outside the park or the city owned property . This statement has been reviewed by both General Government and GRU attorneys.

Commissioner Hawkins inquired about Phase II "properties that need evaluated for development". Ms. Nagid advised that this is for park development and will be clearly stated in the acquisition plans. Commissioner Hawkins made several comments: 1) he would like to be more aggressive in listing allowable uses to include things like a very broad general definition of utilities ; 2) roadways; and 3) legal descriptions should describe property with 15 ft buffers that encroachment might be allowed.

Commissioner Hawkins inquired if discussions are ongoing about the railroad right of way that GRU owns up towards the county line. Ms. Mullins advised that GRU is actively working on that property. They have been contacted by the Alachua Conservation Trust (ACT) many times and the most recent conversation with ACT was that they have submitted for an extension to grant funding from the state and are awaiting an offer. They are in the process of having it appraised and hoping it will be turned over to the state or ACT for Rails-for-Trails. Ms. Mullins advised that GRU's only interest is for future uses or reservation utility easements.

MOTION: Commissioner Hawkins motioned and Commissioner Henry seconded that this item is approved as recommended.

RECOMMENDATION

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee: 1) receive a presentation from City staff; and 2) recommend to the City Commission that the proposed properties be included in the Registry of Protected Public Places Listing.

Approved as Recommended

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MEMBER COMMENT

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NEXT MEETING DATE - Thursday, February 24, 2011 @ 1:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 PM