

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes

Wednesday, January 9, 2013

1:00 PM

City Hall, Room 16

Equal Opportunity Committee

*Commissioner Randy Wells, Chair
Commissioner Yvonne Hinson-Rawls, Member
Commissioner Susan Bottcher, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER - 1:05 PM

ROLL CALL

Present 3 - Wells, Bottcher, and Hinson-Rawls

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Adopted as circulated

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[120688.](#) **Equal Opportunity Committee (EOC) Minutes (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The EOC approve the minutes of 11/14/12 as circulated.*

Approved as Recommended

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

[100419.](#) **Local and Minority Business Opportunities in City Projects (B)**

The EOC discussed in detail three major City projects as to the use of Small, Minority, and Women-owned Businesses, the use of subcontractors, and the ability of being able to collect such data on projects.

Chair Wells recognized EO Director Cecil Howard, Small & Minority Business Coordinator Sylvia Warren, Finance Director Mark Benton, Attorney Stephanie Marchman, GRU Administrative Director Steve Stagliano, and GRU Purchasing Manager Joann Dorval who spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The Equal Opportunity Committee: 1) hear an update on three of the City's major construction projects; and 2) take appropriate action.*

Discussed

[120588.](#) **Disparity Study Referral (NB)**

The EOC briefly discussed the benefits of conducting a Disparity Study and the need to do a competitive review by surveying the territory concerning proposals and costs.

Chair Wells recognized EO Director Cecil Howard who spoke to the matter.

MOTION: Ask Mr. Howard and his office to come up with a pool of potential Disparity Study consultants including UF, and at least three model cities that would compare to in comparable size to Gainesville, and bring back to the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION *The Equal Opportunity Committee: 1) discuss conducting a Disparity Study; and 2) take appropriate action.*

Approved, as shown above - See Motion(s)

MEMBER COMMENT

Commissioner Bottcher acknowledged Mr. Howard as being a first time Grandfather.

CITIZEN COMMENT

- 1. Donald Sheppard spoke regarding Gay Construction, Depot Project, and directing the Dignity Project to EO.*
- 2. Khali Blount spoke regarding a GRU flyer as to whether it lists Small and Minority businesses, and possibly adding John Mills to the as a Disparity Study consultant.*

NEXT MEETING DATE - February 13, 2013

ADJOURNMENT - 2:31 PM