

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 24, 2008

1:00 PM

City Hall, Room 16

Community Development Committee

*Commissioner Jack Donovan, Chair
Commissioner Scherwin Henry, Member
Commissioner Thomas Hawkins, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:07PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jack Donovan, Scherwin Henry and Thomas Hawkins

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Community Development Committee adopted the July 24, 2008 agenda with the following modification: 1) Move the Energy Efficiency Standard and Requirement item to be first on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

080187. Minutes of June 24, 2008 (B)

The Community Development Committee adopted the June 24, 2008 Minutes with the following modification: 1) Replace the second sentence of the last paragraph on page two to read, "He noted that there would be impact to the City itself, create deprivation for the whole region, including loss of the vibrant inner-core to the County."

RECOMMENDATION *The Community Development Committee approve the minutes of June 24, 2008.*

080194. Minutes of July 7, 2008 (B)

The Community Development Committee adopt the July 7, 2008 Minutes with the following modifications: 1) Strike-out the first two sentences of the sixth paragraph on page two; and 2) Delete paragraph three on page two as it is a duplicate of paragraph four; and 3) correct the spelling of Mr. Hermsdorfer's name in the first sentence of the first paragraph on page three.

RECOMMENDATION *The Community Development Committee approve the minutes of July 7, 2008.*

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

070604. Annexation of Strategic Ecosystems (B)

Erik Bredfeldt, Planning and Development Services Director, gave a history of the Annexation of Strategic Ecosystems item and introduced Alachua County's presentation of Protection of Annexed Wetlands, Strategic Ecosystems and Green Infrastructure to be presented by Chris Bird, Environmental Protection Department of Alachua County and Steve Hofstetter, Environment Protection Department of Alachua County. The presentations are attached.

The Alachua County Environmental Protection Department staff recommends the City support Alachua County protection standards in green belt areas that the City is currently annexing.

Chair Donovan stated if an agreement is reached, the Committee can make a recommendation to the City Commission to start thinking in terms of two sets of development standards depending on whether it already developed or whether it constitutes a natural resource that is potentially a green infrastructure and we shouldn't devastate it. Commissioner Henry stated that, or it is what the County originally considers their Green Belt coming into the City to work to keep the same standards that the County had when the land was in their jurisdiction.

Chair Donovan reiterated that the actual suggestion is for us to keep track of green infrastructure or for us to coordinate with the County to do that. The Community Development Committee directed Fred Murray to carry back to the City Manager the tracking request to make sure it is done.

Chair Donovan directed staff to submit analysis of the eight recommendations from Alachua County and report back to the Community Development Committee

Chair Donovan summarized discussion by stating to draft an ordinance to integrate the ideas of the Alachua County Environmental Protection Department's recommendations in terms of seeing ourselves having two kinds of areas to develop: 1) strategically environmental sensitive areas; 2) the other, already developed areas; and, 3) to see if with the strategically sensitive areas, whether there is a way to do a low impact development.

Chair Donovan directed staff to bring back the status of the significant ecological communities district within the City of Gainesville land development code.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission referred the issue of annexation of strategic ecosystems, and the transfer of development rights to the Community Development Committee to examine stronger protection for our strategic ecosystem.*

Discussed

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070956.

Energy Efficiency Standards and Requirements (B)

Heidi Lannon, Managing Utility Analyst Planning, GRU, gave explanation to the Community Development Committee as to why the Energy Efficiency Standard and Requirements item should be continued until after the State Legislation acts. The latest energy law that was signed by the Governor this year was legislated that this item be addressed as the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Florida Public Service Commission will make recommendations as to how the energy code will be adjusted.

RECOMMENDATION *On January 28, 2008, the City Commission referred the entire matter back to the Community Development Committee for discussion.*

Discussed

060987.

Transition Policies for Mobile Home Parks (B)

Mr. Harnsberger introduced Marty Easters, a Buck Bay Homeowner, to present explanation of a request to the Community Development Committee to process City financial aid to the Buck Bay Mobile Home Park residents without the current City invoicing policy.

Chair Donovan directed Fred Murray and Erik Bredfeldt to address the present question if there a more efficient way to process financial aid to the residents of Buck Bay Mobile Home Park.

RECOMMENDATION *Staff to report back on: 1) transition policy statements which will encompass finance, land use and zoning, and a number of other issues; 2) Ms. Richardson provide information to the Committee on the transition policy for mobile home parks; 3) Planning Division staff to provide a land inventory to find out how much suitable acreage the City has for mobile home parks throughout the community that could be zoned for mobile home parks, and address the comment addressed on page 2 of the report made by Commissioner Lowe; 4) description of the process for the transition policy, including an impact analysis; 5) a report on a case-by-case basis if there is a mobile home what will be the permitted uses.*

Discussed

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Principles of Sustainability in Significant Decisions (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *Community Development Committee hear an update at a*

future meeting to be sure that the City identifies recommendations for best practices, and to look at other communities, making sure that we are undertaking sustainability practices.

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NEXT MEETING DATE

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:00PM.