

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes

May 30, 2017

4:00 PM

GRU Multipurpose Room, SE 4th Ave., Gainesville 32601

Citizen Committee for Implementing the Strategic

Framework

Kevin Thorpe, Chair

Randy Wells, Vice-Chair

Fatma Kaplan

Cary Bryant

Susan Davenport

Gerard Duncan

Dave Ferro

John Fleming

Mitch Glaeser

Gail Johnson

Diyonne McGraw

Art Stockwell

Quang Tran

Jahmere Webb

CALL TO ORDER

Facilitator S. Wolfe indicated they had not established a quorum; however S. Wolfe and Chairman Thorpe indicated members were in route and called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm.

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Wells, seconded by Member Fleming to Adopt the Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

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Workshop 8: Final Recommendations (NB)

This item requests the Committee participate in a deeper dive into the Committee's big ideas which support implementing the Strategic Plan Framework.

RECOMMENDATION *The Citizen Committee participate in a retreat.*

MEMBER COMMENT

S. Wolfe opened by recapping the purpose of the meeting regarding the finalization of the objectives and wording from the deeper dive segments for the final presentation on June 1st, 2017.

With no quorum present the decision was made to begin completion of the items for the report/presentation and hold the adoption of the agenda until a quorum is reached.

Chairman Thorpe voiced concerns of items that are a definite/obvious no go.

DISCUSSION OF TOPICS

The finalizations of the topics were discussed as follows.

*Economy
Public Private Ambassador(s)
See minutes from 5/23/17*

*Convention Center
See minutes from 5/23/17*

*Air Travel
-12 month process for commission to evaluate the economic impact of combined services. (NEAR)
-existing airports to remain as private.*

MOTION

Passed

Motion made by member McGraw to keep Air Travel on the list. Seconded by member Fleming. Passed; count Aye – 5, Nay – 2

DISCUSSION OF TOPICS

Equity
GNV4ALL
See minutes from 5/23/17

Youth Training + Employment
See minutes from 5/23/17

East Gainesville
-Identify locations for TOD include park + ride (zoning, etc)
-use to spur shopping + retail + housing + job centers (NEAR)

Future
City, County, School Board Cooperation - Retitled
-Annual (Q+A forum), open w/all citizens, discussion among all 3 elected bodies (televised) w/agenda items to improve collaboration
-Better cooperation for improved regional impact (NEAR)
-Add “regional impact” to agenda items. (NOW)
-Ambassador (FAR)

Re-Imagine City Hall Campus - Re-titled
See minutes from 5/23/17

Linear Park & Art Walk
-24 months w/UF to connect campus to downtown + create an Art Line to Depot Park.
-Ask CRA, in conjunction/ UF + stakeholders to design + fund SW 2nd as a Linear Park.
-Develop best pedestrian connection between Downtown + South Main
-Improved transit

Community Model
Unified Branding (retitle)
-Ex: Be Boulder (CU), Austin (As phases + take part in)
-bridges, downtown statue, stars, place making, history, natural amenities
1-yr. committee: strategy of branding + communicating on overpasses on I75
-unified: ownership, values
-living lab: put ideas in motion
-replicate on Waldo Rd, airport, (creating doorways into community)

Hiring Citizens in Need (retitle)
-City Day: laborer/small contracts (piloting now, roll out across [AY])
-ex: Boston, Denver, Small city outside Austin (NEAR)
Add 4th initiative to RFP request
Hiring model (GRACE WORKS) job program, job incubator find + train for chronically

*unemployed (public + private) (NOW)
High Speed Internet*

Removed – push Cox & UF collaborative for high speed internet.

Assignments for presentation

*Chairman Thorpe – Open & Close of Presentation
John Fleming/Randy Wells – Linear Park & Art Walk
John Fleming – Public, Private Ambassador
Gail Johnson – GNV4ALL
Kevin Thorpe – Youth Training
Diyonne McGraw – Conference Center
Art Stockwell – City, County & School Board
Susan Davenport – Unified Branding
Diyonne McGraw/John Fleming – Air Travel
Art Stockwell – Hiring Citizens in Need
John Fleming – East Gainesville*

CITIZEN COMMENT

NONE

NEXT MEETING DATE

NONE SCHEDULED

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ENDED AT 8:16 PM