

Petition PZ-09-61 LUC City of Gainesville Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs, agent for City of Gainesville. Amend the City of Gainesville Future Land Use Map from Residential Low-Density (up to 12 units per acre) to Recreation. Located at 1500 Northwest 45th Ave. Tax parcel number, 07883-010-005. Related to PZ-09-62 ZON.

Jason Simmons gave the staff presentation and stated that the property is 8.8 acres and will provide for recreational opportunities for the neighborhood and the community. Mr. Simmons further stated that PS uses that are being proposed to occur on this site are:

- Public park and recreation area including active and passive recreational amenities
- Public nature and interpretative Center
- Accessory uses incidental to any permitted principal use
- Setback requirements within the existing PS zoning district

Mr. Simmons added that the setbacks will comply with the dimensional requirements of the PS zoning district. Mr. Simmons further added that the uses are general in nature because specified uses have not been identified and staff is recommending approval of both petitions.

Chris Dawson inquired if there could be more intense uses anticipated for this site or is it more of a conservation type of park and recreational category. Geoffrey Parks, Habitat Naturalist stated that the grant award agreement under which this property was purchased states that the natural resources on the property as a whole will need to be protected; along with providing two active recreational amenities. Mr. Parks further stated that this is envisioned as one of the highest intensity developed portions of the park and will be the main portal for the public and will include parking, a nature center and two active recreational amenities of a picnic pavilion and a trail head facility. Mr. Parks added that the active recreation will be small scale type of activities such as tennis and volleyball.

Chair Wells opened the floor for public comment and no one came forward.

Motion By: Jack Walls	Seconded By: Adrian Taylor
Moved To: Approve.	Upon Vote: 5 – 0 (B. Cohen not present for vote.)