

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Agenda

May 14, 2012

1:00 PM

Modified Agenda

City Hall, Room 16

Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee

*Commissioner Scherwin Henry, Chair
Commissioner Todd Chase, Member
Commissioner Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER**ROLL CALL****ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****APPROVAL OF MINUTES****110945.****Approval of the February 13, 2012, and April 9, 2012, Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee approve the minutes of the February 13, 2012, and April 9, 2012, meetings as submitted.

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110945B_Draft 4-9-12 Minutes_20120514.pdf

DISCUSSION ITEMS**110398.****Sweetwater Branch/Paynes Prairie Sheetflow Restoration Project (B)**

This item provides an update to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee regarding the public use element of the project and a management model for the site.

Explanation: During the June 17, 2010, meeting of the City Commission, staff was directed to investigate the possibility of privatizing the operation and maintenance of the public use facilities. It may be possible to operate the park in a manner similar to the Kanapaha Botanical Gardens model. Staff proposes to issue a Request for Letters of Interest from parties potentially interested in operating the wetland park. If privatization is determined to be feasible, the respondents may be invited to join the design team and help finalize the design of the public use facilities."

Staff pursued the City Commission's direction, and found that Kanapaha Botanical Gardens (Gardens) is a 62-acre facility founded, developed, funded and operated by the North Florida Botanical Society, a non-profit educational organization. The Gardens' funding comes from a variety of sources: memberships, admissions, rentals, grants and donations. Staff completed a solicitation for a contract operator for the wetland park, which concluded on September 28, 2011; no responses were received. Staff presented this information to the City Commission on October 10, 2011, at which time the matter was referred to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works (RCAPW) Committee for further discussion.

At the April 9th Committee meeting, staff presented supplemental estimates to aid the feasibility analysis: Option 1 for contract operation and Option 2 for PRCA operation of the facility. Staff was asked to return to the Committee on May 14th to present an update.

Fiscal Note: Staff presented cost estimates during the April 9th Committee meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee: 1) hear an update from staff, and 2) provide staff with direction regarding this matter.

Legislative History

10/20/11	City Commission	Referred (6 - 0 - 1 Absent)	Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee
4/9/12	Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee	Approved as Recommended	

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080128.

Update on the Wild Spaces Public Places One-Half Cent Sales Tax Initiative's Implementation Plan for Capital Improvement Projects and Sensitive Lands Acquisition (B)

This item is an Update Referral on the Wild Spaces Public Places One-Half Cent Sales Tax Initiatives Implementation Plan for Capital Improvement Projects and Sensitive Lands Acquisition.

Explanation: On March 24, 2011 staff presented an update on the progress of Strategic Initiative 5.1: Complete Capital Projects at Parks. This staff presentation will provide current details regarding the status of Wild Spaces, Public Places capital projects, and also will include the fund balance of the WSPP allocation.

Fiscal Note: This item does not require funding.

RECOMMENDATION

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee hear an update from staff on this matter.

Legislative History

7/14/08	City Commission	Approved as shown above (Divided Question) (7 - 0)
7/28/08	City Commission	Approved as Recommended (5 - 0 - 2 Absent)
2/19/09	City Commission	Approved as Amended (7 - 0)

5/21/09	City Commission	Continued	
5/21/09	City Commission	Approved as shown above and Referred (6 - 0 - 1 Absent)	Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee
7/9/09	Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee	Approved, as shown above	
9/3/09	City Commission	Continued (7 - 0)	
9/17/09	City Commission	Approved as shown above (See Motion) (7 - 0)	
12/12/11	Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee	Approved as Recommended	

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090777.

Recreation Master Plan (B)

This item provides an update regarding the status of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Master Planning Process.

Explanation: At the May 6, 2010 meeting, the City Commission approved the expenditure of funds for the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs (PRCA) Department to contract with a Consultant to develop a Recreation Master Plan. Parks, PRCA Assistant Director Michelle Park provided a detailed presentation about the process to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee on October 10, 2010; another update was provided at the October 10, 2011 Committee meeting. This update to the Committee provides current information about the status of the Master Plan, the findings of the survey data, the site visits, and reviewing results from its recent Visioning and Strategic Planning sessions that occurred in early April.

The goal of this project is to develop a ten-year implementation plan for the various recommendations to serve the parks, recreation and cultural needs of Gainesville's citizens and create a framework for a well-balanced parks, recreation and cultural system for the City.

This update will include preliminary recommendations from the recent Visioning and Planning Workshop held April 2 - 3, 2012. The workshop involved citizens from the Nature Centers Commission, the Gainesville/Alachua County Cultural Affairs Board, the Public Recreation and Park Board and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee as well as staff from Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, Public Works, the Community Redevelopment Agency and the Alachua County Visitors and Convention Bureau.

Fiscal Note: Funding for this project is available in the Wild Spaces Public Places Program, utilizing a portion of the funds dedicated for the approved Priority 1 project, "Neighborhood Park Improvements Recreation Master Planning Development."

RECOMMENDATION

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee hear an update from staff regarding the status of the Recreation Master Planning Process.

Legislative History

2/4/10	City Commission	Referred (6 - 0 - 1 Absent)	Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee
4/8/10	Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee	Approved, as shown above - See Motion(s)	
5/6/10	City Commission	Approved as Recommended (7 - 0)	
10/4/10	Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee	Discussed	
10/10/11	Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee	Approved as Recommended	

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 090777B_Survey Results_20120514.pdf
 090777C_Benchmarking Report_20120514.pdf

110211.

Fourth of July - City Fireworks (NB)

This item is a referral to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee regarding City funding for fireworks for the Fourth of July in the City of Gainesville

Explanation: Commissioner Todd Chase brought this item forward at the July 7, 2011 City Commission meeting after the cancellation of the 2011 "Fanfares and Fireworks" event at the University of Florida (UF). Commissioners would like to bring back a community Fourth of July fireworks event for 2012, either in conjunction with UF, and/or with support of the business community. WUFT expressed a desire to work with the City of Gainesville to bring the event back in 2012.

Staff has met with interested parties regarding the event a number of times, and will provide an update to the Committee.

Fiscal Note: In 2011, the City's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department budgeted \$4,590 in its Support Services budget to co-sponsor the Fanfare and Fireworks event; however, the event was cancelled by the University of Florida due to a lack of sufficient funding for the event's \$30,000 budget. Funding in the amount of \$4,590 is included in the FY 11-12 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department budget to co-sponsor the Fanfares and Fireworks event in 2012.

RECOMMENDATION

The Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs Committee: 1) hear an update from staff, and 2) provide staff with direction regarding this matter.

Legislative History

7/7/11	City Commission	Referred (7 - 0)	Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee
10/10/11	Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee	Discussed	
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