

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Agenda

May 13, 2004

3:00 PM

City Hall, Room 16

Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee

*Commissioner Tony Domenech (Chair)
Commissioner Rick Bryant (Member)*

CALL TO ORDER**ROLL CALL****ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****APPROVAL OF MINUTES****DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS****030924 Fees Charged for use of the City's Athletic Fields (NB)**

Explanation: The City Commission referred this matter to the Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee (RCA) in February 2004. This matter consisted of two separate policies on athletic field usage fees. The first was a new fee of \$20 being charged by the Recreation and Parks Department to non-city league teams for the use of the ball fields at Westside and Greentree Parks. This new fee was in addition to the existing \$20 lighting charge that had been in place since the early 1990's. The second issue involved the charges to the Gainesville Girls Fastpitch Softball for the use of Northeast Park.

The first matter of the additional \$20 fee to non-city league teams was discussed and a resolution arrived during the April 22, 2004 RCA meeting. The City will not implement this additional \$20 field fee; however, the original \$20 lighting fee will be kept and the fields being utilized by outside teams will be rotated. Field rotation will give the fields time to rest during the regular and off-season, thus enhancing the playing experience.

The second matter of the Girls Softball fees was referred back to the Recreation and Parks Department and the Girls Softball organization to work together on forming a partnership to run the girls Fastpitch program in future seasons. Upon agreement, a report will be made back to the City Commission.

Fiscal Note: None can be determined at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission approve the recommendation on the field rotation concept , and await a recommendation from the RCA on the Girls Fastpitch Softball fees at a later date.

Legislative History

2/9/04	City Commission	Referred	Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee
4/22/04	Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee	Discussed	
5/10/04	City Commission	Approved as Recommended (6 - 0 - 1 Absent)	

030992 Establishment of Fee Waiver Policy for Recreation & Parks Facilities (B)

Explanation: The Recreation and Parks Department at the March 15, 2004 City Commission meeting presented a request from Alachua County for a fee waiver. As part of this presentation the Department requested permission from the City Commission to bring the matter of fee waivers to the Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee, due to the large number of fee waiver requests the Department had received since October 1, 2003.

The item was presented at the April 22, 2004 Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee and approved as recommended. However, Assistant City Manager Barbara Lipscomb wishes to make some changes to the original policy and requests this matter be resubmitted for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION *The Committee: 1) hear a second presentation from staff to establish a formal policy on fee waivers for Recreation and Parks facilities; and 2) take the appropriate action.*

Legislative History

3/15/04	City Commission	Approved as Recommended (5 - 0 - 2 Absent)	
3/15/04	City Commission	Referred	Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee
4/22/04	Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee	Approved as Recommended	

031158 Newberry Road Nature Preserve Naming (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee discuss the issue of Naming the Newberry Road Nature Preserve.*

Legislative History

4/12/04	City Commission	Referred (7 - 0)	Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee
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MEMBER COMMENT**CITIZEN COMMENT****NEW BUSINESS****NEXT MEETING DATE****ADJOURNMENT**