

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes

Monday, September 24, 2012

1:00 PM

City Hall, Room 16

Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee

Commissioner Susan Bottcher, Chair
Commissioner Todd Chase, Member
Commissioner Thomas Hawkins, Member

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CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 1:07 PM

ROLL CALL

Present 3 - Hawkins, Chase, and Bottcher

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as circulated.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[120367.](#)

Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Minutes of August 22, 2012 (B)

RECOMMENDATION

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee approve the minutes August 22, 2012 meeting as submitted.

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee approved the minutes of the August 22, 2012 meeting as submitted.

Aye: 3 - Hawkins, Chase, and Bottcher

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

These minutes are a summary of the meeting and are not verbatim discussion. A copy of the meeting recording will be provided upon request.

[090777.](#)

Legislative File #090777: Recreation Master Plan (B)

This item provides the report and recommendations of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Master Plan, PRCA Vision 2020.

Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers introduced this item. At the last Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee meeting, it was suggested that the Master Plan be presented to the full City Commission for adoption and to discuss the funding options at a subsequent meeting. Funding options include pay as you go, borrowing, sales tax, and millage to generate funds to meet the full needs of the Master Plan and other capital improvements.

Assistant Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director Michelle Park explained that a formal approval to adopt the Master Plan in an effort to achieve national accreditation is needed. A final Master Plan document will be distributed to each Commissioner prior to the November 15th City Commission meeting.

The staff recommendation is to have the consultant present the Master Plan to the full Commission for adoption on November 15, 2012 at 7:00PM with funding options presented at a later date.

Motion: This committee will meet again prior to the November 15th City Commission meeting. Commissioner Hawkins made a Motion to continue item number 090777 until the October 22, 2012 committee meeting. Commissioner Chase seconded the Motion. The Motion was approved by consensus.

RECOMMENDATION *The Committee: 1) hear a final update, 2) discuss funding options and 3) recommend that the City Commission adopt the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Master Plan.*

Aye: 3 - Hawkins, Chase, and Bottcher

[120296.](#)

Bid/Proposal Process for the Operation and/or Maintenance of Ironwood Golf Course (B)

This item involves an update to the Committee on the bid/proposal process for operation and/or maintenance of Ironwood Golf Course and Committee consideration of the possible inclusion of an option for the sale of the golf course.

Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers introduced this item. An agreement is being processed with the National Golf Foundation Consulting Services to develop the bid document for Ironwood Golf Course. It is estimated to take at least six months to finalize the agreement with the National Golf Foundation and complete the RFP process.

The City is currently operating under a self-management model for oversight of the golf course. The consultant identified additional options including contracting for management (the City would still be responsible for paying for capital improvements), concession agreements, lease agreements to a private operator (separating the city from the operation of the golf course) and a sale option.

Funds borrowed for capital improvements and the existing layout of the golf course present challenges to lease and sale options. Mark Benton, Finance Director, explained that our tax-exempt borrowing restricts the nature of agreements we can enter into and advised that there are balance sheet implications associated with selling the golf course. The City owns Ironwood but not the land surrounding golf course.

Motion: Commissioner Chase made a Motion to explore the sale option by contacting East Gainesville Development Partners to gauge their interest in purchasing Ironwood. Based on the feedback from that conversation, the Committee will decide whether to build a sale option into the RFP. Commissioner Hawkins seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Mark Benton will work with PRCA staff to provide a report on program revenues and expenditures.

RECOMMENDATION *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs & Public Works Committee: 1) receive an update on plans for the bid/proposal process for operation and/or maintenance of Ironwood Golf Course and 2) discuss the possibility of including an option for the sale of Ironwood Golf Course as part of the bid/proposal process and provide a recommendation to the City Commission.*

A motion was made by Chase, seconded by Hawkins, that this item be Approved as shown above (See Motion). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Hawkins, Chase, and Bottcher

100607.

Acquisition of C. R. Layton United States Army Reserve Center at 1125 Northeast 8th Avenue (B)

This item is a request for Committee discussion of approaches to determining future use(s) of the C. R. Layton United States Army Reserve Center located at 1125 Northeast 8th Avenue.

Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers introduced the item. City staff anticipates bringing an agenda item to the October 18, 2012 City Commission meeting for the City to accept the return of the property. Until there is a vision for the future use of the property, it would be the City's intent to keep the property unoccupied.

Art Stockwell announced that the Gainesville Housing Authority is interested in acquiring this property (as is) with a long term lease or a sale of the property. Their intent would be to convert the building to single room occupancy for individuals or groups that need assistance. The Child Advocacy Group also expressed an interest in this property.

Commissioner Wells expressed a desire that the green spaces remain open and accessible to the community as it helps to fill a neighborhood park gap. He suggested adding a memorial element for the Reserves, as well as other elements that citizens might suggest.

A neighborhood visioning session is being planned. The committee discussed whether this referral should be removed so that this issue is addressed before the full commission or whether the referral should remain in committee. The Committee decided to retain the referral for the time being.

RECOMMENDATION

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs & Public Works Committee discuss approaches to determining future uses of the property and consider recommendations to the City Commission.

Discussed

MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

Monday, October 22, 2012 @ 1:30PM

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:27PM