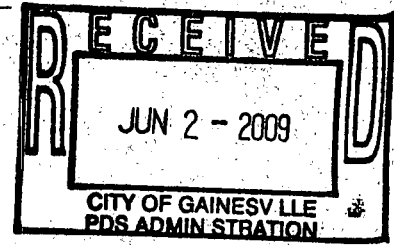


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May 27, 2009

Erik Bredfeldt
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Dear Erik,

I am looking forward to the coming year of meetings of the Community Development Committee. I understand that our next regularly scheduled meeting will take place on June 8, 2009. I would like the agenda for that meeting to include a brainstorming/strategic planning item for the committee to consider growth management issues it may be interested in discussing over the next year.

Specifically, I was interested in Commissioner Henry's comments at his recent swearing in. He discussed the need to create a more level economic playing field for development in east Gainesville. In that vein, the following three initiatives that may be appropriate for the consideration of the committee:

- one, developing a plan to build out sidewalks and make other road improvements throughout the portion of the city annexed in 1905;
- two, developing a plan to build out utility infrastructure to support development of the allowed intensity in a few small, urbanized areas of the city, such as Five Points; and
- three, creating a vision of our future transit system to synthesize our transportation concurrency program, Gainesville's future land use map, and the bus rapid transit initiatives of the Regional Transit System and the county's proposed long term concurrency management system.

As these proposals are only suggestions, I do not think they require any staff preparation. I hope the committee uses its next meeting to consider whether these initiatives, and any suggested by Commissioners Henry and Lowe, merit more formal discussion at a future date.

Sincerely,

Thomas Hawkins
Commissioner At-Large

cc: Scherwin Henry, District 1 Commissioner
Craig Lowe, District 4 Commissioner

090225. Community Development Committee -Addition of Referrals: Growth Management Issues (B)

This item involves a recommendation by the Community Development Committee to add several referrals to the Committee's referral list

Explanation: At its regular meeting on July 13, 2009, the Community Development Committee recommended that several referrals be added to the Committee's pending referral list dealing with growth and development in East Gainesville and with respect to the perimeter of the City's incorporated limits.

A memo on this matter was prepared by Committee Chair Commissioner Thomas Hawkins and forwarded to the Committee's staff liaison. The proposed referrals to be examined over the next year are:

- Developing a plan to build out sidewalks and make other road improvements throughout the portion of the City annexed in 1905;*
- Developing a plan to build out utility infrastructure to support development of the allowable density in a few small, urbanized areas of the City, such as Five Points;*
- Creating a vision of the City's future transit system to synthesize the concurrency management program, Gainesville's future land use map and the Bus Rapid Transit initiatives of RTS and Alachua County's Long Term Concurrency Management System; and,*
- Analyze existing plans and policies designed to establish and maintain a greenbelt around the City of Gainesville's incorporated perimeter*

Fiscal Note: None

RECOMMENDATION

Community Development Committee to City Commission: 1) add the proposed referrals to the Community Development Committee's pending referral list.