

City of Gainesville

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Minutes

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Wednesday, July 10, 2013

3:30 PM

City Hall, Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room

Community Development Committee

***Commissioner Thomas Hawkins, Chair
Commissioner Randy Wells, Member
Commissioner Todd Chase, Member***

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CALL TO ORDER - 3:38 PM**ROLL CALL**

Present 3 - Chair Hawkins, Member Wells, and Member Chase

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted by consensus.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

130104. Community Development Committee Minutes of April 29, 2013 (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The Community Development Committee approve the Minutes of April 29, 2013, as circulated.*

Approved by Consensus

130105. Community Development Committee Minutes of May 22, 2013 (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The Community Development Committee approve the Minutes of May 22, 2013, as circulated.*

Approved by Consensus

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

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

120740. Review of Pending CDC Referrals (B)

The Committee discussed the list and asked that staff work toward placing items number #130141, #121109, and #090322 on the next agenda. The Chair asked staff to discuss #090322 with Commissioner Wells prior to placing it on the agenda to determine if it should remain on this referral list or is being handled and can be removed.

RECOMMENDATION *The Community Development Committee review and approve the pending referral list and proposed action schedule prepared by staff.*

Discussed

130091. **Gainesville Police Department (GPD) Off-site Improvements (B)**

Assistant City Manager Fred Murry introduced this item, and a brief presentation was given by GPD Captain Lonnie Scott. Additional information was also provided to the Committee by the Construction Project Manager Reid Rivers and the Public Works Director Teresa Scott. Improvements to the intersection and offsite areas near the new GPD building at NW 8th Avenue and NW 6th Street were discussed. Topics

discussed included on street parking near the near building, undergrounding utilities, pole mounted traffic lights, and using CRA standards for streetscaping and hardscaping. Community input, budget challenges and funding ideas were discussed and included the potential to develop a CRA trust fund or adding enhancements to the CIP. The Committee expressed the desire to receive more information on this item which will include getting more detailed information from several departments including General Services, Public Works, and GRU. The Committee members specifically wanted GRU to explore alternative options and provide cost estimates for the Committee to consider. Mr. Murry and Mr. Rivers assured the Committee that they would pass the CDC's request on to the proper staff at GRU. The following motion was made by Commissioner Wells, second by Commissioner Chase, approved unanimously.

MOTION: 1) continue this item until the October CDC meeting; 2) receive a presentation from staff including cost estimates on on-street parking, power line undergrounding, pole mounted traffic signal options, and any changes to hardscaping; and 3) ask staff to have a community meeting/forum to review this project with FAPS/5th Ave & GPD neighbors (preferably in September).

Assistant City Manager Fred Murry expressed a concern to the Committee that the GPD construction project is still moving forward on a specific timeline, and the Committee may wish to change the name of this item so the public would not confuse the two items.

RECOMMENDATION The Committee hear a brief presentation from staff and provide direction as appropriate.

Approved as shown above (See Motion)

120701.

Status Update on the City Commission Strategic Initiative 3.1: Continue Implementation of the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness (B)

This item is a request for the Community Development Committee to receive a brief update on the progress of Strategic Initiative 3.1 as it relates to the City's proposed acquisition of the former Gainesville Correctional Institute (GCI) site and facilitate a discussion among stakeholders about potential future agriculture/horticulture opportunities at the site.

This item was introduced by Assistant City Manager Fred Murry, and he cautioned that there are currently two RFPs out related to the GCI project, and the only topic that should be discussed at the meeting is related to the agricultural opportunities. Presentations were received by Dave Reed of the ACNA and NCFRCD Renewables, Derek Helmick of FOG, and Wendy Wilber of UF/IFAS Alachua County Extension Service. Several community members provided comments and suggestions for potential opportunities at the site as well for the Committee's consideration. Commissioner Wells expressed an interest for staff to contact the Department of Forestry and explore opportunities to utilize some of their property for agricultural functions related to the GCI project; Mr. Murry stated that he had been attempting to find a good contact with the Forestry Department, and would continue to pursue that option.

RECOMMENDATION The Community Development Committee: 1) receive a brief update on the progress of Strategic Initiative 3.1; 2) receive presentations from ACNA, FOG, and UF/IFAS representatives on potential future agriculture/horticulture opportunities at the site; and 3) provide direction to staff as

Heard

appropriate.

MEMBER COMMENT

None

CITIZEN COMMENT

None

NEXT MEETING DATE - 4:00 PM on Wednesday, August 14, 2013

ADJOURNMENT - 5:54 PM