

# **City of Gainesville**

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



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, February 2, 2006**

**3:00 PM**

**City Hall, Room 16**

## **Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee**

*Commissioner Rick Bryant, Chair  
Commissioner Jack Donovan, Member*

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Present: Rick Bryant and Jack Donovan

**ROLL CALL****ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

*Adopted*

**050887 Recreation and Cultural Affairs (RCA) Committee Minutes (B)**

*Approved as recommended*

**RECOMMENDATION** *The RCA Committee approve the minutes of the November 8, 2005 meeting as circulated.*

**DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS****050549 Eco-Friendly Pool Heating and Sanitation for Westside and Northeast Pools Status Update (NB)**

*Committee heard a report from Director, David Flaherty and Aquatic Supervisor Cathy Coloson on this item*

**RECOMMENDATION** *The Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee hear a status report.*

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**050056 Status Report on the Operations of Ironwood Golf Course and an Update on the Efforts of City Staff to Reduce Annual General Fund Subsidies to the Golf Course (B)**

*Committee heard a report on this item from Golfcourse Manager Bill Iwinski, and Director David Flaherty, item to be removed from referral list*

**RECOMMENDATION** *The Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee hear an update from staff to include a 5-year capital improvement program for the golf course.*

**MEMBER COMMENT**

*No member comment*

## **CITIZEN COMMENT**

*Tom Fay of the Evergreen Cemetery Association spoke to the Committee regarding the acquisition of additional property for the Evergreen Cemetery, this property would be utilized for a new entrance and a cremations structure. The issues of concern regarding this item were that 1) the property was currently under recommendation for purchase by the Alachua County Forever Trust, and should the County acquire it with monies from the trust, they would be unable to resell it back to the City, therefore Mr. Fay wanted the City to intercede with the County to keep the sale from taking place until the Association could come up with funds to purchase the land; 2) in order to have the funds to purchase the property the Evergreen Association would need the City Commission to pursue rewriting the ordinance for the perpetual care trust fund, so it could be utilized for other matters than just perpetual care. Since it was the Committee's opinion that any recommendation from the City Commission would not be binding on the County Commission in regards to their purchase of the property, and that only the City Commission could recommend the revision of an ordinance the Committee recommended to Mr. Fay that he present his request to the full City Commission meeting.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*Steve Phillips, Assistant Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs and Bob Woods, Communications and Marketing Manager gave the Committee an update on the Hogtown Watershed Amendment Informational Campaign. Bob Woods said that there would be PSA's on TV 12 and on Cox Cable providing information on the proposed revisions and why they were necessary. Bob also said he would be working with the City Attorney's office on the Ads to be sure they were alright and that he would continue to issue Public Information announcements periodically. He also stated that he and Steve Phillips had developed a subscribers lists that he could send out e-mail updates to. There will also be print and radio ads on this matter as well. Bob also asked Commissioner Bryant if he would be willing to appear on the CBS 4 Sunday morning program with Eileen Silverman, on behalf of the City; and Commissioner Bryant agreed to appear on the program. Citizen Kiara Winans was in attendance to be sure the Citizens point of view was being represented in the discussion.*

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting adjourned at 4:02 P.M.*