

City of Gainesville

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



Minutes

November 17, 2020

5:30 PM

City Hall Auditorium and Teleconference

Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area Advisory

Board

*Lane Abraben
Jason Atkins-Tuffs
K. Richard Blount
Carrie Bush
Linda Dixon
Evelyn Foxx
Armando Grundy-Gomes
Jacob Ihde
Christopher Merritt
Jason Mitchell
Warren Nielsen
Michael Palmer
Bradley Pollitt - Chair
Stephanie Seawright – Vice Chair
Jessica Turner-Evans*

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS

BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS

Downtown Hyatt Place Development Agreement (B)

RECOMMENDATION

GCRA Staff to GCRA Advisory Board: Approve draft development agreement as presented

Member Nielsen moved to approve the draft development agreement as presented with a recommendation that the City Commission press upon the developer to follow-up on their commitment to diversity in hiring practices and that the developer to coordinate with any local businesses on any scheduling of right-of-way and potentially objecting construction. Member Grundy-Gomes seconded.

Ayes (6) - Bush, Grundy-Gomes, Ihde, Merritt, Nielsen, Pollitt

Nays (5) - Abraben, Atkins-Tuffs, Blount, Foxx, Palmer

Absent (4) - Dixon, Mitchell, Seawright, Turner-Evans

The Infinity Line (B)

RECOMMENDATION

GCRA Director to GCRA Advisory Board: Discuss the Infinity Line and provide feedback to GCRA Staff

Member Grundy-Gomes moved to refer the Infinity Line to Wild Spaces Public Places and general government with the exception of the areas that are to be funded or affect the areas of the GCRA and for staff to bring back a presentation of only the infinity line in the areas of the GCRA with scope and to identify potential funding partners. Member Palmer seconded.

Ayes (11) - Abraben, Atkins-Tuffs, Blount, Bush, Foxx, Grundy-Gomes, Ihde, Merritt, Nielsen, Palmer, Pollitt

Absent (4) - Dixon, Mitchell, Seawright, Turner-Evans

8th & Waldo Project Update (B)

RECOMMENDATION *Hear staff update and provide feedback.*

Member Grundy-Gomes moved to Fund “Community Builders” in the amount of \$4,000 and focus community engagement with a special focus on youth aspirational interest. Member Palmer seconded.

Ayes (10) - Atkins-Tuffs, Blount, Bush, Foxx, Grundy-Gomes, Ihde, Merritt, Nielsen, Palmer, Pollitt

Absent (5) - Abraben, Dixon, Mitchell, Seawright, Turner-Evans

Heartwood Update (B)

RECOMMENDATION *GCRA Director to the GCRA Advisory Board: Hear update from Staff*

Innovation District - SW 9th Street Northern Extension Update (B)

RECOMMENDATION *GCRA Director to GCRA Advisory Board: Hear presentation*

PUBLIC COMMENT

MEMBER COMMENT

Member Grundy-Gomes moved for staff to explore the options for some of the board and staff to take a trip to Birmingham, Alabama to see the Crossplex Sports Complex. Member Blount Seconded.

Ayes (10) - Atkins-Tuffs, Blount, Bush, Foxx, Grundy-Gomes, Ihde, Merritt, Nielsen, Palmer, Pollitt

Absent (5) - Abraben, Dixon, Mitchell, Seawright, Turner-Evans

NEXT MEETING DATE

ADJOURNMENT

Member Foxx moved to adjourn for the evening and to hear the remaining two items (200277 and 200400) at a virtual workshop, to be scheduled. Member Grundy-Gomes seconded.

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**Ayes (10) - Atkins-Tuffs, Blount, Bush, Foxx, Grundy-Gomes, Ihde, Merritt,
Nielsen, Palmer, Pollitt**

Absent (5) - Abraben, Dixon, Mitchell, Seawright, Turner-Evans