

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Meeting Agenda - Final

April 7, 2021

5:30 PM

Joint City Commission/Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area Workshop

Virtual Teleconference Meeting

City Commission

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)

Commissioner Reina Saco (At Large)

Commissioner Gail Johnson (At Large)

Commissioner Gigi Simmons (District 1)

Commissioner Harvey Ward (District 2)

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem David Arreola (District 3)

Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)

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CALL TO ORDER**AGENDA STATEMENT**

"The City of Gainesville encourages civility in public discourse and requests that speakers direct their comments to the Chair. Signs, props and posters are not permitted in the meeting room."

ROLL CALL**BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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GCRA Advisory Board 2019-2020 Annual Report (B)

Explanation: The City Commission at its September 17, 2020 meeting requested that all City Advisory Boards and Committees prepare an annual report for calendar years 2019-2020. The Commission's criteria for the report included the following:

- What do you understand the mission of your board to be?*
- What are the three most important things your board has done during calendar years 2019-2020?*
- What are the three most important things your board is working on right now?*
- What could the City Commission do to help your board better serve our neighbors?*
- What else do you need the City Commission to know about your board?*

The report was to be submitted to the commission before their January 21, 2021 meeting, but due to scheduling conflicts the Clerk's office extended the deadline until GCRAAB was able to meet in-person.

Staff compiled the input received from Advisory Board members into a document for their review and feedback. Drafts of the document were included in the Agenda for the December 15, 2020 and February 1, 2021 GCRA Advisory Board meetings.

The Board unanimously approved their Annual Report at its February 16, 2021 meeting. The report was submitted to the Clerk's office for distribution to the City Commissioners on February 17, 2021. The next day at the February 18, 2021 City Commission meeting, Commissioner Simmons requested a joint City Commission/GCRA Advisory Board meeting to discuss the contents of the Annual Report.

Fiscal Note: None

RECOMMENDATION

GCRA Director to GCRA Advisory Board: Discuss GCRA Advisory Board's 2020 Annual Report

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Power District - Next Steps (B)

This item involves City Commission review of proposed next steps regarding bringing the Power District project to market.

Explanation: Over the past several months community builders from several General Government departments and Gainesville Regional Utilities have been reviewing the status of the Power District in coordination with the City's real estate consultant Colliers International.

On March 12th, Colliers presented a brief presentation on next steps that they have determined are important in terms of bringing the Power District property to market in a timely manner.

This presentation is intended to be shared jointly with the City Commission and GCRA in order to solicit feedback, raise any new concerns/issues and determine direction regarding next steps.

Fiscal Note: No fiscal ramifications regarding this item at this time however if the direction is to move forward there will be costs associated with recommended updates associated with due diligence identified by Colliers.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) hear a brief presentation from Colliers International; 2) direct staff as appropriate.

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GCRA Proposed FY22-23 Budget (B)

Explanation: On March 5, 2020 the City Commission approved the Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area (GCRA) 10 Year Reinvestment Plan. Within the Plan is a 10 Year Roadmap, which included projects and programs identified as priorities for the life of the department.

The City's strategic planning process began on May 7, 2020 and through a series of workshops was approved on August 6, 2020. Overall, neighbor input and City Commission direction developed how GCRA initiatives are prioritized in the City's Action Agenda.

With the GCRA being a City Department the City's priorities were factored into budgetary considerations for its projects and programs. Eight major GCRA initiatives are being managed outside the department

either by the Office of Capital Asset Planning and Economic Resilience (CAPER), Office of Strategic Initiatives, Office of the City Manager, or Department of Transportation and Mobility as outlined in the City's Strategic Plan and Action Agenda.

At its March 16, 2021 Advisory Board meeting the GCRA Director gave an update on all the Reinvestment Roadmap initiatives and the Director of Economic Development and Innovation for the Office of CAPER, gave an update on projects lead by their department.

In today's meeting GCRA staff will present the proposed FY22-23 budget, including another update on the Reinvestment Roadmap initiatives and give an overview of how the GCRA budget fits into the City's overall budget process.

Fiscal Note: Included as backup to this Agenda Item is a presentation with proposed appropriations for FY22-23. These have been reviewed by City Leadership and will go back for final approval prior to submission as part of the City's formal budget process.

RECOMMENDATION

1) GCRA Director to GCRA Advisory Board: Discuss proposed FY22-23 budgets and provide feedback

2) City Manager to City Commission: Discuss proposed FY22-23 budgets and provide feedback

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Birmingham CrossPlex Visit (B)

Explanation: During the November 17, 2020 GCRA Advisory Board meeting, the Birmingham CrossPlex was discussed in relation to 8th Avenue and Waldo Road initiative. Since that time GCRA Staff met virtually with the Executive Director of the CrossPlex and Board Member Grundy-Gomes and former City Commissioner Scherwin Henry visited in person and received a tour. The former Director of the CrossPlex, Faye Oates, provided a presentation to the Advisory Board on February 16, 2020. Tonight Member Grundy-Gomes requested to be placed on the Joint City Commission/GCRA Advisory Board Workshop to present on his experience visiting the Birmingham CrossPlex.

Fiscal Note: None

RECOMMENDATION

GCRA Director to GCRA Advisory Board: Hear Presentation and Discuss

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MEMBER COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT