

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 21, 2005

3:00 PM

City Hall Auditorium

Community Redevelopment Agency

*Craig Lowe (Chair)
Rick Bryant (Vice Chair)
Chuck Chestnut (Member)
Tony Domenech (Member)
Pegeen Hanrahan (Member)
Craig Lowe (Member)
Warren Nielsen (Member)*

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CALL TO ORDER - 4:21 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: Pegeen Hanrahan, Warren Nielsen, Edward Braddy and Craig Lowe
Absent: Chuck Chestnut, Tony Domenech and Rick Bryant

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

SECRETARY CONSENT

040998 Ricardo Cavallino appointed to College Park/University Heights Redevelopment Advisory Board (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *Ricardo Cavallino is appointed to the College Park/University Heights Redevelopment Advisory Board for a term to expire June 17, 2008.*

Member Braddy: Cavallino

Member Bryant:

Member Chestnut: Cavallino

Member Domenech: Cavallino

Mayor Hanrahan: Cavallino

Member Nielsen: Cavallino

Chair Lowe: Cavallino

This Matter was Approved as Recommended on the Consent Agenda.

040999 Angela Pate appointed to Downtown Redevelopment Advisory Board (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *Angela Pate is appointed to the Downtown Redevelopment Advisory Board for a term to expire June 17, 2008.*

Member Braddy: Pate

Member Bryant:

Member Chestnut: Pate

Member Domenech: Pate

Mayor Hanrahan: Pate

Member Nielsen: Pate

Chair Lowe: Pate

This Matter was Approved as Recommended on the Consent Agenda.

040966 Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Minutes (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The CRA approve the minutes of December 20, 2005; as*

circulated.

This Matter was Approved as Recommended on the Consent Agenda.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CONSENT

040989 Letter to Bellsouth Requesting the Removal of Their Overhead Line along Southwest 2nd Avenue (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *Executive Director to the CRA: 1) Direct the Chair to send a letter to Bellsouth; and 2) request that the City Commission direct the Mayor to send a letter requesting that Bellsouth underground their wires along Southwest 2nd Avenue.*

This Matter was Approved as Recommended on the Consent Agenda.

040990 Authorization for RFQ's to Establish Ongoing Services Contracts for the CRA (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *Executive Director to the CRA: Authorize staff prepare Request for Qualifications for ongoing services contracts for the CRA including, but not limited to, landscape architecture, survey work, real estate development, streetscape planning, and construction.*

This Matter was Approved as Recommended on the Consent Agenda.

040991 Contract with Jay Reeves and Associates for Model Block New Construction (B)

RECOMMENDATION *Executive Director to the CRA: authorize staff to enter into a contract with Jay Reeves and Associates for a not to exceed amount of \$43,000 to cover construction documents and inspection for five new houses as part of the Model Block project.*

This Matter was Approved as Recommended on the Consent Agenda.

040992 Professional Services for Lot 10 Request for Proposals (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *Executive Director to the CRA: create a not to exceed budget of \$6,000 for professional and appraisal services associated with determining the value of City parking lot # 10.*

Withdrawn

040993 Roll Over of Office Relocation Operating Budget (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *Executive Director to the CRA: move the funds remaining in Fund 111 operating budget on September 30, 2004 to the office relocation budget as follows: \$5,593 in the College Park University Heights operating budget; \$12,902 in the Downtown operating budget; \$3,921 in the Fifth Avenue operating budget and \$1,584 in the Eastside operating budget.*

This Matter was Approved as Recommended on the Consent Agenda.

040994 Renewal of Oasis Landscaping Contract for CRA Wide Maintenance (B)

RECOMMENDATION *Executive Director to the CRA: recommend the CRA extend the contact with Oasis Landscaping for sidewalk cleaning graffiti abatement and landscape maintenance for an amount not to exceed \$63,527.88 with the additional funds needed being provided in the following manner: CPUH \$2,511; Downtown \$3,711 and FAPS \$1,255.*

This Matter was Approved as Recommended on the Consent Agenda.

ADVISORY BOARDS/COMMITTEES CONSENT**College Park/University Heights Advisory Board Consent****040995 Use of the Sorority Woods Property for Stormwater(NB)**

RECOMMENDATION *Recommendation: College Park University Heights Advisory Board to the CRA: Request that the City provide the University of Florida with information and/or timeline from the stormwater study that includes the piece of property known as "Sorority Bog" next to Sorority Row for use as a stormwater retention area.*

This Matter was Approved as Recommended on the Consent Agenda.

040996 College Park University Heights Advisory Board Workshop (B)

RECOMMENDATION *College Park University Heights Redevelopment Advisory Board to the CRA: recommend additional funds of \$4,860 be budgeted for the Advisory Board workshop scope of services.*

This Matter was Approved as Recommended on the Consent Agenda.

Fifth Avenue/Pleasant Street Advisory Board Consent

040997 University of Florida Design Build Studio for the Northwest 5th Avenue Neighborhood (B)

RECOMMENDATION *Fifth Avenue/Pleasant Street Redevelopment Advisory Board to the CRA: 1) Recommend the CRA request the City Commission: support the design build studio by providing an appropriate piece of land in the Fifth Avenue District; and 2) keep the Advisory Board updated.*

This Matter was Approved as Recommended on the Consent Agenda.

Passed The Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Member Nielsen, seconded by Member Braddy, including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Pegeen Hanrahan, Warren Nielsen, Edward Braddy and Craig Lowe
Absent: Chuck Chestnut, Tony Domenech and Rick Bryant

END OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

Member Hanrahan moved and Member Braddy seconded to adopt the regular agenda.

(VOTE: 4-0, Member Domenech, Member Chestnut and Member Bryant - Absent)

SECRETARY

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

041002 Northwest 5th Avenue Streetscape Project (NB)

Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Manager Karen Slevin gave a presentation.

(VOTE: 4-0, MOTION CARRIED)

Chair Lowe recognized Fifth Avenue and Pleasant Street Redevelopment Advisory Board Members AnnNeter Heard and Kali Blount who spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *Fifth Avenue Pleasant Street Redevelopment Advisory Board to the CRA: 1) recommend that the CRA find the Northwest 5th Avenue Streetscape, from Northwest 6th Street to Northwest 3rd Street, a meritorious project and allow the FAPS district to exceed the 25% debt limit defined in the policy; 2) authorize the Executive Director to negotiate the term of the loan with the City with terms similar to the terms for the loans for the College Park/University Heights and Downtown.*

Executive Director to the CRA: Hire Brown and Cullen to create construction documents for Phase 3 of the Northwest 5th Avenue streetscape for an amount not to exceed \$29,000.

A motion was made by Member Braddy, seconded by Member Nielsen, that this matter be Approved as Recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Pegeen Hanrahan, Warren Nielsen, Edward Braddy and Craig Lowe
Absent: Chuck Chestnut, Tony Domenech and Rick Bryant

041000 Update on the Santa Fe Community College Expansion (NB)

NOTE: This item will be presented at an upcoming City Commission meeting.

RECOMMENDATION *Executive Director to the CRA: Hear a presentation from Santa Fe Community College Representatives.*

No Action Taken**CRA ATTORNEY****ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES****Downtown Redevelopment Advisory Board****041003 Downtown Upgrades (B)**

CRA Manager Karen Slevin and CRA Downtown Project Coordinator Sham Sundar gave presentations.

RECESS: 4:45 PM

NOTE: Member Braddy left the meeting room and the quorum was lost immediately.

RECONVENE: 4:46 PM

AMENDMENT: Member Braddy moved and Member Hanrahan seconded to approve items 1) and 3) in the recommendation; and regarding item 2) in the recommendation, direct staff to take the issue of banners for the downtown area back to the Downtown Redevelopment Advisory Board for further evaluation.

Chair Lowe recognized Kali Blount who spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *Downtown Redevelopment Advisory Board to the CRA: 1) Recommend contracting with A & J Quality Coatings and Pressure Washing, Inc. to pressure wash sidewalks and provide gum removal for selected areas in the Downtown district, not to exceed \$8,000.00; 2) recommend the purchase of sixty banners at \$2,635; fifty sets of banner brackets at \$3,500 and budget the remaining \$4,482 for on going installation expenses; and 3) authorize six ads in the Gainesville Sun Scene section promoting the availability of downtown parking for \$1,650.*

A motion was made by Member Braddy, seconded by Member Hanrahan, that this matter be Approved as Amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Pegeen Hanrahan, Warren Nielsen, Edward Braddy and Craig Lowe
Absent: Chuck Chestnut, Tony Domenech and Rick Bryant

College Park/University Heights Redevelopment Advisory Board**Fifth Avenue/Pleasant Street Redevelopment Advisory Board**

041005 Income Generated by Cell Towers on the Northwest 5th Avenue Water Tower (NB)

Chair Lowe recognized Citizen AnnNeter Heard who spoke to the matter.

City of Gainesville Community Development Director Tom Saunders and GRU Assistant General Manager for Strategic Planning Ed Regan made comments.

NOTE: Member Hanrahan requested that an agenda item be brought forward to the City Commission regarding the broad issue of cell towers.

RECOMMENDATION *Fifth Avenue Pleasant Street Redevelopment Advisory Board to the CRA: 1) request the CRA recommend the City Commission: investigate the cell tower located next door to 1113 NW 5th Avenue and other income generating projects in the neighborhood and put that money back into the neighborhood.*

Executive Director to the CRA: Recommend this item not be forwarded to the City Commission.

Discussed

Eastside Redevelopment Advisory Board

MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

NEW BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE

ADJOURNMENT - 5:17 PM

CRA Secretary