

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 13, 2008

5:00 PM

Special Meeting

City Hall, Room 16

Community Development Committee

*Commissioner Jack Donovan, Chair
Commissioner Scherwin Henry, Member
Commissioner Thomas Hawkins, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Present: Jack Donovan, Scherwin Henry and Thomas Hawkins

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

080459. Special Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2008 (B)

RECOMMENDATION

The Community Development Committee approve the special meeting minutes of August 12, 2008 as circulated.

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

070871. Places of Religious Assembly (B)

The Committee is continuing the work on standards for helping the Places of Religious Assembly issue to be of service to the community, in particular regarding helping those who are hungry and/or are homeless.

The Committee is trying to develop standards that will allow the congregations to help those in need and that will also help us maintain the quality of life that is experienced in our different kinds of neighborhoods.

To identify standards for discussion today, Chair Donovan provided a hand out chart titled, Draft Service and Permit Standards for Places of Assembly. The chart's grid breakdown for discussion features top heading columns named Services, RSF (zoning), RMF (zoning), Business and Industry. The Services' column vertically list the topics of: 1) # of People per day Served Meals; 2) # of People per day Served Groceries; 3) # of People per day served Bagged Meals; 4) Distance between Meal Sites, 4) Distance between Shelter Sites; 5) Distance from Campus(es); and 6) Permit Requirements. Signage topic is not listed on the chart but will be a topic for discussion.

Distance from Campus - No final decision was reached at this meeting regarding the 2,000 feet buffer law now in existent stating that meals for the hungry shall not be provided by churches within 2,000 feet from a campus, and a Gainesville Police Department representative will be invited to address the committee as to the purpose of the 2,000 ft buffer law and any legitimate threats without the requirement.

RSF column / # of People per day Served Meals -

Chair Donovan suggested that there be no limit at lunch and a prohibition on lunch and dinner in the same single family district.

Commissioner Hawkins suggested a two prong discussion approach: a) minimize the distinction between providing services to anyone who pays and providing services for free to the needy or students who do not pay; b) what parts of town do we want to not have loiterers, not have parking issues, not have dumpsters in front of drives, etc which is our single family neighborhoods (RSF zoning).

Commissioner Henry inquired and requested a list of all churches and organizations who currently serve meals to explore the idea of coordinating breakfast, lunch and dinner meal serving times and suggested the committee initiate a meeting with all entities who currently serve meals to put into place a coordinated effort and process due to project impacts involved.

Chair Donovan proposes as far as moving this #-of-meals-served-in-RSF item to the City Commission, there is an agreement on no limit at lunch.

Chair Donovan stated the best way the committee can serve the City Commission is to identify what limits are re-enforced or challenged by the surrounding community.

Chair Donovan requested written attendee roll call and requested written input from citizens and committee members prior to the next special meeting which will be organized for presentation at the next special meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

The CDC continue discussion from the August 12, 2008 special meeting on accessory food distribution center standards for the needy and accessory residences for destitute people as provided by places of religious assembly, the considered points are as follows:

The City Manager or designee may issue a permit for a food distribution center for the needy within any zoning district where places of religious assembly are permitted by right or by special use permit with the following restrictions:

(1) No more than 20 meals may be served in a 24-hour period.

(2) The place of religious assembly can physically provide an indoor eating area meeting all state, county and city codes for the proposed use.

(3) No food distribution center for the needy may be closer than 1,320 feet from any other place of religious assembly having a food distribution center for the needy, nor shall any place of religious assembly have an accessory food distribution center for the needy located in the area described in Appendix D located at the end of this chapter, and as shown on the map maintained in the department of community development

(4) Each place of religious assembly shall file with the City Manager a management program addressing hours of operation, personnel, management of solid waste, litter and lighting. The name, address, and phone number of the person responsible for the facility shall be kept up to date.

(5) Signage. Food distribution centers for the needy shall be limited to two wall-mounted, non-illuminated signs displaying the name of the facility, hours of operation and other functional information and directions. No more than one sign shall be displayed on any building face. No sign shall exceed 18 square feet, nor shall the total combined area for two signs exceed 30 square feet.

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NEXT MEETING DATE**ADJOURNMENT**