

City of Gainesville

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



Minutes

Monday, January 28, 2013

1:30 PM

City Hall, Room 16

Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works **Committee**

*Commissioner Susan Bottcher, Chair
Commissioner Todd Chase, Member
Commissioner Thomas Hawkins, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER

Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works meeting was called to order at 1:35PM

ROLL CALL

Commission Hawkins arrived at 1:55PM

Present 3 - Hawkins, Chase, and Bottcher

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee adopted the agenda as circulated.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

120779. Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes of November 26, 2012 (B).

RECOMMENDATION *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee approve the minutes of the November 26, 2012 meeting as submitted.*

Approved as Recommended

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

The minutes are a summary of the meeting and are not verbatim discussion. A copy of the meeting recording will be provided upon request.

120296. Bid/Proposal Process for the Operation and/or Maintenance of Ironwood Golf Course (NB)

This item involves an update to the City Commission on the bid/proposal process for operation and/or maintenance of Ironwood Golf Course and Commission consideration of the possible inclusion of an option for the sale of the golf course.

Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers introduced this item. The National Golf Foundation (NGF) consultant strongly recommended that a sale option not be included in the bid/proposal process. The consultant felt that a sale option could confuse the process, negatively impacting bids for the operation and/or maintenance of Ironwood Golf Course. If a sale option is included, it might appear that the City is conflicted about the direction of Ironwood.

Commissioner Chase made a Motion for the Recreation, Cultural Affairs & Public Works Committee to recommend to the City Commission not to include a sale option in the bid/proposal process for the operation and/or maintenance of Ironwood Golf Course.

RECOMMENDATION

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs & Public Works Committee recommends that the City Commission not include a sale option in the bid/proposal process for the operation and/or maintenance of Ironwood Golf Course.

The Motion was approved by consensus.

110876. Policy Review of Public Property Not Being Used for Public Purposes (B)

This item is a referral from the City Commission to discuss the policy for disposition or retention of public property that is not currently being used for public purposes.

Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers introduced this item regarding disposition or retention of public property that is not currently being used for public purposes. Public Works Director Teresa Scott explained that in July 2012 the Recreation, Cultural Affairs & Public Works Committee requested four changes to the draft City of Gainesville Real Property policies. The draft has been amended to address the suggested recommendations. Staff recommends that the amended draft City of Gainesville Real Property Policies be presented to the City Commission for formal approval.

Commissioner Chase made a Motion to move this agenda item to the City Commission to adopt the revised policy.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee review the amended draft City of Gainesville Real Property Policies and recommend approval to the City Commission.

The Motion approved unanimously.

120542. Signage and Pavement Marking Improvements for Pedestrian Safety (B)

This item is a referral from the City Commission to discuss the issue of improvements to signage and pavement markings to enhance pedestrian safety.

Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers explained that this referral was originated by Commission Hawkins in November 2012. It has a linkage to Strategic Initiative 6.2: Assess Neighborhoods to Determine Need for Infrastructure Improvements for Bicycle and Pedestrian Use. A presentation was made by Public Works with signs, maps and photographs of connectors and crosswalks for infrastructure improvements for bicyclists and pedestrians.

In 2011 the City Commission allocated \$100,000 for FY13-FY17 dedicated to sidewalk construction and ramp projects at crosswalks. A one-time allocation of \$200,000 in FY13 was approved for the bike boulevards and connectors. \$5,000 per year is set aside for maintenance of existing crosswalk striping.

Approximately 850 bicycle-pedestrian incidents occurred throughout Gainesville last year. Staff was requested to assign a cost per intersection for the 850 accidents by May in order to set a budget goal or identify funding (for striping or improvements).

Commissioner Wells would like to see more examples using data, staff initiative and

citizen input for design changes that improve bicycle and pedestrian safety. The MTPO has a safety category to improve road safety and they should be involved in discussions regarding striping at intersections (unmarked crosswalks).

There is a concern for individuals using wheelchairs and motorized scooters being hurt in crosswalks due to the lack of ADA ramps. Adequate information needs to be collected from the public identifying the intersections used primarily by senior citizens. Those specific roadways need to be calmed and ADA ramps installed.

RTS, in partnership with GPD, has reached out to the UF Student Government to form a joint safety campaign to educate bicyclists and pedestrians on safety. It was suggested that the student government could design an on-line class for bicycle and pedestrian safety.

The committee may want to consider branding a regional initiative focused on bicycle and pedestrian safety providing an opportunity for multiple entities to partner. Staff will identify some cost estimates for the committee in May. This will provide the committee time to make a recommendation to the City Commission to provide guidance to the City Manager to incorporate the cost into his budget.

Commissioner Hawkins made the following Motion which was approved unanimously:

- 1) Provide information on the number of intersections where we have an opportunity to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety;*
- 2) Provide information on the police department's current bicycle and pedestrian efforts and future opportunities (example metrics: The number of hours each month that the traffic safety team spends on enforcing bicycle and pedestrian safety); and*
- 3) Propose a budget increment to pursue those improvements or changes.*

This item was discussed with 100270. Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers suggested keeping these two items together and update the committee in March.

RECOMMENDATION *The Committee discuss the issue of improvements to enhance pedestrian safety.*

100270. Status Update on the City Commission Strategic Initiative 6.2: Assess Neighborhoods to Determine Need for Infrastructure Improvements for Bicycle and Pedestrian Use (B)

Strategic initiatives have been referred to Standing Committees to promote efficient and effective communication streams between elected officials, city staff and Gainesville residents concerning the implementation of the City's Strategic Plan.

This item was discussed with 120542. Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers suggested keeping these two items together and update the committee in March.

RECOMMENDATION *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee receive an update from staff and discuss the initiative.*

MEMBER COMMENT

The Senior Center celebrated its one-year anniversary last week. The center now has approximately 3,800 members with transportation needs and pedestrian safety concerns.

CITIZEN COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE Monday, February 25, 2013 at 1:30PM

ADJOURNMENT

Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee meeting adjourned at 3:07PM.