

City of Gainesville

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



Minutes

Thursday, July 31, 2014

5:00 PM

City Hall - Roberta Lisle Kline Room 16

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

*Commissioner Lauren Poe, Chair
Commissioner Yvonne Hinson-Rawls, Member
Commissioner Helen Warren, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER - 5:08 PM**ROLL CALL**

Present 3 - Poe, Hinson-Rawls, and Warren

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee adopted the agenda with the modification to hear item #130353 – Sister Cities Pavilion first.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES**140161. Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2014 (B).****RECOMMENDATION**

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee approve the minutes of the February 24, 2014 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.

130353. Sister Cities Pavilion (NB)

The City Commission has referred the issue of a Sister Cities Pavilion to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee.

Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers introduced Mr. Steve Kalishman, President of the Sister Cities Program of Gainesville, Inc. who provided the background of the program, and an overview of the vision for establishing an interim Sister Cities Pavilion honoring Gainesville's sister city relationships until a broader long term plan, such as a park and/or building, could be implemented. All of this is being proposed at no cost to the city, and will be handled through the Sister Cities program. Mr. Kalishman has been working with city staff to identify a suitable location, and proposed utilizing an area on City Hall grounds. Staff identified a potential area near the Clock Tower that is currently being maintained by Florida Organic Growers (FOG) as an organic garden. When approached by staff, FOG was agreeable to work with staff to find a different location for the organic garden. Staff will work with Mr. Kalishman to develop a design for the site to bring to the City Commission. After further discussion, Commissioner Hinson-Rawls made the following motion that was approved unanimously.

MOTION: *The RCAPW Committee recommend that the City Commission authorize the placement of an interim Sister Cities Pavilion at the City Hall grounds near the Clock Tower as proposed by staff.*

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee: 1) hear from City staff and Mr. Kalishman; and 2) recommend that the City Commission authorize the placement of an interim Sister Cities Pavilion on City Hall grounds.

Approved as shown above (See Motion)

130510. Strategic Initiative 7.2 - Monitor compliance with recycling ordinances and identify a roadmap for achieving a recycling goal of 75% (B)

This item is to update the RCAPW Committee on the progress of Strategic Initiative 7.2: Monitor compliance with recycling ordinances and identify a roadmap for achieving a recycling goal of 75%.

Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers introduced this item and Solid Waste Manager Steve Joplin gave a presentation. In reviewing the recycling options available in Gainesville, staff became aware of some concerns related to pricing and contractual obligations they felt the Committee should be made aware of. Staff also reviewed challenges and proposed solutions to increasing recycling in Gainesville. The Committee received input from staff, and several citizens including a representative from one of the local haulers. Chair Poe expressed to staff that he would like to explore exclusive franchise options (single or multiple) to get a more equitable pricing structure, and the options to include the recycling requirements into an RFP. The Committee asked that staff engage the stakeholders, haulers, and the business community for more information and feedback on commercial hauling pricing, contractual obligations and recycling. After further discussion, the Committee agreed by consensus to ask staff to keep this item in the Committee, but separate it into two separate areas to come back to the Committee for further discussion: 1) pricing and contract concerns; and 2) the challenges to increasing recycling goals.

RECOMMENDATION

The RCAPW Committee hear a presentation from staff.

Discussed

130457. Skateboard Park (B)

This agenda item on skateboard parks is regarding a referral that was made at the October 17, 2013 Gainesville City Commission meeting.

Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers briefly introduced this item. Chair Poe provided a history of this item to the new Committee members, and introduced professional skateboarder, Mr. Jimmy Lannon, who approached the City with an idea for adding more skateboard amenities. PRCA Director Steve Phillips gave an overview of the pilot project and proposed site near GPD next to the Rail Trail. Sergeant Jaime Kurnick verified that this site had been discussed with Chief Jones and he was supportive. The Committee reviewed the proposed location and a conceptual mock-up of the type of features that could be included. Mr. Lannon will be working with community stakeholders to raise funds to install and maintain the skateboard amenities in the City right-of-way. After brief discussion, Commissioner Hinson-Rawls made the following motion that was approved unanimously.

MOTION: The RCAPW Committee recommend that the City Commission designate this parcel for skateboard amenities.

RECOMMENDATION

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works

Committee: 1) hear an update on skateboard parks in the City; and 2) provide guidance to staff as appropriate.

140180. Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee Referrals (B)

Chair Poe explained that he and Mr. Folkers had recently reviewed the list and expected to clear several items off the pending list within the next few months; the only exception would be a few that are long term items or projects.

RECOMMENDATION

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee review and prioritize the list of pending referrals.

Discussed

MEMBER COMMENT

None

CITIZEN COMMENT

None

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, August 20, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT - 6:52 PM