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090795.**Nuisance Abatement (NB)**

This item is a follow up to previous discussions by the Community Development Committee regarding nuisance abatement.

The Economic Development & Innovation Director, Erik Bredfeldt, introduced this item, and received an update on this item from Code Enforcement Manager Chris Cooper. Staff provided information on the city initiating foreclosures on properties which have become a chronic nuisance and on which the city has a lien that would allow the city to initiate a foreclosure. Staff proposed a pilot program for FY14 to evaluate the long term potential for such a program, and also proposed a \$15,000 budget increment to fund the pilot program. The following motion was made by Commissioner Hinson-Rawls, second by Commissioner Wells, approved unanimously.

MOTION (Part 1): The Community Development Committee recommend to the City Commission to move forward with the Nuisance Abatement Foreclosure Pilot Program and approve the \$15,000 funding increment in the FY14 budget discussions.

Staff is also proposing a pilot program in FY14 to address overgrown vacant properties. A \$10,000 budget increment is being proposed to fund the program which will allow staff to administratively abate violations of Chapter 13 of the city's code of ordinances related to high grass and overgrowth. When the city performs an administrative abatement the property owner will be billed for the cost and any unpaid bills will result in a lien on the property. Commissioner Wells asked that staff reach out to the Gainesville Housing Authority's Section 3 program. The following motion was made by Commissioner Hinson-Rawls, second by Commissioner Wells, approved unanimously.

MOTION (Part 2): The Community Development Committee recommend to the City Commission to: 1) move forward with the Overgrown Property Nuisance Abatement Program; 2) approve the \$15,000 funding increment in the FY14 budget discussions; and direct staff to reach out to the Gainesville Housing Authority's Section 3 program.

RECOMMENDATION

The Community Development Committee: 1) discuss the pilot Nuisance Abatement Programs presented by staff; 2) determine if it is in the interest of the Community Development Committee to direct staff to implement the pilot Nuisance Abatement Programs; 3) recommend the City Commission approve FY2014 budget increments to implement the pilot programs; and 4) remove this item from the Community Development Committee's referral list.

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MEMBER COMMENT

Commissioner Hinson-Rawls asked about the status of neighborhoods being blanketed by flyers. Mr. Cooper addressed her questions and stated that a memo went to the Commission today on this issue.

Commissioner Hinson-Rawls asked about the status of the GTEC agreement. The item was discussed earlier at the EDUCC meeting. The CRA staff will be preparing