



City of Gainesville

# Wild Spaces Public Places Citizen Oversight Committee

## Board Details

Assure citizens and elected officials that funds approved through the referendum are expended only to: a. Acquire and improve environmentally sensitive lands to protect drinking water sources, water quality, and wildlife habitat, and, b. Create, improve and maintain parks and recreational facilities as permitted by Florida Statutes, the referendum ballot language, and ordinances. c. Notwithstanding the above, Alachua County may utilize a portion of its proceeds to establish a fund for the purpose of providing matching grants to the municipalities within the County for projects that meet the requirements of subsections (a) or (b), and which, in the sole discretion of Alachua County, have countywide significance. The committee has three basic responsibilities: 1. Track overall expenditure of one-half percent sales tax revenues. 2. Report annually, or as necessary, to the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners and each City Commission on expenditure of funds. 3. If it is the opinion of the Advisory Committee that funds may have been misappropriated, they have the right to audit, immediately bring their findings to the municipality and the Board of County Commissioners and demand repayment with the approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

(5- voting members; 3-alternate members; 4- year terms) All members must be residents of Alachua County. Two (2) of the members plus one (1) alternate will be appointed by the County, two (2) of the members plus one (1) alternate shall reside within the Gainesville city limits and will be appointed by the City of Gainesville, and one (1) of the members plus one (1) alternate will be recommended by the eight remaining incorporated cities and appointed by the County. Members may not be county or municipal elected officials or employees Created by Resolution 17-36 (Alachua County) March 28, 2017

The Citizen Oversight Committee was created to ensure that Wild Spaces Public Places infrastructure surtax revenues are expended consistent with the ballot language approved by the voters.

## Overview

 **Size** 8 Seats

 **Term Length** 4 Years

 **Term Limit** 2 Terms

## Additional

### Advisory Board Website

<http://advisoryboards.alachuacounty.us/boards/info.aspx>

### Agendas and Minutes are located

<http://advisoryboards.alachuacounty.us/boards/agendas.aspx?id=53>

### Ordinance

Resolution 17-36 Alachua County



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## Board Roster



### Carla S Miles

**1st Term** Oct 01, 2017 - Sep 30, 2021

**Appointing Authority** City Commission

**Position** Chair

**Category** City Appointee

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### Joni Ellis

**1st Term** Jul 23, 2017 - Sep 30, 2021

**Appointing Authority** County Commission

**Category** County Appointee

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### Wade Dudley

**1st Term** Jul 23, 2017 - Sep 30, 2021

**Appointing Authority** Incorporated Cities

**Category** Incorporated City Appointee

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### Jane Luzar

**1st Term** Oct 08, 2019 - Sep 30, 2023

**Appointing Authority** BOCC

**Position** Alternate

**Category** County Appointee

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### BJ Bakuta

**1st Term** Oct 08, 2019 - Sep 30, 2023

**Appointing Authority** BOCC

**Category** County Appointee

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### Gary Kocher

**1st Term** Jul 23, 2019 - Sep 30, 2023

**Appointing Authority** County Commission

**Category** Incorporated City Appointee



**David J Ruiz**

**2nd Term** Oct 03, 2019 - Sep 30, 2023

**Appointing Authority** City Commission

**Category** City Appointee

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**Vacancy**

**Position** Alternate

**Category** City Appointee

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**Profile**

View current Advisory Board and Committee openings [online](#).

Mr. William B Werther  
Prefix First Name Middle Initial Last Name Suffix

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Street Address Suite or Apt

Gainesville FL 32601  
City State Postal Code

**In what city district do you live? To find your district visit:**

<http://www.cityofgainesville.org/CityCommission/CityCommissionDistricts.aspx> \*

District 4

Mobile: (352) 219-1222  
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

**Primary Phone Type**

Cell

**Alternate Phone Type**

None Selected

Mathias and Company Field Adjuster  
Employer Job Title

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**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Wild Spaces Public Places Citizen Oversight Committee: Submitted

PLEASE NOTE: You may only apply for two (2) City Advisory Boards/Committees each application cycle. A person may only be appointed to two (2) City Advisory Boards/Committees.

Question applies to Wild Spaces Public Places Citizen Oversight Committee

The Wild Spaces Public Places Citizens' Oversight Committee has an opening for an alternate, partial term ending 9/30/2023. City Residency NOT required

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**Do you claim any exemption to public record disclosure pursuant to FLA. STAT. Section 119?**

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Yes  No

Review the text of FLA. STAT. Section 119 [HERE](#).

**If yes, it is required that you submit a detailed explanation of exemption. Upload additional documentation if necessary.**

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Consistent with Section 2-247 of the City Code, board and committee members can be removed from the board or committee for poor attendance.

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## **Interests & Experiences**

Why are you interested in serving on the Wild Spaces Public Places Citizen Oversight Committee?

- 1) I love Gainesville.
- 2) I believe global warming is real
- 3) I believe bicycling is a valid way to travel within a city (I use bicycles in more than 75% of my errands)
- 4) more people will ride bicycles if the infrastructure is supportive
- 5) bicycling adds health benefits and a healthier society is good for society
- 6) I want to help influence the growth of infrastructure and overall happiness in this town.

I want more infrastructure for bicycling like we have on South Main Street.

Members of all City of Gainesville Advisory Boards and Committees must only serve two (2) consecutive terms, except for the City Plan Board, Development Review Board and Historic Preservation Board. Members of the State Housing Initiatives Partnership must only serve three (3) terms.

[Resume.doc](#)

Upload a Resume

Please upload a file

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## Demographics

### Ethnicity

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

### Gender

Male

### Are you a City of Gainesville Employee?

Yes  No

### Are you a City of Gainesville Intern?

Yes  No

### Are you currently on a City Advisory Board/Committee?

Yes  No

### If yes, which Advisory Board/Committee?

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**William Werther**  
**928 NW 11 Ave**  
**Gainesville Fl 32601**

**352 219 - 1222**

**Objective:**

Leadership role within an Insurance carrier, or claims handling Organization.

**Experience:**

09/2011 to Present: Adjuster at Mathias and Company, Inc. Handling Property and Liability Claims for multiple insurance Carriers within their guidelines. Attend and coordinate Mediations on behalf of Inside Examiners:

12/2008 to 09/2011: Vice President, Claims: American Tradition Insurance/ Modern U.S.A Insurance, Board Member, Officer of the Company. Leadership roles in managing adjusters, examiners and supervisors, Throughout the state of Florida, implementing improvements and efficiencies in claims handling. Manage claims goals by objectives and with the budget provided Provide guidance, leadership and support for supervisors, examiners, adjusters and customer service representatives. Direct Legal Counsel, Special projects as assigned by Company President and coordinate all mediations within the Eastern Region of Florida.

04/2007 to 12/2008: Adjuster at Mathias and Company, Inc. (First Stint)

02/1999 to 04/2007: Assistant Vice President Claims: Tower Hill Insurance Group, Began as an examiner, then became an examiner Supervisor, then promoted to A.V.P.

Responsible for Eastern Region of Florida with an Emphasis on Sinkhole and Sinkhole litigation. Attend and manage multiple examiners and supervisors in mediations.

12/1992 to 12/1998: Field Adjuster, Progressive Insurance: (Automobile)

07/1987 to 12/1992: Various management and leadership roles within the Rental Car Industry:

**Education:**

B.S.B.A. Management, Northern Arizona University

Numerous Seminars, and Continuing Education over the course of My Career:

