

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## Minutes

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

3:00 PM

Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room

## Community Development Committee

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Craig Carter, Chair  
Commissioner Randy Wells, Member*

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## CALL TO ORDER

*Meeting called to order at 3:13pm.*

## ROLL CALL

*ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Helen Warren*

**Present** 2 - Commissioner Wells, and Carter

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

*The Community Development Committee adopted the agenda as presented.*

**Adopted**

## 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.*

[150580.](#)

### **Cycle Pubs (B)**

**This item is a request for the Community Development Committee to have an in-depth discussion of a new type of business that wants to come to Gainesville.**

**Attachments:**    [150580\\_Cycle Pub Presentation\\_20151202.pdf](#)  
[150580\\_The Spins\\_20151208.pdf](#)

*Citizen Erica Husak explained the cycle pub concept and goals for her business, as well as potential benefits to the City. There are two local vendors who would like to start cycle pub businesses in Gainesville as soon as possible.*

*Commissioner Carter asked Lt. Stout to contact the St. Petersburg Police Department for feedback on their experience and recommendations, as they have one of the strongest ordinances regulating cycle pubs in the state.*

*Some concerns that were brought up during the meeting:*

- *Food service and restrictions – We do not want to create litter issues. Chris Cooper will talk to the St. Petersburg Codes office for feedback.*
- *Is there a conflict with the family focus of the Cade Museum and Depot Park, in that there may be a large number of children in the area where the cycle pubs would be serving alcohol?*
- *Would this activity be restricted to operating hours?*
- *We need clarification on “BYOB” vs. alcohol purchased on the ride. How to handle re-useable growlers purchased from local breweries that may be on the tour?*
- *Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs: Would cycle pubs be able to be taken on the trails? Are there restrictions on this type of activity on state trails? The bikes that belong to these two vendors weigh between 1700 and 2000 lbs. The Committee*

would like a memo in response to this question. Also, what is the regulation regarding alcohol consumption in parks?

*Lt. Stout brought up the Gainesville Police Department's (GPD) concerns:*

- *Open containers in the open-air vehicles may not be allowable based on the current Vehicle For Hire ordinance.*
- *Slow-moving bikes (8-11mph maximum) may create safety issues on the roads. They are vulnerable to rear-end collisions because of their slow speed.*
- *GPD is more positive toward the idea of having cycle pubs in the Depot Park area.*

*Commissioner Wells stated that he would like to allow cycle pubs to being operation immediately without alcohol, making them legal for roadways with a speed limit of 30mph or less, and then iron-out alcohol issues over time in committee. To do this, there would need to be a revision of the Vehicle For Hire ordinance so that more than four people would be allowed to ride in an open-air vehicle (cycle pubs need at least six people to operate and have seating for up to sixteen).*

*The Committee agreed to introduce the cycle pub concept to the City Commission at their regular meeting on 12/17/15 and to recommend amendment of the Vehicle For Hire ordinance to allow for a greater number of passengers on "pedibuses", so that these vendors can begin operation in Gainesville without alcohol service or consumption on the vehicles.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The Community Development Committee discuss the Cycle Pub concept and provide recommendations to the business owners and City staff about how to proceed.*

**Discussed**

**MEMBER COMMENT**

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

**NEXT MEETING DATE -- Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 1:00pm**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting was adjourned at 4:08pm.*