

# City of Gainesville

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



## **Minutes**

**Monday, November 25, 2013**

**3:00 PM**

**City Hall, Roberta Lisle Kline Conf Room 16**

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

*Commissioner Lauren Poe, Chair  
Commissioner Susan Bottcher, Member  
Commissioner Thomas Hawkins, Member*

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**CALL TO ORDER**

*Commissioner Poe called the meeting to order at 3:05PM*

**ROLL CALL**

*Present 3 –Poe, Bottcher, and Hawkins*

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**130488.** Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2013 (B).

**Attachments:** [130488 Minutes 20131125.pdf](#)

**RECOMMENDATION** *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee approve the minutes of the October 28, 2013 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 provided a brief introduction for this agenda item. Mr. Steve Kalishman explained that the idea started as a pavilion but the concept has developed into a park to showcase the international relationships with our sister cities around the world, as well as Gainesville's other international connections. Various concepts for the Sister Cities Pavilion were discussed.*

*Committee members discussed potential locations and made several suggestions. Suggested sites included Innovation Square; the urban hard-scape storm water feature being constructed on SW 7th Street; property near the Thelma Bolton Center (NE 2nd Avenue and 5th Street); Depot Park; and the Matheson Museum. A traveling exhibit or a virtual exhibit was also suggested. Members agree that the Sister Cities facility needs to be placed in an area where momentum is building and where it would be readily accessible by citizens.*

*Commissioner Poe suggested that this project could be supported with the open government platform to solicit input to build the community vision.*

*Commissioner Bottcher made a Motion requesting staff come back to the committee in March or April with information regarding locating an International Sister Cities facility in the city of Gainesville and information on developing an implementation plan through the open government platform. Commissioner Hawkins seconded the Motion. The Motion was approved.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee hear from Mr. Kalishman and provide guidance to staff as appropriate.*

**120722.                    Strategic Initiative 6.5: Recreation Master Plan (B)**

**This item provides funding timelines for the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Master Planning process.**

**Attachments:**      [120722\\_PowerPt\\_20130605.pdf](#)  
                                   [120722\\_PowerPt\\_20130730.pdf](#)  
                                   [120722\\_Funding PowerPt\\_20130923.pdf](#)  
                                   [120722A\\_Master Plan PowerPt\\_20131125.pdf](#)  
                                   [120722B\\_WSPP PowerPt\(1\)\\_20131125.pdf](#)  
                                   [120722\\_WSPP PowerPt\\_20140127.pdf](#)

*Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers introduced this agenda item. Assistant Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director Michelle Park gave a presentation on the economic impact of Wild Spaces Public Places. Project spending occurred between 2009 and 2012. All major projects utilized local businesses in some capacity. Vendor expenditures totaled \$6,925,542.*

*A discussion took place regarding sales tax, millage rate increases, transportation and infrastructure options. No action at this time.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee: 1) discuss the funding scenarios for the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Master Plan; 2) hear a presentation on the analysis of Wild Spaces Public Places project expenditures; and 3) provide staff direction for future action.*

**MEMBER COMMENT**

*Assistant Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director Michelle Park announced that Gainesville has been selected as one of 25 Cities where a Rand research project will be conducted in conjunction with the Trust for Public Land and City Parks Alliance. The National Institute for Health will conduct unique research in eight of our parks. Teams of experts will observe how park users interact with the parks, park equipment and other park users to help determine best practices in park design, park maintenance and popular park features that encourage greater physical activity. The research project will be conducted this spring.*

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

*Committee members agreed to cancel the December RCAPW meeting. The next Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 27, 2013 at 3:00PM in the Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room #16.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee meeting adjourned at 4:26 PM.*