

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 8, 2010

1:00 PM

City Hall, Room 16

Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Scherwin Henry, Chair
Commissioner Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Member
Commissioner Lauren Poe, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor-Commissioner ProTem Scherwin Henry, Chair and Commissioner Lauren Poe

Absent: Commissioner Jeanna Mastrodicasa

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Poe moved and Commissioner Henry seconded to adopt the agenda as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Poe moved and Commissioner Henry seconded to approve the minutes as submitted.

090921.

Approval of the February 11, 2010 Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee approve the minutes of the February 11, 2010 meeting as submitted.*

Approved as Recommended

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DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

These minutes are a summary of the meeting and is not a verbatim discussion. A copy of this meeting recording will be provided upon request.

090736.

Memorial for Former Mayor-Commissioner Roberta Lisle (NB)

The City Commission referred the issue of honoring former Mayor-Commissioner Roberta Lisle with some type of memorial in honor of her being the first female elected to the Gainesville City Commission and the first to serve as Mayor.

Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers provided background information as this referral.

Executive Assistant Senior Helen Harris shared background information that she obtained about former Mayor-Commissioner Roberta Lisle.

Commissioner Poe suggested that a photo of Former Mayor-Commissioner Roberta Lisle gets hung in the room that ultimately gets named in her honor.

RECOMMENDATION *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee honor former Mayor-Commissioner Roberta Lisle by naming City Hall Room 16 the "Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room".*

Alternative Recommendation

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee discuss other naming opportunities.

Approved as Recommended

090855.

Johnson Stinson - Citizen Comment - Request to Name the Basketball Courts at Westside Park the Sidney Davis Martin, Jr. Memorial Basketball Courts (B)

This item involves a referral by the City Commission to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee regarding the naming of the basketball courts at Albert "Ray" Massey Westside Park after the late Sid Martin, Jr.

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Director Steve Phillips provided an update on the status of this referral.

Mr. Phillips advised the committee that the Natures Center Commission and the Public Recreation Board have a policy which they have both adopted for park naming features and/or other recreational structures. Staff contact Mr. Stinson and advised him of the park naming policy and procedure. He was provided a copy of the policy and the form, requiring 100 signatures. Mr. Stinson felt that there should be no problem in obtaining the required number of signatures. Once Mr. Stinson submits the form with the required number of signatures, this issue will be placed on the Public Recreation & Parks Advisory Board's meeting agenda. If the Board approves the request, the item will be forwarded to the City Commission for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Poe moved and Commissioner Henry seconded that this item is removed from the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee referral list upon forwarding the Public Recreation & Parks Advisory Board's recommendation to the City Commission for approval.

RECOMMENDATION *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee hear an update from staff on the status of this referral.*

Approved, as shown above - See Motion(s)

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090777.

Recreation Master Plan (B)

This item involves a referral by the City Commission to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee regarding a Recreation Master Plan.

Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers advised the Committee that this issue was brought forward at the request of Commissioner Henry. Mr. Folkers advised that this plan would not only serve as a master plan for the whole recreation and park system, but also a departmental strategic plan. Mr. Folkers advised that many communities have these types of plans.

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Director Steve Phillips provided a brief history of steps that have been previously taken by staff in regards to developing a recreation master plan.

Mr. Phillips advised that there was a recreation master plan done Countywide several years ago and that city staff were involved with county staff in developing the countywide plan. Staff has documentation for future use.

It was anticipated that this issue would come up when the Wild Spaces Public Places funding projects were identified so there are funds available for this project.

Staff has been working on accreditation for the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department which master planning is along the lines of the same process.

Commissioner Poe asked about the funding amount for the consultant. Mr. Phillips advised that Fire Rescue went through something similar and cost were around \$20,000.

Commissioner Poe asked about the breakdown of the product; ie, capital element, programmatic element etc. Mr. Phillips advised that it depends on how we want to the product structured. We just need to get a feel for what's available.

Commissioner Poe summarized the product as the following: what we have vs. what the community wants and give us an analysis. If we want to break it down as if we want to purchase land or we want to build capital structures or if we need to add programs to existing structures we can do that internally.

Mr. Folkers shared information from a previous city. One of things we would look at is the demographic information and ensure that the recreational structures are suitable for the area.

Commissioner Henry advised that he had asked staff to look at the recreational area behind Village Green Apartments and staff reported that there is a tennis court at that recreational area. The tennis courts are not being used, because that demographic is

not in to tennis. This is a recreational asset that is just sitting there not being utilized and maybe there is something else that the demographic of citizenry may gravitate to using. Commissioner Henry also addressed the under utilization of the T.B. Mcpherson tennis courts.

Commissioner Poe feels that the Recreation Master Plan will aide the Commission in making policy decisions

Commissioner Henry noted that developing a recreation master plan will aide in providing some of the recreational facilities that the community members would like to have in their neighborhoods.

MOTION: Commissioner Poe moved and Commissioner Henry seconded that the Committee recommend approval of the expenditure of funds from the Parks and Recreation budget to contract with a Consultant to develop a Recreation Master Plan.

RECOMMENDATION *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee provide guidance to staff on the development of a Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Master Plan.*

Approved, as shown above - See Motion(s)

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MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled to occur on Thursday, May 13, 2010 at 1:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM