

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

5:15 PM

City Hall, Room 16

Community Development Committee

*Commissioner Jack Donovan, Chair
Commissioner Scherwin Henry, Member
Commissioner Thomas Hawkins, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER

The CDC meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jack Donovan, Scherwin Henry and Thomas Hawkins

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The CDC agenda for August 28, 2008 was adopted as circulated.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

080388. The CDC August 28, 2008 Meeting Minutes (B)

The CDC minutes for August 28, 2008 were adopted as circulated.

RECOMMENDATION *The CDC adopt the August 28, 2008 Minutes as circulated.*

Approved as Recommended

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

070604. Annexation of Strategic Ecosystems (B)

The Community Development Committee (CDC) directed staff to bring back to this meeting a preliminary analysis of the Alachua County Environmental Protection Department (ACEPD) eight recommendations as presented at the July 24, 2008 CDC meeting.

The ACEPD's presentation of eight recommendations is as follows:

Green Infrastructure Within City:

- 1) Track green infrastructure with new development (open space, previous areas, tree canopy, habitat and SE protected);*
- 2) Coordinate with county tracking process;*
- 3) Use GIS to provide visual representation of Infrastructure (good planning tool and assists with identifying areas for protection);*
- 4) Promote green building and LID techniques.*

Wetlands annexed by City of Gainesville:

- 5) Support county protection standards and encourage Low Impact Development (UD) standards for undeveloped areas, wetlands linked to creek, streams, and lakes or within Strategic Systems;*
- 6) Maintain city standards for redevelopment areas, areas with existing buffer*

impacts or lack of buffers, or areas of high or medium density residential or other intensive land use.

Strategic Ecosystems within City Limits:

7) SE annexed that are part of greenbelt and currently undeveloped: adopt County approach;

8) SE annexed within more dense urban areas or with existing Intensive land use, consider hybrid approach with similar protection standards but more intensive development approach.

In response to the ACEPD recommendations, the CDC heard a preliminary analysis and recommendation discussion by staff as listed below.

Tracking Green Infrastructure: For each new development, EPD records the acreage of wetlands and their buffers, surface waters and their buffers, significant geological features and their buffers, strategic ecosystems, listed species habitat, 100-year floodplain, significant habitat, other natural areas, community green spaces, stormwater management areas, and landscaped areas, and recommended that the city do the same. I record the acreage of wetlands on each new site plan, but the city doesn't record the other features.

Recommendation: We can track some or all of the features that the county does. If we wish to track all the features, we will have to change our requirements for site plans.

GIS: EPD also recommended that the city "use GIS to provide visual representation of infrastructure." I am using GIS to review all new site plans.

Recommendation: I can coordinate with the county to determine how they are providing a visual representation of infrastructure.

Green Building and Low-Impact Development (LID): EPD recommended that the city promote these practices.

Recommendation: Coordinate with Building Department to determine how the city is promoting these practices now.

Wetlands: EPD recommended that the city apply county standards to wetlands in undeveloped areas or connected to creeks and lakes.

Recommendation: I believe the consensus was to retain existing city standards for wetland protection in areas outside of annexed Strategic Ecosystems.

Strategic Ecosystems: EPD recommended that the city apply county standards to strategic ecosystems "that are part of greenbelt and currently undeveloped."

Recommendation: Adopt two tiers of environmental regulations. For properties annexed into the City from Alachua County, acknowledge County Strategic Ecosystems designation and apply enhanced City environmental protections to be drafted by staff. For properties currently within City limits apply enhanced City environmental protections to be drafted by staff. Staff is currently reviewing the substance and distinctions between County Strategic Ecosystems and the City's Significant Ecological Overlay District and will bring back language for the Committee to review.

The CDC directed staff: 1) to meet with County staff to refine definitions; and 2) staff

will bring back to the CDC a list of ecosystems elements, mechanical applications in an organized framework.

RECOMMENDATION *The Community Development Committee will hear from staff a preliminary analysis of the eight recommendations from the Alachua County Environmental Protection Department presented to the Community Development Committee on July 24, 2008.*

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City of Gainesville Vision (B)

The Community Development Committee is initiating the task to create a City of Gainesville Vision statement to bring back to the City Commission.

The Community Development Committee members shall draft a vision statements for the city to bring back to the next CDC regular meeting for consolidation as well as finalization.

The Community Development Committee directed staff to bring back the Planning and Development Services vision statement for consideration as well.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission refer to the Community Development Committee.*

Discussed

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080357b_Memo_20080923.pdf
080357c_Scorecard_20080923.pdf
080357_VisionStatements_20081023.pdf
080357A_Meeting Hand Outs_20081023.pdf
080357a_Vision Statement A_20090205.pdf
080357b_Vision Statement B_20090205.pdf
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REFERRALS

Legistar Information is listed below:

*040180 -- Principles of Sustainability in Significant Decisions
050761 -- Energy Efficiency Standards and Requiements
060085 -- Administrative Appeals of Non-Conforming Uses
060285 -- Student Behavior Tracking
060910 -- * Temporary Signage at Car Dealerships
061025 -- Landlord License Fees for Non-Conforming Uses*

070604 -- *Annexation of Strategic Ecosystems*
070629 -- *2002/2003 NW 3RD Ave Project - Status Report*
070777 -- *Removal of Lein Affecting 1245 SE 4th Ave & 1239 SE 3rd Ave*
070871 -- *Places of Religious Assembly*
070980 -- *Solar Panels vs. Removing Tree Canopy*
080229 -- ** Affordable Housing in General*

** To Be Removed*

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next CDC regular meeting is October 23, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

The CDC meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.