

# City of Gainesville

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



## Minutes

**Tuesday, April 2, 2013**

**1:30 PM**

**City Hall, Room 16**

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

*Commissioner Susan Bottcher, Chair  
Commissioner Todd Chase, Member  
Commissioner Thomas Hawkins, Member*

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## CALL TO ORDER

*Meeting called to order at 1:35 PM*

## ROLL CALL

**Present** 3 - Hawkins, Chase, and Bottcher

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[120947.](#) Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2013 (B).

**Attachments:** [120947\\_Minutes\\_20130402.pdf](#)

**RECOMMENDATION** *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee approve the minutes of the February 25, 2013 meeting as submitted.*

**Approved as submitted**

## 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.*

[110211.](#) **Fourth of July - City Fireworks (B)**

**This item is an update to a referral to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee, regarding City funding for fireworks for the Fourth of July in the City of Gainesville.**

**Attachments:** [110211A\\_2010 Fireworks Budget\\_20111010.pdf](#)  
[110211B\\_Presentation\\_20111010.pdf](#)  
[110211\\_Report\\_20120822.pdf](#)  
[110211\\_2012 FINAL REPORT\\_20130402.pdf](#)  
[120211-MOD\\_Final Report\\_20130404.pdf](#)  
[110211\\_Minutes\\_20130502.pdf](#)

Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers indicated that this item is an opportunity for the Committee to discuss the challenges of bringing fireworks to the community again this year. Steve Phillips, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, explained that just under \$5,000 was budgeted for fireworks. He introduced Randy Wright from the University of Florida who stated that total cost of Fanfare and Fireworks is about \$28,000.

Visit Gainesville Director Roland Loog was introduced by Commissioner Bottcher. Visit Gainesville is willing to supply up to \$2,500 in out-of-county advertising for Fanfare and Fireworks.

Based on Committee discussion, Mr. Folkers indicated that if the Committee is so inclined they could make a recommendation that additional funding be provided as was done last year to bring the City contribution through Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs to \$10,000. Even with this increase, and commitments of \$7,500 from several local businesses, there is a funding gap of approximately \$10,000.

Commissioner Chase made a Motion for: 1) staff to locate available funds and present to the City Commission meeting on Thursday, April 4, 2013; and 2) request whether GRU has any funds in their budget for Fanfare and Fireworks. Commissioner Hawkins seconded the Motion. The Motion passed by consensus.

**RECOMMENDATION**            The Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs Committee: 1) hear an update on this matter; and 2) formulate a recommendation to the City Commission regarding City support for this event.

[120643.](#)

**Transportation Accessibility to Medical Clinics via Regional Transit System (RTS) (B)**

**This item is to provide information requested by the City Commission regarding accessibility to medical clinics in the City of Gainesville provided by Regional Transit System (RTS).**

**Attachments:**    [120643\\_Map\\_20130225.pdf](#)  
[120643\\_RTS\\_Service\\_20130402.pdf](#)

Jesus Gomez, Transit Director, was introduced by Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers to discuss the transportation accessibility to medical clinics. MV Transportation Vice President Edward Griffin and General Manager Kelly Gonzalez gave an overview of MV Transportation.

MV Transportation provides coordination of ADA transportation services. They can work with the City of Gainesville to design a route. A rough cost estimate for the MV Transportation service is approximately \$40 per hour for a dedicated route. Mr. Griffin proposed a trial for transporting qualified patients and volunteers to the specific clinics.

Mr. Folkers reminded the Committee members and guests that the Community Grant Program invitation just went out providing an annual grant of up to \$2,500 per entity for non-profits based in the city and that transportation for medical services is eligible for funding.

Commissioner Hawkins made a Motion to continue this item to the May meeting with

a request that staff identify a possible budget increment, if necessary, to pay for MV Transportation to meet this transportation demand. Commissioner Chase seconded the Motion. The Motion was approved by consensus. This topic should also be discussed at the next Transportation Disadvantage Board meeting on May 8, 2013.

RECOMMENDATION            The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee discuss and provide direction as appropriate.

[120969.](#)

**Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee Referrals (B)**

**This item is to provide an opportunity to discuss and recommend the potential removal of specific items referred to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee by the City Commission.**

Attachments:    [120969\\_Referral\\_List\\_20130402.pdf](#)

Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers communicated to the Committee members that the referral list needs to be updated. Legislative item number 120542 (Signage and Pavement Marking Improvements for Pedestrian Safety) will be heard by the RCAPW committee on April 23, 2013. Item 120643 (Transit Access to Indigent Care Clinics/RTS) will be discussed by the RCAPW committee at the May meeting.

Commissioner Hawkins made a Motion to remove 110211 (Fourth of July City Fireworks) from the RCAPW referral list. Commissioner Chase seconded the Motion. The Motion passed by consensus.

Commissioner Hawkins made a Motion to remove both 110258 (Private Purchase of Public Land) and 110876 (Policy Review of Public Property Not Being Used for Public Purposes) from the RCAPW referral list. Commissioner Chase seconded the Motion. The Motion passed by consensus.

Commissioner Hawkins made a Motion to remove 120296 (Bid/Proposal for the Operation and/or Maintenance of Ironwood Golf Course) from the RCAPW referral list. Commissioner Chase seconded the Motion. The Motion passed by consensus.

RECOMMENDATION            The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee discuss the list of items referred to the Committee by the City Commission.

**MEMBER COMMENT**

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 2:00 PM

**ADJOURNMENT**

Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee meeting adjourned at 3:20PM.

