

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Meeting Agenda - Final

August 22, 2019

1:00 PM

Gainesville Regional Utilities Multi-Purpose Room

General Policy Committee

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)
Commissioner Helen Warren (At Large)
Commissioner Gail Johnson (At Large)
Commissioner Gigi Simmons (District 1)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Harvey Ward (District 2)
Commissioner David Arreola (District 3)
Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)

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CALL TO ORDER**ROLL CALL****ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****APPROVAL OF MINUTES**[190270.](#)**Approval of Minutes (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

The General Policy Committee approve the minutes of August 8, 2019.

[190270 August 8 Minutes 20190822.pdf](#)

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS[190222.](#)**Abandoned Shopping Carts (B)**

Explanation: On August 1, 2019, the City Commission referred this item to the General Policy Committee for further discussion. The Clerk's Office has conducted research on the topic by comparing best practices in other Florida cities.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee discuss and take action deemed necessary.

Legislative History

8/1/19 City Commission Referred to the General Policy Committee

[190222 Abandoned Shopping Cart Research 20190822.pdf](#)

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[190152.](#)**Proposed GPC Structure (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

The General Policy Committee discuss and take action deemed necessary.

[190152_GPC Structure 20190822.pdf](#)

[190152 Legislative Session Calendar for City Commission 20190822.pdf](#)

[180555.](#)**Wild Spaces & Public Places Presentation and Update (B)**

Explanation: Presentation by Wild Spaces & Public Places on Green Acres Park, Howard Bishop Middle School, Springtree Park Improvements, Sweetwater Wetlands Park Towers, Clarence R. Kelly Community Center, the Lincoln Yard Trail project and a list of proposed small projects.

Presentation on Vision for Gainesville's Cultural Center: In November 2012, the City Commission approved the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Vision 2020 Master Plan. During 2013 to 2015, citizens and staff worked together on the development of a specific list of projects referenced in the Master Plan. On February 18, 2016, the City Commission approved a list of 99 potential projects and the prioritized list of projects with cost estimates, including the "New Cultural Arts Center" project. The Voter Referendum on Wild Spaces and Public Places (WSPP) passed on November 8, 2016 and the collection of the one-half cent sales tax began on January 1, 2017, and will continue through December 31, 2024. It is expected to generate \$46,551,152 in revenue to the City.

On January 10, 2019, the General Policy Committee (GPC) heard a presentation about a proposed vision for the Gainesville Cultural Center, focusing on a cultural amenity district approach, incorporating multiple cultural facilities in the Gainesville downtown area. A follow-up presentation was discussed at the February 14, 2019 GPC meeting. Per GPC recommendation, staff has: (a) conducted a feasibility study and preliminary cost estimates for the potential purchase of the Masonic Lodge #41, located at 215 N. Main Street, and its adaptive reuse for a City Cultural Center amenity; (b) conducted a feasibility study and preliminary cost estimates for potential renovation options for the Thelma Boltin Center, located at 516 NE 2nd Avenue; and (c) researched options for future redevelopment of the Old Fire Station #1, located at 427 S. Main Street.

On June 14, 2018, the GPC heard a presentation from Dance Alive National Ballet (DANB), and directed staff to explore potential spaces for DANB company use. Staff worked with DANB leadership to learn about the company's needs. After reviewing multiple City amenities and properties, staff presented their findings in a Memo to the Commission, stating that currently there is no existing amenity that meets DANB's spatial needs; however, assuming building improvements to the Thelma Boltin Center, it may be feasible to meet DANB's space request at that location. The feasibility of this option was explored as part of the Thelma Boltin feasibility study.

This presentation will include staff's analysis of the above-mentioned properties and items.

Fiscal Note: Discussion of operation and maintenance costs associated with improvements.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee hear a staff update by Wild Spaces & Public Places on Green Acres

Park, Howard Bishop Middle School, Springtree Park Improvements, Sweetwater Wetlands Park Towers, Clarence R. Kelly Community Center, the Lincoln Yard Trail project and a list of proposed small projects.

Masonic Lodge

- 1) Direct Staff to negotiate fair market value purchase of the Gainesville Masonic Lodge No. 41, located at 215 N Main Street.*
- 2) Direct Staff to negotiate design and engineering services for the development of construction documents for building and site renovations and adaptive reuse of the Gainesville Masonic Lodge No. 41.*

Old Fire Station #1

- 1) Direct Staff to draft an appropriate solicitation document for 3rd party purchase or long-term lease of the Old Fire Station #1 property per Commission's set criteria.*

Thelma Boltin

- 1) Direct staff on next steps for improvements at the Thelma Boltin Center per Base Option or Option II scope.*
- 2) Direct staff to negotiate design and engineering services for the development of construction documents for the selected renovation scope.*

Legislative History

11/15/18	City Commission	Referred to the General Policy Committee
1/10/19	General Policy Committee	Approved, as shown above
4/11/19	General Policy Committee	Approved, as shown above
5/16/19	City Commission	Approved, as shown above
6/6/19	City Commission	Approved as Recommended
7/18/19	City Commission	Approved as Recommended

[180555A_WSPP_Update_to_GPC_20190110](#)
[180555D_WSPP_Update_to_City_Commission_April_2019_20190411_20190606](#)
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[180555HH_CRK_190708_Meeting_Voting_Board_Results_20190822](#)
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[180555Y_Old_Fire_Station_1_Appraisal_082019_20190822](#)
[180555Z_WA18126_Thelma_Boltin_Center_Master_Plan_FINAL_073119_20190822](#)
[180555AA_Etling_Memo_RE_Thelma_A._Boltin_Center_FINAL_20190822](#)
[180555BB_GPC_Minutes_061418_20190822](#)
[180555CC_DANCE_ALIVE_NATIONAL_BALLET_-_CITY_OF_GAINESVILLE_SPAIN](#)
[180555DD_02_13-2019_Dance_Alive_National_Ballet_Opportunities_for_Facilities](#)
[180555EE_Presentation_Cultural_Center_Update_GPC_20190822](#)

[190277.](#)

General Policy Committee Referral List (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy discuss and take action deemed necessary.*

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PUBLIC COMMENT

MEMBER COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

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