

City of Gainesville

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200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes

Monday, October 22, 2012

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

Called to order at 1:34 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

[120479.](#) Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2012 (B).

RECOMMENDATION *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee approve the minutes of the September 24, 2012 meeting as submitted.*

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee approved the minutes of the September 24, 2012 meeting 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.

[090777.](#) **Recreation Master Plan (B)**

This item provides an update regarding the status of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Master Planning Process.

Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers introduced the item. Committee members recently received a draft copy of the Recreation Master Plan document to review. Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Assistant Director Michelle Park provided an update to the Committee. The Recreation Master Plan is scheduled for consideration by the City Commission at the November 15, 2012 City Commission meeting which will include a presentation by the City's consultant. As discussed by the Committee, City staff is proposing to focus on the content of the Recreation Master Plan and while seeking City Commission adoption and returning to the Committee at a later date to discuss funding options.

RECOMMENDATION *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee recommend that the City Commission adopt the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Master Plan.*

Hawkins made a Motion for the Recreation Master Plan to be presented to the City Commission on November 15, 2012 for approval as submitted and to

return at a later date to discuss funding options. Chase seconded the Motion. The Motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Hawkins, Chase, and Bottcher

[120296.](#)

Bid/Proposal Process for the Operation and/or Maintenance of Ironwood Golf Course (NB)

This item involves an update to the Committee on the bid/proposal process for operation and/or maintenance of Ironwood Golf Course and Committee consideration of the possible inclusion of an option for the sale of the golf course.

Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers introduced the item. An agreement is being processed with the National Golf Foundation Consulting Services to develop the bid document for Ironwood Golf Course. Following the request at the September 24, 2012 Committee meeting, staff spoke to a representative of East Gainesville Development Partners (EGDP) to ascertain their potential interest in acquiring Ironwood Golf Course. Staff does not yet know whether there would be interest from EGDP in possibly purchasing the golf course. To allow the bidding process to proceed, staff recommended that a sales option be included in the RFP document with a restriction that the property remains a publicly accessible golf course.

RECOMMENDATION

*The Recreation, Cultural Affairs & Public Works Committee:
1) receive an update regarding East Gainesville Development Partners interest in potentially purchasing Ironwood Golf Course; and 2) make a recommendation to the City Commission on whether to include an option for sale of Ironwood Golf Course in the bid/proposal process.*

A motion was made by Hawkins, to include a sale option in the RFP with a restriction that the property remain a municipal (publicly accessible) golf course. Chase seconded the Motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Hawkins, Chase, and Bottcher

[080478.](#)

Strategic Initiative 5.2: support the reconstruction of transportation facilities to encourage development of 6th Street (B)

This item is to provide an update to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs & Public Works Committee regarding Strategic Initiative 5.2: support the reconstruction of transportation facilities to encourage development of 6th Street.

Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers introduced the item. Public Works Director Teresa Scott provided an update on the planned and funded transportation projects along the 6th Street corridor. Public Works and CRA are collaborating on the 6th Street projects.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Warren Nielsen distributed some ideas for the corridor including storm water/linear park. He also suggested that the legalities between the City of Gainesville general government and the CRA districts be addressed now to avoid potential project delays in the future. John Fleming expressed his opinion that it is easier to plan a project in full and then divide it into small pieces to adjust for funding.

MEMBER COMMENT

Bring the scope of the project back to the committee. Scope can be discussed now and funding concerns can be discussed at a later meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs & Public Works Committee hear an update to Strategic Initiative 5.2.

A motion was made by Hawkins requesting that the City Attorney and staff determine answers to the following questions:

- 1. Can we use money from the CRA Trust funds from a specific district to resolve storm water problems in that district if the improvement is made outside that district?**
- 2. As we move from the basics of design to actually doing the engineering/drawings phase, do we have the scope right? Is the scope of the 6th Street project correct in its length and the elements it includes (recreation, storm water and waste water)?**

Chase seconded the Motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Hawkins, Chase, and Bottcher

[080479.](#)

Strategic Initiative 5.3: support the reconstruction of transportation facilities to encourage redevelopment of Depot Avenue (B)

This item is to provide an update to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs & Public Works Committee regarding Strategic Initiative 5.2: support the reconstruction of transportation facilities to encourage development of 6th Street.

Public Works Director Teresa Scott provided an update on the planned and funded transportation projects along the Depot Avenue corridor. The first phase has been completed. FDOT has to complete the right-of-way acquisition. Staff expects FDOT's acquisitions will be complete by late spring 2013, followed by the bid process during the summer, and construction anticipated to start in the fall of 2013.

RECOMMENDATION

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs & Public Works Committee hear an update to Strategic Initiative 5.3.

Committee heard update.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Warren Nielson inquired about the County's project for street lighting along NW 16th Avenue. The road is not lit on the south side which he believes impacts the psychology, economic development and social activity of the area.

NEXT MEETING DATE - Monday, November 26, 2012 @ 1:30PM

ADJOURNMENT

Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee meeting adjourned at 3:22PM.