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City of Gainesville

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Gainesville, Florida 32601*



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Meeting Minutes

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Monday, April 9, 2012

1:00 PM

City Hall, Room 16

Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee

*Commissioner Scherwin Henry, Chair
Commissioner Todd Chase, Member
Commissioner Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER - 1:05 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Scherwin Henry and Todd Chase

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

110398.

Sweetwater Branch/Paynes Prairie Sheetflow Restoration Project (B)

This item provides an update to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee regarding the public use element of the project and a management model for the site.

The item was introduced by Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers, and the presentation was given by Stu Pearson.

The Committee discussed this item and made several comments to staff including that a marketing plan to reach the public is needed, and that there is an opportunity to design programs to meet the needs of targeted audience (schools, non-profits groups, etc.). The facility could be used to educate the public on storm water cleanup. There are EPA grants based on the concept plans. The grants state that we will use this facility as a public education tool. There may also be an opportunity through the Tourist Development Council for potential matching dollars.

A spreadsheet was distributed outlining staff requirements for maintenance of the facility and boardwalks; however it does not include staff that is knowledgeable about programming and wildlife. Interpretive signage could explain the process but it was discussed that having a staff person (docent) on site to share more in-depth information with citizens would be beneficial.

The bid date is May 3rd followed by a negotiation period. The committee would like to bring this to the June City Commission Meeting with a suggestion to address security concerns (a gate, staff, etc.) at that time.

RECOMMENDATION

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee: 1) hear a presentation from staff, and 2) provide staff with direction regarding this matter.

Approved as Recommended

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110529. Traffic Calming (B)

Presentation was given by Traffic Operations Manager Phil Mann. In 2004, the City stopped installation of traffic calming devices (speed humps and tables) due to slowed response time for emergency vehicles. As roads are resurfaced, the speed humps are being replaced with speed tables to decrease the maintenance costs incurred for emergency vehicles. Radar speed signs do not interfere with emergency vehicles but they are expensive. The purchase price of radar speed signs (\$7,500) and the electrical cost (\$40 per month).

RECOMMENDATION *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs, Public Works Committee hear a presentation regarding traffic calming.*

Approved as Recommended

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NEXT MEETING DATE - Monday, May 14, 2012 @ 1:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT - 2:36 PM