

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Agenda

November 26, 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

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[120589.](#)

**Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee Meeting
Minutes of October 22, 2012 (B).**

RECOMMENDATION

*The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works
Committee approve the minutes of the October
22, 2012 meeting as submitted.*

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DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

[080481.](#)

Update on Status of Commercial Recycling

**This item is a request for the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public
Works Committee to receive an update on the progress of Strategic
Initiative 7.2: Review the status of commercial recycling ordinances.**

*Explanation: On June 16, 2011 the City Commission adopted on Final Reading an
ordinance providing for fines and/or surcharges to be imposed upon
commercial businesses that failed to comply with the city's mandatory
recycling ordinance after receiving adequate warning. Staff would like to
present a brief report on the current status of commercial recycling and
the effectiveness of the new ordinance as an enforcement tool.*

Fiscal Note: There is no fiscal impact associated with this request.

RECOMMENDATION

*The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works
Committee receive an update on the status of
Commercial Recycling*

Legislative History

10/2/08	City Commission	Referred to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee
2/12/09	Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee	Approved as Amended
11/8/10	Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee	Discussed

12/16/10 City Commission Approved as Recommended
5/19/11 City Commission Adopted on First Reading (Ordinance) and Approved
the Recommendation
6/16/11 City Commission Adopted on Final Reading (Ordinance)

[080481 Initiative 20090212 RCAPW Committee.pdf](#)

[080481A SI 7.2 Quarterly Update 20101108.pdf](#)

[080481B Recycling Ordinance 27-85.pdf](#)

[080481C Enforcement Examples 20101108.pdf](#)

[080481 Recycling Ordinance 20110519.pdf](#)

[080481 ordinance 20110616.pdf](#)

[080481 Strategic Initiative 20121126.pdf](#)

[110258.](#)

Private Purchase of Public Land Update (B)

This item involves an update to the referral for the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee to review the matter of private purchase of public land.

Explanation: On August 9, 2011, the City Commission referred the question of private purchase of public land to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee (RCAPW). This topic was also reviewed by the Nature Centers Commission (NCC) at their August 18, 2011 meeting. A letter of response from the NCC Chair was sent to Mayor Craig Lowe on September 19, 2011. On October 10, 2011, the RCAPW Committee heard discussion of this topic. Staff recommendation at that meeting was that land designated through the land use and zoning process as conservation should not be considered for disposition. After discussion, the Committee decided to explore possible alternative approaches and instructed staff to draft a policy regarding the disposal of conservation land for further review and comment.

During November and December 2011, staff drafted a Disposition of Conservation Land Policy. The policy was reviewed and revised as needed by staff, the NCC, and the City Attorney's office in January 2012. On February 13, 2012, the RCAPW Committee was provided the draft Disposition of Conservation Land Policy for review and comment. The Committee requested staff to make changes and bring the revised policy back to the RCAPW Committee for further discussion. On February 22, 2012, staff met with the City Attorney on the environmental ordinance under review at the time and the City Attorney recommended modifications be made to the draft disposition policy in order to be consistent with the environmental ordinance. This item was last discussed by the Committee on June 5, 2012. The Disposition of Conservation Land Policy remains in draft form for potential action or further guidance by the Committee.

A letter was sent from the City Manager on October 15, 2012 to representatives of Mr. Nathan Collier regarding his ongoing interest in purchasing specific property in the Hogtown Creek Greenway. The City Manager received a written letter from Mr. Collier on November 14, 2012 expressing his formal interest in purchasing this property and making an offer of \$1 million. If the City Commission is interested in entertaining Mr. Collier's offer to purchase the property, the property would need to be declared surplus by the City Commission and made available for purchase through an open bid process.

Fiscal Note: If the City Commission were to declare the property surplus and seek bids for purchase of the property, the City could potentially receive revenue of approximately \$1 million. The City's Comprehensive Plan Recreation Element Objective 1.4.3 states that "proceeds from the disposal or sale of any City-owned recreation and park properties shall be used for recreation and park infrastructure enhancement and improvements."

RECOMMENDATION

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee: 1) hear an update from City staff on this referral; 2) make a recommendation to the City Commission to either a) declare the property surplus and direct the City Manager to initiate a bid process for sale of the property or b) decline to recommend surplus of the property and discontinue consideration of Mr. Collier's request to have the opportunity to purchase the property; and 3) provide City staff with guidance as appropriate on the Draft Disposition of Conservation Land Policy.

Legislative History

8/4/11	City Commission	Referred to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee
10/10/11	Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee	Approved as shown above (See Motion)
2/13/12	Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee	Approved as Recommended
6/5/12	Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee	Approved as shown above (See Motion)

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[110258B_Letter to Nathan Collier_20111010.pdf](#)

[110258C_Letter to Mayor_20111010.pdf](#)

[110258_Disp of Conservation Lands Policy_20120213.pdf](#)

[110258_Disp of Conservation Lands Policy_20120605.pdf](#)

[110258B_MOD Acq Priority Table_20120605.pdf](#)

[110258C_MOD Loblolly Map_20120605.pdf](#)

[110258A_Letter to Hanrahan_20121015.pdf](#)

[110258B_Letter from Collier_20121114.pdf](#)

MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE December 18, 2012 at 2:00PM

ADJOURNMENT