

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Meeting Agenda

September 11, 2014

1:00 PM

City Hall, Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room

Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works

Committee

Commissioner Lauren Poe, Chair
Commissioner Yvonne Hinson-Rawls, Member
Commissioner Helen Warren, Member

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[140317.](#)

**Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee Meeting
Minutes of August 20, 2014 (B).**

RECOMMENDATION

*The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works
Committee approve the minutes of the August 20,
2014 meeting as submitted.*

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DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

[140187.](#)

Bicycle Parking and Related Efforts (B)

**This item is a referral from the City Commission to discuss bicycle parking
and related efforts.**

*Explanation: The provision of adequate, convenient and secure bicycle parking
facilities is a fundamental aspect to encourage higher levels of cycling
and ties into the City Commission's Strategic Initiative 5.1 that aims to
improve connectivity, safety and accessibility of the transportation
system. This item provides an overview of current and planned efforts
related to cycling infrastructure and improvement to the city's bicycle
friendly designation.*

Bicycle Parking Efforts:

*City staff is currently updating the inventory of bicycle parking facilities
that was first compiled in 2011. The inventory focused on the areas
around downtown and the University of Florida campus, more
specifically the area bound by Depot Avenue, E 9th Street, N 8th
Avenue and NW 21st Street. The inventory recorded 382 locations
where bike racks are available with capacity for over 2,400 bicycles.
This includes both city-owned and private-owned facilities. The updated
inventory will incorporate any new bike racks, update the condition and
type of each installation, and expand beyond the original area surveyed
to incorporate the entire city focusing on activity centers.*

The inventory coupled with usage observations and public input will

assist in the prioritization of additional bicycle rack installations. Staff is working with local advocacy groups and downtown businesses to get input on bicycle parking needs. Currently, several installations are planned in the downtown area using available bike racks.

Concurrent with the evaluation of bicycle parking needs this may be an opportune time to revisit the adopted bicycle rack standards. There are several types of bicycle racks currently in use; the approved type is a u-shape rack. There are other types of racks used at the University of Florida campus and at communities around the country that may be more effective and space-efficient and that may be better suited to comply with current requirements of the land development code for the provision of bicycle parking. Different racks could be tested and evaluated on a pilot basis and added to City standards if the performance meet expectations. Input from stakeholders and approval from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board would be sought.

Outreach:

Staff has posted two questions using the engageGNV platform (available at: <<http://www.cityofgainesville.org/openGNV/engageGNV.aspx>>) requesting citizen input, one focusing on elements that can encourage higher levels of cycling and walking and the other requesting input on bicycle parking locations. The forums will close on November 27/2014.

An outreach campaign was developed for the bike box and bike boulevard including flyers, an add campaign on RTS bus routes, and adds on the Alligator. Information was also featured on the GPD Police Beat and is also available on the Public Works website.

Other outreach efforts include regular meetings with representatives of both the University of Florida and Santa Fe College to increase the reach of the city's bike/ped program; staff participated in several UF events over the summer. Staff is also working to develop an adult education component to expand the bike education efforts that currently focuses on school age children and revamping the bike/ped website to facilitate access to information.

Gold Level Bicycle Friendly Designation:

On August 5, 2014 the League of American Bicyclists released the assessment of their findings based on information provided on the City's application and the site visit conducted on April 24, 2014, outlining elements that should be improved in order for the City to achieve a higher level designation. The key items identified included installation of a wayfinding system; outreach efforts; bicycle parking enhancements; signal activation; and completion of a bike action plan. Table 1 in the attachment outlines the findings and recommendations and proposed action steps.

Fiscal Note: Currently there is not a dedicated funding source for implementation of the action plan; if the transportation surtax initiative is successful partial funding will be available to implement capital projects to enhance the cycling infrastructure.

RECOMMENDATION *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee discuss the initiative.*

[140187A_MAP-Bike Racks by Ownership_20140911.pdf](#)

[140187B_BFC Spring2014 Feedback_20140911.pdf](#)

[140187C_BFC Spring2014 ReportCard_20140911.pdf](#)

[140187D_Proposed Action Steps_20140911.pdf](#)

[140187E_Bike Efforts PPT_20140911.pdf](#)

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Mulch in Parks (NB)

This item requests discussion of a referral from the City Commission regarding the use of mulch at City Parks and Ironwood Golf Course.

Explanation: At the September 4, 2014 City Commission meeting, Commissioner Poe requested that the matter of use of mulch at City Parks and Ironwood Golf Course be referred to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee for discussion.

RECOMMENDATION *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee discuss the matter of use of mulch at City Parks and Ironwood Golf Course.*

[140180.](#)

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

RECOMMENDATION *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee review and prioritize the list of pending referrals.*

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MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE - Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 1:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT

