

# City of Gainesville

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



## Minutes

Thursday, 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 - 1:06 PM

## ROLL CALL

**Present** 3 - Commissioner Poe, Commissioner Hinson-Rawls, and Commissioner Warren

## 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.*

**Approved by Consensus**

## 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.*

### [140187.](#) **Bicycle Parking and Related Efforts (B)**

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

*Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers introduced the item and Debbie Leistner, Public Works Planning Manager, provided background and made a presentation. Ms. Leistner covered the public outreach efforts including the engageGNV platform that is currently up for public input. After compiling the information from the public outreach efforts, staff plans to bring this item back to the Committee for further discussion and action. The Committee took input from citizens and agreed by consensus with the staff plan to hear the item again in the near future.*

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

**Approved as Recommended**

### [140316.](#) **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.**

*This item was briefly introduced by Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers. The discussion focused on the use of organic compost (not necessarily mulch) to replace*

*the use of chemical fertilizer on City properties such as parks and the golf course. Representatives from Watson C&D (Mr. Ryan McMeekin) and Gainesville Compost (Mr. Chris Cano) spoke about their local operations and the advantages of organic compost. Staff provided information on the possibility of developing a pilot program for the City. The Committee discussed making a recommendation that staff would identify a few possible test sites to replace current fertilizer use with the organic compost and bring a proposal to the City Commission for approval. Suggestions for sites included City Hall, the Ironwood Driving Range, and the Bo Diddley Plaza. If allowed by the City's maintenance contract, a pilot site at the golf course was preferred. Commissioner Hinson-Rawls made the following motion that was approved unanimously.*

*MOTION: The RCAPW Committee recommends that the City Commission hear a presentation on the use of organic compost and consider a pilot program to replace the use of chemical fertilizer on certain City property.*

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

**Approved as shown above (See Motion)**

[140180.](#)

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

*The Committee reviewed the pending referral list and Mr. Folkers presented the following tentative schedule:*

*October 9, 2014*

*100607 - Northeast Neighborhood Veterans Memorial Park*

*140193 - LED Street Vending/Vendor*

*130510 - SI 7.2 Monitor compliance with recycling ordinances and identify a roadmap for achieving a recycling goal of 75%*

*November 13, 2014*

*100196 - Contamination on the NW 6th Street Rail Trail*

*130598 - Compressed Natural Gas*

*December 11, 2014*

*Review the new Strategic Initiatives*

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

**Discussed**

**MEMBER COMMENT - None**

**CITIZEN COMMENT - None**

**ADJOURNMENT - 2:42 PM**