

City of Gainesville

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



Minutes

Thursday, January 8, 2015

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[140500.](#) **Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2014 (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee approve the minutes of the October 9, 2014 meeting as submitted.*

Approved as Recommended

[140567.](#) **Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2014 (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee approve the minutes of the November 13, 2014 meeting as submitted.*

Approved as Recommended

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.

[140581.](#) **Paynes Prairie Sheet Flow Project Operations (B)**

This item is a referral from the December 4, 2014 Gainesville City Commission meeting, moving this topic to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee for further discussion and exploration of options.

Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers introduced this item and Alice Rankeillor of GRU Water/Wastewater Systems provided the staff presentation. After the presentation, the Committee received input from several Alachua Audubon Society members, the Sierra Club, and interested citizens in support of opening the park for public use as soon as possible. After further discussion, Commissioner Warren made the following motion that was approved unanimously.

MOTION: The RCAPW Committee recommend that the City Commission: 1) direct

staff to include an increment in the FY16 budget discussions for daily public park use; 2) direct staff to prepare an agenda item for consideration to fund operations for weekend public park use starting May 1st through FY15; 3) direct staff to continue to explore all partnership opportunities including the Florida Division of Parks and Recreation, UF, and the Alachua County School Board; and 4) request that the Mayor take this item to the Tourism Board.

RECOMMENDATION The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee: 1) hear a presentation from staff regarding the status of the Paynes Prairie Sheet Flow project; and 2) explore options for opening the park for public use.

Approved as shown above (See Motion)

[130508.](#)

Strategic Initiative 6.3: Identify Steps of Implementation for the Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Affairs Master Plan and Continued Acquisition of Conservation Land (B)

This item provides a recommendation for updating the Master Plan; an updated land acquisition list for approval; a list of projects by priority; and funding options. *estimated staff presentation is 30 minutes*

Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers introduced this item. Assistant Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director Michelle Park provided the staff presentation with assistance from the City's Master Plan consultant David Barth. Additional information was provided by Finance Director Mark Benton. Members of the Committee discussed alternative funding options for the Master Plan including the advantages and disadvantages to a dedicated millage versus a County-wide effort tax. The Committee agreed that a millage referendum would have a better chance at being approved. After receiving public input and further discussion, Commissioner Hinson-Rawls made the following motion that was approved unanimously.

MOTION: The RCAPW Committee: 1) approve the staff plan for updating the Master Plan; 2) approve the revised Land Acquisition List as submitted; 3) recommend that the City Commission consider placing a referendum on the FY16 ballot for ½ mil for 6 years to fund the Master Plan; and 4) direct staff to bring the revised Priority list back to the Committee in February for approval prior to this item going to the City Commission.

RECOMMENDATION The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee: 1) approve the recommendation for updating the Master Plan; 2) discuss and recommend approval to the City Commission of the land acquisitions identified in the Master Plan; 3) provide input and feedback on the Project Prioritization List; 4) discuss the funding scenarios for the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Master Plan; and 5) provide staff direction for future action.

Approved as shown above (See Motion)

[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.

Approved as Recommended

MEMBER COMMENT

Commissioner Hinson-Rawls requested that Mr. Phillips provide a memo to the Commission on the entrance fees for City Parks.

CITIZEN COMMENT

None

NEXT MEETING DATE - Thursday, Feb. 12, 2015 at 1:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT - 3:18 PM