

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

10:00 AM

City Hall, Room 16

Community Development Committee

*Commissioner Hawkins, Chair
Commissioner Donovan, Member
Commissioner Wells, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER

The Community Development Committee was called to order at 10:12 AM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Thomas Hawkins and Randy Wells

Absent: Jack Donovan

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Community Development Committee approved the agenda as circulated.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The June 2, 2010 Minutes were approved by the Committee with special mention of the recommendations for item 080465 on page 8 as noted by Planning & Development Director Erik Bredfeldt.

100200. Community Development Committee Minutes of June 2, 2010 (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The Community Development Committee approve the June 2, 2010 minutes as circulated.*

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DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

090303. Request for Consideration of Providing Wastewater Service to the City of Waldo (B)

This item was heard by the City Commission and action was taken on March 4, 2010 as item #090805. Based on this action, the Committee agreed to request removal of this item from the referral list.

RECOMMENDATION *The Community Development Committee request that the City Commission remove this item from the referral list.*

Approved as Recommended

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100002. Food Stamp Program (B)

Assistant City Manager Fred Murry gave a brief update on this item and provided a copy of the memo regarding the City's current participation in the existing food stamp program, as well as future plans to continue working with DCF and other community partners to continue expansion of the food stamp program in the community.

Commissioner Wells informed staff that he would be interested in knowing how participation rates in the program compare for residents in the City versus the County. Mr. Murry said he would check into this with DCF to see if this information could be obtained. Chair Hawkins asked about one of the sites listed in the report, the Dome Home, and asked staff to check into the services offered at this location. After brief discussion the Committee agreed to request removal of this item from the referral list.

RECOMMENDATION *The Community Development Committee 1) hear a brief update from staff on the issue of the City assisting in helping needy people sign up for food stamps; 2) recommend to the City Commission that staff be directed to continue to participate with DCF and other Community Partners that are working on the expansion of the food stamp program; and 3) request that the City Commission remove this item from the referral list.*

Approved as Recommended

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100211. Planning Works, LLC Report Reviews for the Community Development Committee Meeting on July 28, 2010 (B)

This item is related to agenda item #080465 - Community Development Committee (CDC) Referral - Initiative 2.4.

Planning & Development Director Erik Bredfeldt gave a summary and review of the modified Planning Works (Activity Centers, Mixed Use District, Large Scale Retail) draft Comprehensive Plan and Land revisions. The Committee reviewed the draft revisions and discussed additional suggestions/revisions with staff at length.

Note: Commissioner Donovan entered the meeting at 11:22 AM.

The Committee agreed to 1) submit detailed suggestions, edits, and comments to the draft Plan to staff in writing; 2) request that staff perform some "proof of concept" tests on a few different sites through the City; and 3) have staff bring the "proof of concept" tests back to the Community Development Committee in October for further review and discussion.

MOTION: Commissioner Wells moved that the Committee 1) direct staff to conduct iterations, or "proof of concepts", of the existing draft Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code proposal; and 2) bring the staff concepts back for review to the Community Development Committee at the October meeting.

As part of the discussion on the motion, the Committee provided staff with information on a few of the specific areas in the draft Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code proposal that they had questions, suggestions, edits, and comments on.

RECOMMENDATION *The Community Development Committee: 1) hear presentation from staff of the modified Planning Works (Activity Centers, Mixed Use District, Large Scale Retail) draft Comprehensive Plan and Land revisions; and 2) refer the draft to the City Commission to direct staff to initiate a petition to the City Plan Board.*

Approved as shown above (See Motion)

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MEMBER COMMENT

During Member discussion the Committee reviewed the pending referral list and briefly discussed item #090934 - Neighborhood Meetings, which has already been discussed at the Commission level. Therefore the Committee voted to add item #090934 to the list to request removal from the CDC referral list.

Commissioner Wells had a comment on the Code Enforcement element, as far as finding creative and/or better ways to measure and improve Code Enforcement such as the livability court in Charleston. Commissioner Wells requested that item #090925 be heard within the next 3 months if possible, add the livability court to the discussion, and discuss the community mediation process.

CITIZEN COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:27 PM.