

City of Gainesville

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



Minutes - Final

March 7, 2017

3:00 PM

Regional Transit System (RTS), 34 SE 13 RD, Gainesville, FL 32601

Citizen Committee for Implementing the Strategic Framework

Fatma Kaplan, Chair

Cary Bryant

Susan Davenport

Gerard Duncan

Dave Ferro

John Fleming

Mitch Glaeser

Gail Johnson

Diyonne McGraw

Art Stockwell

Kevin Thorpe

Quan Tran

Jahmere Webb

Randy Wells

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM

Present 10 - Kaplan, Duncan, Davenport, Fleming, Glaeser, Webb, Thorpe, Tran, Stockwell, and Wells

Absent 3 - Ferro, McGraw, and Johnson

AGENDA STATEMENT

ROLL CALL

Present 10 - Kaplan, Duncan, Davenport, Fleming, Glaeser, Webb, Thorpe, Tran, Stockwell, and Wells

Absent 3 - Ferro, McGraw, and Johnson

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Committee Member Mitch Glaeser, seconded by Randy Wells to adopt the agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Adopted

Absent: 3 - Ferro, McGraw, and Johnson

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Workshop 1: Citizen Committee for Implementing the Strategic Framework (B)

This item requests the Committee participate in a workshop to begin assessing and prioritizing the community's big ideas to support implementing the Strategic Plan Framework.

Committee Chair Kaplan handed over the meeting to Samantha Wolfe to make a presentation to the committee prior to it breaking out into smaller workshop groups. The presentation included the purpose of the committee, the prioritization of ideas, the ultimate goal to provide 12 to 15 recommendations to the City Commission, a schedule to address answering the guiding questions, and statutory expectations for participating in the committee. The committee recommendations will include ideas that can be implemented immediately, within a couple of years, and within a longer term horizon. At the end of the presentation, the committee broke into smaller groups to explore the reasons for serving on the committee, the perspectives and experiences each member brings, and the identification of the guiding question that most impacts each community member and the community as a whole.

Each group reported back from their breakout discussions. The topics discussed within the first group encompassed afterschool programs, concern for youth, and the privilege to play a part in improving the lives of families and youth. The second group concluded that the guiding questions were inter-related and, while there were areas in need of improvement, there was hope a better future would result from the committee's recommendations. Finally, the last group focused on capacity as it related to the loss of local talent and missed opportunities. Further discussion

ensued regarding learning from the private sector and linking it to create programs and services of greater impact to our citizens. Discussion focused on not allowing roadblocks to keep the committee, or the city, from making progress.

Finally, Committee Chair Kaplan entertained the motion made by Member Glaeser to nominate Member Thorpe, which was seconded by Member Fleming. No one opposed the vote. Member Thorpe was elected Committee Co-Chair.

RECOMMENDATION *The Citizen Committee to 1) participate in Workshop 1.*

Discussed

GENERAL CITIZEN COMMENT

Citizen comments reflected concerns about addressing legacy issues, the exploration of small houses in Dignity Village, and city signage. Comments also included the creation of magnet programs and the process used to generate the survey and its responses.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:53 PM.