

City of Gainesville

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



Minutes

Thursday, August 13, 2015

1:00 PM

City Hall, Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room

Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee

*Commissioner Randy Wells, Chair
Commissioner Helen Warren, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 1:03pm.

ROLL CALL

Present 2 - Commissioner Warren, and Wells

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs, & Public Works Committee adopted the agenda as circulated.

Adopted

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved as submitted.

Adopted

[150166.](#)

Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2015 (B)

Attachments: [150166_Draft May 14 Meeting Minutes_20150813.pdf](#)

RECOMMENDATION

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee approve the minutes of the May 14, 2015 meeting, as submitted.

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.

[150078.](#)

Park Trespass Provisions Referral to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee (B)

This item requests the Gainesville City Commission refer discussion of park trespass provisions on City park property to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee (RCAPW).

Attachments: [150078_Park Trespass Provisions_20150813.pdf](#)

Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers introduced Captain Brian Helmersen, who provided some history on the Trespass Ordinance and then introduced Corporal Duane Diehl and Officer Michael Mosher, of the Gainesville Police Department (GPD) Downtown Unit. Cpl. Diehl gave a presentation on the need for a Trespass Ordinance that is based on location so that it doesn't single out individuals or groups. Trespass has not been available for two years because of legal concerns, but GPD is

asking to have the ability to trespass restored. They would like the Committee to recommend to the City Commission that they authorize the City Attorney to draft an ordinance covering all City of Gainesville parks for approval by the Commission. The Committee voted unanimously to ask staff to come back to the September meeting with specific suggestions for the ordinance, including an appeal process.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission refer the discussion of a park trespass ordinance to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee for consideration.*

Discussed

[130508.](#)

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

This item involves a request for the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee to hear an update regarding the Trust for Public Lands' research and recommendations regarding implementation of the PRCA Master Plan.

Attachments: [130508A_Master Plan Presentation_20150108_.pdf](#)
[130508B_Achievements List_20150108.pdf](#)
[130508C_Master Plan Prioritization List_20150108.pdf](#)
[130508D_Master Plan Recommendations_20150108.pdf](#)
[130508_Rev Master Plan Project List_20150212.pdf](#)
[130508A_COG_Ltr_20150312.pdf](#)
[130508B_TPL_Proposal_20150312.pdf](#)
[130508_MOD TPL Proposal_20150319.pdf](#)
[130508A_List_20150409.pdf](#)
[130508B_Maps_20150409.pdf](#)
[130508_TPL_Presentation_20150514.pdf](#)
[130508A_RankedProjList_20150810.pdf](#)
[130508B_PlanExecSummary_20150810.pdf](#)
[130508C_Master Plan Presn_20150810.pdf](#)
[130508_PRCA_FundOpsPresn_20150917pptx.pdf](#)

Michelle Park introduced the Trust for Public Land's (TPL) representative, Pegeen Hanrahan, who gave a presentation on TPL's research and recommendations regarding the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs' Master Plan. The Committee unanimously voted that the presentation should be given to the City Commission no later than their September 17th meeting.

RECOMMENDATION *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee hear the preliminary findings from the Trust for Public Lands' research and recommendations regarding implementation of the PRCA Master Plan.*

Discussed

100607.

Northeast Neighborhood Veterans Memorial Park (B)

This item is a request for the Committee to hear an update and finalize recommendations to establish a park dedicated to the reserve/citizen soldier on the property of the former United States Army Reserve and potential future uses of this property that has returned to City ownership.

Attachments: [100607_Draft Letter_20110224.pdf](#)
[100607A_Letter to Stearns-Brown NE Veterans Park_20110707.pdf](#)
[100607B_Letter to Secretary of Defense_20110707.pdf](#)
[100607C_Photo W Parking looking SE 9_20110707.pdf](#)
[100607D_Photo SW Portion looking SE 9_20110707.pdf](#)
[100607A_Site Map_20120924.pdf](#)
[100607B_ECP Report_20120924.pdf](#)
[100607C_Estimated Operation Costs Report_20120924.pdf](#)
[100607A_Army Reserve Property Action Plan_20141113.pdf](#)
[100607B_Oct 2012 Army Reserve PPT_20141113.pdf](#)
[100607C_Nov 2012 CHW Draft Report_20141113.pdf](#)
[100607A_Army Reserve Property Action Plan_20141218.pdf](#)
[100607B_Draft Nov 13 2014 RCAPW Minutes_20141218.pdf](#)
[100607C_USAR Action Plan PPT_20141218.pdf](#)
[100607_Army Reserve Property Action Plan_20150514.pdf](#)
[100607_Reserve Park Presentation_20150813.pdf](#)
[100607_Reserve Park Presentation_20150820.pdf](#)

Paul Folkers reminded the Committee of the recommendations that had been approved at the May meeting. Members of the Friends of Reserve Park and local business owners emphasized that they feel it is important for the City to set boundaries and ensure a park no matter what happens with the building. Ken Armstrong of the Alachua County Housing Authority provided a handout and gave a brief presentation on a concept to utilize the property for the Housing Authority's offices, senior (and eventually assisted living) housing, affordable housing, and an event space. They are indicated and interest in working to utilize the space to the satisfaction of the neighborhood and the City. Friends of Reserve Park is strongly interested in having a City park on the site. It was unanimously decided that the Committee accept staff recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee finalize recommendations to the City Commission including the following: 1) hear a presentation with options for the proposed "Reserve Park", 2) approve the Committee's recommendation to name the park "Reserve Park" and dedicate the park as a memorial to the reserve/citizen soldier, 3) approve the Committee's proposed boundaries for the park, 4) provide input on the proposed park features, 5) direct staff to develop plans for cleaning and maintaining at least a portion of the proposed park area for FORP to hold veterans related events and potentially

other limited public access, 6) direct City staff to prepare a CIP project request for "Reserve Park" for the next CIP update, and 7) direct City staff to proceed with development of an RFP for use of the building returning to the Committee and City Commission for input before finalizing and releasing the RFP.

Approved as Recommended

[150250.](#)

Neighborhood Proposal Regarding Integrated 21st Century Infrastructure (B)

Residents of the Golfview neighborhood have developed a proposal to explore Integrated 21st Century Infrastructure that they would like to share with the Committee.

Attachments: [150250_Golf View Text_20150813.docx](#)

Paul Folkers introduced the item and Jean Chalmers of the Golfview neighborhood, who spoke about the need to improve the infrastructure of this hundred-year-old neighborhood. Ms. Chalmers then introduced Kim Tanzer, former Dean of Architecture at the University of Virginia, who spoke about her interest in making Golfview a pilot neighborhood to allow Public Works and GRU staff to work with her Spring Design Studio at UF, to guide her students to help solve the issues associated with updating older infrastructure. Commissioner Warren brought up a concern about the location selection for this kind of project, but she is otherwise excited about this possibility. It was agreed that Ms. Tanzer would work with staff to firm up specifics on how the City can be involved and benefit from her project, and bring that back to the Committee at a later date.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee hear a presentation and proposal from residents of the Golfview neighborhood on Integrated 21st Century Infrastructure.

Discussed

MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE -- Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 1:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:42pm.