

# **City of Gainesville**

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



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, April 7, 2008**

**1:00 PM**

## **Economic Development/University Community Com**

*Commissioner Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Chair  
Commissioner Jack Donovan, Member  
Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan, Member*

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## CALL TO ORDER

## ROLL CALL

Present: Pegeen Hanrahan, Jack Donovan and Jeanna Mastrodicasa

## EX OFFICIO MEMEBERS AND STAFF

### *Ex Officio Members:*

- \* *Dr. Bernard Machen, President  
University of Florida  
Designee: Ed Poppell, Vice President of the University of Florida*
- \* *Brent Christensen, CEO  
Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce*
- \* *Dr. Jackson Sasser, President  
Santa Fe Community College  
Designee alternate: Guy York, VP of College & Govnt Relations*
- \* *President  
University of Florida Faculty Senate*
- \* *Student Government President  
University of Florida Student Government*
- \* *Student Government President  
Santa Fe Community College*
- \* *Dr. Dan Boyd - Alachua County School Board  
Designee alternate: Wes Eubank*
- \* *TBD - Alachua County Board of County Commissioners*

### *EDUCC Staff:*

- \* *Erik A. Bredfeldt, Director of Planning & Development Services  
City of Gainesville*

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

*The EDUCC adopted the April 7, 2008 agenda as circulated*

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*The EDUCC approved the February 18, 2008 minutes as circulated.*

## DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

### **070892.**

#### **Commissioner Jack Donovan - Green Local Government Standard (B)**

*The EDUCC heard a briefing from staff describing the Florida Green Building Coalition, Inc's "Green Local Government Standard" program. Staff summarized the steps to implement the Florida Green Local Government Standard program at an*

*annual cost of \$4,500 membership fee.*

*1) Learn about the Florida Green Local Government Standard:*

*The Florida Green Building Coalition, Inc. which operates and maintains the standard, is a non-profit corporation whose primary mission is to develop and maintain Green Designation Standards for Florida and to promote cost-effective, sustainable environmental improvements. The Coalition has developed the "Green Local Government Standard," which focuses on improving municipal environmental performance through measurable criteria in order to promote alternative energies and a cleaner environment. The Coalition is a one-stop source of guidance, "how-to" steps and information.*

*2) Designate an office, department, or individual as Project Coordinator:*

*The Project Coordinator will be the main link between the local government and FGBC. A project evaluator will be assigned to your team by FGBC.*

*3) Determine what criteria apply to the local government:*

*Since the standard's criteria are organized in terms of generic local government functions, the coordinator will perform an exercise to determine what criteria will apply to the local government. For example, if there is no public electric utility, certain criteria will not apply. The exercise will enable the Project Coordinator to determine the Maximum Applicable Points Total. The Project Coordinator will also determine which department is likely to perform each function, in order to distribute criteria effectively.*

*4) Conduct a local government assessment review in cooperation with departments:*

*After criteria has been distributed to appropriate departments, individual departments review the criteria and indicate what has been done or is planned for implementation, and also indicate what is likely to be considered in the interest of achieving the standard, and for the benefit of the local government.*

*5) Conduct a local government evaluation:*

*The Project Coordinator collects all departmental information, and determines where the local government currently falls in reference to the suggested levels of compliance. The Project Coordinator then prepares a summary report that is sent to all applicable local government departments.*

*6) Schedule implementation meeting to outline path towards qualification:*

*The coordinator then assembles a meeting of departmental representatives to discuss the status in reference to the standard. An interactive process then begins whereby areas of cooperation are explored, potential sustainable and green improvements are identified, and a plan is outlined with the intent of bringing the city/county towards compliance with the standard. Designation Levels are awarded based on achieving percentages of the Maximum Applicable Points Total.*

*7) Submit application and all necessary documentation to FGBC for evaluation:*

*At which time the local government believes they have met the minimum requirements of the standard, a submittal is provided to FGBC with necessary documentation such that the efforts can be reviewed, and the designation awarded.*

*The EDUCC directed staff to bring back a report on the feasibility of implementing the Green Local Government Standards program, cost of staff time and a cost benefit analysis.*

**RECOMMENDATION**    *The City Commission consider adopting a resolution.*

**Discussed**

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**REFERRALS**

*Legistar titles and numbers are listed below:*

*040171 -- WI FI Proposal and Community Telecommunications*

*040247 -- EDUCC Information*

*040487 -- City Storm Water Regulations Modification; the City & CRA Pursue*

*040490 -- Urban Parking Facilities & Funding Mechanism*

*040493 -- EDUCC Communications & Marketing Recommendations*

*050399 -- Civic Lights*

*050835 -- Gainesville/UF/Santa Fe Innovation Zone*

*061158 -- Inter-City Trip*

*070077 -- Innovation Campus Task Force*

*070892 -- Green Local Government Standard*

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

**ADJOURNMENT**