

City of Gainesville

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



Minutes

Thursday, May 14, 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

Chair Poe called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present 3 - Commissioner Poe, Commissioner Hinson-Rawls, and Commissioner Warren

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Adopted

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[140962.](#) **Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2015 (B)**

Attachments: [140962_Draft 4-9-15 RCAPW Minutes_20150514.pdf](#)

RECOMMENDATION *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee approve the minutes of the April 9, 2015 meeting as submitted.*

Approved by Consensus

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.

[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](#)

Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers introduced the item. Pegeen Hanrahan, representative of the Trust for Public Lands (TPL), presented an update on TPL's research and recommendations regarding likely funding sources for the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs (PRCA) Master Plan. The TPL is working on studies for both the City of Gainesville and Alachua County concerning possible upcoming ballot measures. Ms. Hanrahan recommended that March 2016 would be the best time to put forward a ballot initiative to fund the PRCA Master Plan and that the ballot language is very important. Michelle Park, Assistant Director of the PRCA, stated that the feasibility study the TPL is conducting should be complete in the next week or so and she would request individual meetings with the City Commissioners to discuss the details and the poll with them in June, as the ballot language should be proposed by late July/early August and finalized in August by the City Commission. It was decided that when the feasibility study is complete, it will be forwarded to the Committee and copied to the City Commission. At the May 21 City Commission meeting, during the discussion item about the City's Strategic Plan, this effort and its timeline will be highlighted. The Committee requested that the presentation be given to the full City Commission during their June 18 meeting.

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

Discussed

[100607.](#)

Northeast Neighborhood Veterans Memorial Park (B)

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](#)

Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers introduced Gerry Dedenbach, Vice President of Causseaux, Hewett & Walpole, Inc., who gave a presentation of some options for the property (which formally reverted back to the City's possession on May 7th), both in the short-term and over time, to make the it a welcoming, neighborhood park. His proposal outlined what the City could do immediately that will create a functional, 1 – 1.5 acre park while setting up key components for possible future expansion, but without putting constraints on the future viability of the building that is also on the property. Representatives from the Friends of Reserve Park expressed their enthusiasm and willingness to provide some assistance with cleaning up the park.

RECOMMENDATION *The Committee review concepts for the proposed park and provide input and direction.*

Commissioner Warren moved, and Commissioner Hinson-Rawls seconded, that the Committee should approve the proposed park boundaries. The motion passed unanimously.

140839.

Solar Cell Phone/Computer Charging Stations (B)

This item is a referral from the City Commission.

Attachments: [140839 Solar Charging Stations presentation 20150514.pdf](#)
[140839 Solar Charging Stations presentation 20150716.pdf](#)

Wayne Irwin of Pure Solar, spoke about the benefits of making solar power accessible to the citizens of the City and proposed that his company display solar charging stations around the city for a period of about six months to see how the community responds, and then determine if it would be of interest to the City to purchase or lease those or more stations at a later date.

RECOMMENDATION *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works*

Committee discuss this referral and provide staff direction for moving forward.

Commissioner Hinson-Rawls moved, and Commissioner Warren seconded, that the Committee ask Staff to work with Pure Energy to determine locations for charging stations and install them for a six-month pilot program. The motion passed unanimously.

[140187.](#)

Bicycle Parking (B)

This item is a referral from the City Commission to discuss bicycle parking.

Attachments: [140187A MAP-Bike Racks by Ownership 20140911.pdf](#)
[140187B BFC Spring2014 Feedback 20140911.pdf](#)
[140187C BFC Spring2014 ReportCard 20140911.pdf](#)
[140187D Proposed Action Steps 20140911.pdf](#)
[140187E Bike Efforts PPT 20140911.pdf](#)
[140187 BikeParking 20150514.pdf](#)

Mr. Folkers stated that staff has made good progress on downtown bike parking installations in the past few months and asked if the Committee would consider removing this item from the referral list. Commissioner Poe requested that staff work with the City Attorney to draft language for a bike parking mitigation plan, so that if a business does not have physical space for bicycle parking, it might be able to ease its penalty by providing bike parking on another site that the City specifies. Staff would then bring this language back to the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee remove this item from the referral list.*

Discussed

[140180.](#)

Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee Referrals (B)

Attachments: [140180 Pending Referrals 20140731.pdf](#)
[140180 Pending Referrals 20140820.pdf](#)
[140180 Pending Referrals 20140911.pdf](#)
[140180 Pending Referrals 20141009.pdf](#)
[140180 Pending Referrals 20141113.pdf](#)
[140581 Staff Presentation 20150108.pdf](#)
[140180 Pending Referrals 20150212.pdf](#)
[140180 Pending Referrals 20150312.pdf](#)
[140180 Pending Referrals 20150409.pdf](#)
[140180 Pending Referrals 20150514.pdf](#)

RECOMMENDATION *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee review and prioritize the list of pending referrals.*

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NEXT MEETING DATE - TBD

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Poe called the meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.