

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 13, 2012

4:15 PM

City Hall, Room 16

Regional Utilities Committee

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Lauren Poe, Chair
Mayor Craig Lowe, Member
Commissioner Susan Bottcher, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****APPROVAL OF MINUTES****120252. Regional Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes for July 9, 2012 (B)**

The minutes of the July 9, 2012 meeting were approved as drafted.

RECOMMENDATION *Approve minutes as drafted*

CURRENT ACTION ITEMS**080480. Status Update on the City Commission Strategic Initiative to Monitor the Progress of the Clean-up of Cabot Carbon/Koppers Superfund Site (NB)**

Rick Hutton gave an update on Cabot Koppers. Signing of the consent decree is imminent. Beazer is proceeding with remedial design. There is no specific timeline. They're currently in Phase 1, trying to characterize where the creosote is located, with a target of Labor Day. Several attempts will be made to try and get this technology to work before moving on to another remedy.

Cabot issued a work plan and is moving much faster than Beazer has in the past. Preliminary data on off-site soil sampling is on the Alachua County website. There is a link to the County's site on the City's website.

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee hear an update on the progress of the clean-up on the Cabot Koppers site.*

120126. Glen Springs Restoration (NB)

Rick Hutton spoke to the Glen Springs Restoration item. He said the plan identifies impairments - nitrate levels are higher; flows are lower now than in Glen Springs' heyday. Lawn fertilization and septic tanks may contribute to higher nitrates, and private wells may impact the flow. EPD will be doing water quality monitoring. Mayor Lowe said we could do public education in regard to the Fertilizer Ordinance. Most folks are not aware of it. Comm. Bottcher mentioned that homeowner's associations may be putting emphasis on the lawns so maybe we should reach out to them about water, fertilizers, etc.

Mayor Lowe mentioned stormwater filling up facilities when we have a deluge and said we should consider stormwater facilities. Comm. Poe recommended that staff look into whether Glen Springs Elementary School or other school board property

could be used for providing additional stormwater percolation ponds. Staff will look into this to see if it is feasible.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff will discuss Glen Springs restoration plan and possible use of Connect Free for well and septic tank abandonment.

MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

September 19, 2012

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.