

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Agenda

February 11, 2010

1:00 PM

City Hall, Room 16

Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Scherwin Henry, Chair
Commissioner Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Member
Commissioner Lauren Poe, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER**ROLL CALL****ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****APPROVAL OF MINUTES****090739.****Approval of the January 14, 2010 Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee Minutes (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee approve the minutes of the January 14, 2010 meeting as submitted.

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DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS**090110.****Proposed Cell Tower at Westside Park (B)**

This item involves referral of the issue of placement of a Cell Tower at Albert "Ray" Massey Westside Park to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee for review.

Explanation: On July 24, 2003 the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee heard information from representatives of cellular phone companies about the need for and placement of a cellular tower at Westside Park. A motion was made and approved to work with the cell tower representatives on gathering additional information and presenting findings to the full Commission at the January 28, 2004, City Commission meeting. This item was withdrawn and no further action was taken.

In April 2009, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department was approached by TowerCom, requesting consideration to place a cell tower at Westside Park. On May 21st, the matter was referred to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee by the City Commission.

On May 20, 2009, the Public Recreation and Parks Advisory Board met and discussed the cell tower proposal. At that meeting the advisory board approved the following motion: to support the construction of the cell tower, provided that further neighborhood notification was pursued and that the revenues from that tower go to the Department and does not supplant other funds.

On June 11, 2009, the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee heard a presentation by TowerCom representative Dave Boeff on

this matter; Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director Steve Phillips provided history and background. Mr. Boeff presented details of the company's need for placement of a cellular tower at Westside Park, outlining TowerCom's proposal, which included logistical, financial, photographic details, along with a draft of a proposed agreement.

TowerCom has been begun the steps of taking its proposal through the City's planning and development processes to amend the zoning. On December 3, 2009, a neighborhood workshop was conducted to obtain feedback from area residents near the proposed cell tower location. Mr. Boeff will present information about results obtained from the workshop and modifications to the proposal.

Fiscal Note: There is no fiscal impact to the City of Gainesville at this time; however, construction of a cell tower at Westside Park would provide revenue opportunities for the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department. If this project receives approval, City staff will pursue negotiating with TowerCom for one-time capital funds to assist with City costs incurred by construction, and for recurring revenues that may be derived from TowerCom's continuing use of City property.

RECOMMENDATION

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee: 1) hear an update on the placement of a cell tower at Westside Park; and 2) recommend approval of this project to the City Commission, contingent upon conclusion of successful negotiations by City staff with TowerCom for revenue arrangements, site location and capital improvements.

Legislative History

5/21/09	City Commission	Referred	Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee
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Complete Capital Projects at Parks - Improve programs, Development Land Conservation and Acquisition Program (Biodiversity, Passive Recreation) - CCOM Strategic Initiative (NB)

This item is an update to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee regarding the implementation of Capital Improvement Projects for the Wild Spaces Public Places One-Half Cent Sales Tax Initiative.

Explanation: On September 17, 2009, City staff received directives from the Gainesville City Commission regarding implementation of the capital projects selected for the Wild Spaces, Public Places funding. Funding allocations were assigned for the projects, and staff has begun to proceed with a number of those capital projects.

Staff is prepared to present an update to the Committee regarding the progress of the capital projects.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available through the Wild Spaces Public Places Capital Improvement Projects One-Half Percent Infrastructure Sales Surtax.

RECOMMENDATION

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee hear an update from staff regarding the implementation of Capital Improvement Projects for the Wild Spaces Public Places One-Half Cent Sales Tax Initiative.

Legislative History

10/2/08	City Commission	Referred	Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee
1/8/09	Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee	Approved	

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MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled to occur on Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 1:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT