

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Agenda

January 31, 2011

2:30 PM

City Hall, Room 16

Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee

*Commissioner Scherwin Henry, Chair
Commissioner Thomas Hawkins, Member
Commissioner Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER**ROLL CALL****ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****APPROVAL OF MINUTES****100662.****Approval of the December 13, 2010 Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee approve the minutes of the December 13, 2010 meeting as submitted.

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DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS**100470.****Fifth Avenue Paint-Out Sponsorship (NB)**

This item is a referral to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee regarding City sponsorship of a “Paint-Out.”

Explanation: Commissioner Poe brought this item forward at the October 21, 2010 City Commission meeting, in response to an inquiry by local artist Sue Johnson, who indicated her interest in organizing a “Paint-Out” in the Fifth Avenue redevelopment corridor.

Ms. Johnson has prepared a presentation regarding her proposal, which identifies event logistics as well as estimated costs for the event for the current two-year budget cycle.

Fiscal Note: Currently this event is not a core service included in the FY11-12 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department budget. Funds to cover expenses associated with this as a one-time or recurring event are not budgeted.

RECOMMENDATION

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee hear a proposal by Sue Johnson regarding the City of Gainesville sponsoring a Paint-Out with local artists in the Fifth Avenue area.

Legislative History

10/21/10	City Commission	Referred (5 - 0 - 2 Absent)	Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee
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100544.**Cinema Verde Environmental Film Festival (NB)**

Explanation: Trish Riley and other representatives of the Cinema Verde Environmental Film Festival attended the City Commission meeting on November 18, 2010 and described their plans for the Second Annual Environmental Film Festival from March 18-27, 2011. They are seeking to coordinate their plans with the City and are seeking City support where possible. The City Commission referred the topic to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs & Public Works Committee.

City staff subsequently met with Ms. Riley and representatives of the Environmental Film Festival to get a better understanding of plans for the festival and how the City might be able to help. The City also facilitated a meeting with Environmental Film Festival representatives, City, County and University of Florida staff to explore how efforts could be coordinated to highlight environmental issues during the film festival up through Earth Day.

Ms. Riley and representatives of the Environmental Film Festival will be present to discuss their plans for the second annual festival and their vision for the future and explore opportunities for collaboration and support from the City. City staff will be prepared to discuss assistance that is being provided.

If you are interested in viewing the website on the environmental film festival, please visit <<http://verdefest.org>>.

Fiscal Note: The City has no funding budgeted to support the Environmental Film Festival. Film Festival representatives have been informed of the City's budget cycle and opportunities for non-profit organizations to apply for assistance.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) hear a presentation from representatives of the Cinema Verde Environmental Film Festival and comments from City staff; and 2) provide any comments and suggestions.

Legislative History

11/18/10	City Commission	Referred (6 - 0 - 1 Absent)	Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee
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100523.**City of Gainesville Registry of Protected Public Places Listing (B)**

This item is a referral from the Gainesville City Commission to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee (RCAPW) regarding the potential listing of eleven (11) nature parks to the Registry of Protected Public Places.

Explanation: On December 18, 2008, an amendment to ordinance #080576 was approved by the City Commission to allow the amendment to be placed before the voters regarding the protection of City-owned lands acquired or used for conservation, recreation, or cultural purposes. At the March 24, 2009 regular municipal election, the voters of the City of Gainesville approved the amendment. The amendment states that a registry will be created for the purpose of identifying fee-simple properties owned by the City of Gainesville that are deemed to be worthy of the highest level of protection. When listed on the registry, said properties may not be sold or converted to a use that will result in a loss of value for which the property was placed on the registry, except by a majority vote of the electors in a city-wide election.

Since March 2009, staff has evaluated various City-owned lands to determine which properties would be appropriate for the increased level of protection. Eleven (11) nature parks have been deemed suitable for inclusion on the Registry at this time. Staff has drafted a phased plan for listing properties as well as a listing notice to be reviewed by the Committee.

On December 16, 2010, this matter was referred by the City Commission to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee for their review and recommendation.

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impacts are anticipated.

RECOMMENDATION

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee: 1) receive a presentation from City staff; and 2) recommend to the City Commission that the proposed properties be included in the Registry of Protected Public Places Listing.

Legislative History

12/16/10 City Commission Approved as Recommended (6 - 0 - 1 Absent)

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MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE - Thursday, February 24, 2011 @ 1:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT