

# **City of Gainesville**

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



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, March 23, 2011**

**5:15 PM**

**City Hall, Room 16**

## **Equal Opportunity Committee**

*Commissioner Warren Nielsen, Chair  
Commissioner Scherwin Henry, Member  
Commissioner Randy Wells, Member*

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**CALL TO ORDER - 5:26 PM****ROLL CALL**

Present: Warren Nielsen, Scherwin Henry and Randy Wells

**ATTENDEES**

*Cecil Howard, EO Director via Teleconference*  
*Dave Beaulieu, Assistant General Manager*  
*Fred Murry, Assistant City Manager*  
*Mark Benton, Finance Director*  
*Sandy Barnard, Human Resources Director*  
*Stephanie Marchman, Assistant City Attorney*  
*Gwendolyn Saffo, Sr. EO Specialist*  
*Rodney Bickel, EO Specialist*  
*Candasy Tolbert, Staff Clerk*  
*Reid Rivers, Professional -Temp*  
*Kali Blount, Citizen*  
*Mary Anderson, Citizen*

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

*The agenda was adopted as circulated.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES****100740. Equal Opportunity Committee (EOC) Minutes (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The EOC approve the minutes of 12/6/10 as circulated.*

**Approved as Recommended**

**DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS****100419. Local and Minority Business Opportunities in City Projects (B)**

*EO Specialist Rodney Bickel gave a presentation on two (Public Works Administration and CRA) of the City's recent building projects. Reid Rivers gave a presentation on the Eastside Operations Center. Both reports detailed the usage of local small businesses in the initial phase of the process as well as the construction manager's efforts in this area.*

*Chair Nielsen recognized Dave Beaulieu, Reid Rivers, Mark Benton, Cecil Howard, Fred Murry, and Rodney Bickel who spoke to the matter.*

*The Equal Opportunity Committee (EOC) requested hearing more specific and detail information on the City's small business process. The EOC recommended two reports scheduled for the April 7 City Commission Meeting be first heard in Committee. The EOC recommended inviting Shaad Rehman, Small and Minority Business Development Coordinator to present GGs Small Business Procurement Program (SGPP), and Joann Dorval, Utilities Purchasing Manager, to present GRUs Small Business Enterprise Program (SBE).*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The Equal Opportunity Committee: 1) hear a report from the EO Director on three of the City's recent building projects detailing the usage of local small businesses in the initial phase of the process as well as the construction manager's efforts in this area; 2) discuss report findings; and 3) take appropriate action.*

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## **MEMBER COMMENT**

## **CITIZEN COMMENT**

*Mary Anderson - Myths re: unfriendly community  
Dave Beaulieu - Inclusiveness of Eastside project*

**NEXT MEETING DATE - April 11, 2011**

**ADJOURNMENT - 7:05 PM**