

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Agenda

March 08, 2010

1:00 PM

City Commission Workshop

City Hall, Room 16

City Commission

*Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan (At Large)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Scherwin Henry (District 1)
Commissioner Lauren Poe (District 2)
Commissioner Jack Donovan (District 3)
Commissioner Craig Lowe (District 4)
Commissioner Thomas Hawkins (At Large)
Commissioner Jeanna Mastrodicasa (At Large)*

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

AGENDA STATEMENT

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ROLL CALL

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY DIRECTOR

090589.

Addressing the Issue of Socio-economic Status of Families with Children (B)

Explanation: On November 16, 2009, the Equal Opportunity Committee addressed the issue of Socio-economic disparity of families with children in Gainesville, and directed various entities within city government to formulate a committee to identify the needs of children in Gainesville, the entities that existed to address those needs and whether those needs were being adequately met by those entities.

*In response to this directive, representatives from the various offices met to design a plan of action. The Committee was able to identify several programs and services in existence in and around Gainesville, but was not equipped to completely ascertain the extent to which services were not being provided. In response, Dr. Kate Stowell, author of the recently published *The State of Florida's Child* report was contacted and agreed to make a preliminary report addressing child well-being and possible indicators relied upon accordingly. After presentation to the Commission, Dr. Stowell would be prepared to draft a final report indicating: 1) The current status of children, 2) The extent to which the status is improving or declining, 3) Best ways to implement solutions or remediate unacceptable status, 4) Plans to address concerns, and 5) Plans to communicate the status.*

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) hear a preliminary report from Dr. Stowell, 2) hear comment from providers of services, and 3) authorize committee to present final report to Commission within specified time period.

Legislative History

12/3/09	City Commission	Approved as shown above (See Motion) (4 - 0 - 3 Absent)
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