

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 24, 2008

3:00 PM

City Hall, Room 16

Community Development Committee

*Commissioner Scherwin Henry, Chair
Commissioner Jack Donovan, Member
Commissioner Craig Lowe, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jack Donovan and Scherwin Henry

Absent: Craig Lowe

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Status of CDC Referral List

The Committee reviewed the CDC referral list and suggested their list of priority ranking.

RLUIPA Meeting

The Committee asked that staff schedule a special meeting for the RLUIPA discussion sometime in late May.

Student Behavior Tracking

The Committee recommended to the City Commission that this item be removed from the referral list.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

070957. Minutes of March 13, 2008 (B)

RECOMMENDATION

The Community Development Committee approve the minutes of March 13, 2008.

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

060854. Healthy City, Healthy Region: An Update - Ten Years Later - January 2007 (B)

Commissioner Donovan provided a list of questions to staff so they may begin working on them before the next meeting.

1) The City Commission and the County Commission should explore the jointly-appointed corporate limits council as a mechanism to support the City's annexation plans.

Is the corporate limits council equivalent to the Countywide Visioning Committee, and if so, staff prepares a status report on where that Committee is with regards to the recommendation.

2) *The City and County should explore density as a method of signaling or requiring the annexation of urban areas.*

This approach leaves the growth of the City as to the location and density up to the County. The City should work to get the City empowered to have total control over land use and zoning in the urban reserve area. Would like to have a conversation about a response to the Newberry Village approval by the County. The Commission and staff should be weighing in on those kinds of decisions. Work for control over the urban reserve area, rather than leaving it in the control of the County.

3) *The City Commission and staff should build a close working relationship with the Alachua County Board of Education and school district staff on planning and capital projects.*

How do we build up a working relationship, and where do we seek the leverage, and what are the key issues that we should be generating input on.

4) *The City Commission should appoint a Task Force on Inclusionary Zoning, composed of City officials, housing agency representatives, developer/builder/realtors, and housing advocates to develop a City inclusionary zoning law. If possible, the Task Force should be a joint undertaking with the County Commission.*

What progress is the City making on our own regarding inclusionary zoning. Staff to report to the Committee some of the principles of inclusionary zoning that we should be holding fast to, and what are some of the outcomes that the City retains for. The City should meet with the County and try to go forward with a united front.

5) *The City Commission should encourage amendment of the County Comprehensive Plan to establish a more rigorous standard for agricultural zoning (i.e. at least 20 acres per housing unit). This will help promote in-fill development within the City and other urbanizing areas.*

Agrees with the Staff recommendation - Staff supports this proposal. Staff recommends that the City Commission communicate this position at the time that the County Commission initiates its 10-year update of the County Comprehensive Plan.

6) *The City Commission should initiate discussions with the County Commission about a process for joint planning coordination, which could eventually lead to a joint Planning Commission as in Charlotte-Mecklenburg County or in other Florida cities and counties.*

Interlocal Agreement between the County, Gainesville and the small municipalities to the east. Would like for the Committee to hear what is going on there, and to have some type of joint planning.

Commissioner Donovan provided a list of questions on the Rusk Summary of Major Trends:

1) *A goal of 78 sq. miles by 2010 without more active assistance.*

Provide an update on this and identify some of the kinds of assistance that the City expects from the County or legislative amendments to the Boundary Adjustment Act.

2) *Lagging behind in per capita personal income between us and the City and between us and the whole country.*

More important than average per capita income is the distribution. People in the City are not getting good paying jobs, and the people who do get the good paying jobs are located outside the City. A little more analysis of what we can do to reverse that trend. Is the skewing of income and the changing distribution income - does that have to do with Gainesville generating mainly service and low paying jobs. We need to emphasize higher wage jobs.

Chair Henry stated that we are not producing the high paying jobs. When you look at the overall picture, most jobs that are being produced in Gainesville are along the service capacity and government basically is the industry that is producing decent paying jobs.

3) *Alachua County public schools are becoming more racially and, as a result, economically re-segregated.*

This is a huge problem for the future of our Gainesville citizens. There is a lack of money and lack of a positive dream for all in the community. Focus on some significant interventions. What are we facing with residential segregation and economic segregation. It was favored by most neighborhoods to have community schooling.

Chair Henry stated that all the students that are attending the schools don't live in their neighborhoods. The County is bringing students into those neighborhood schools.

RECOMMENDATION *The Committee flesh out the six recommendations from the Rusk report.*

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NEXT MEETING DATE

May 8, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

