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Strategic Plan

Quarterly Report

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF GAINESVILLE RESIDENTS AND PLANTING THE SEEDS FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE.

General Government Budget: FY 2010-2011

Even though the City Commission went into the FY 2010 Budget Hearings facing a \$7 million dollar deficit, the Mayor and City Commission were able to adopt a budget for FY 2010 that emphasizes the strategic goals of the City Commission. The City Manager recommended a series of city wide decrements that will further the Commission toward their goal of government effectiveness and fiscal responsibility, such as a reduction in cell phone and blackberry use. Of the small number of increments that were added to the budget, the Commission placed a strong emphasis on their goal of environmental stewardship and energy efficiency by funding the Koppers lawsuit expenses and a transfer to RTS to support their efforts to encourage Shands, UF, and City staff to ride the bus.



Administrative Services Director, Becky Rountree presents proposed budget to the City Commission

INITIATIVE WATCH

As part of the strategic initiative to increase civic engagement, the City Commission held Town Hall meetings in each of the four City Commission Districts during the third quarter of FY 2009. Residents shared their thoughts about what municipal services they use the most and which are most important to them. Here's what Gainesville residents said:



District One Town Hall Meeting at Springhill Baptist Church

<i>These are the services that I use the most:</i>	<i>These are the services that are most important to me:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Utilities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roadways, sidewalks, curb cuts, and traffic calming <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation facilities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trash, recycling, and street sweeping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Utilities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alternative modes of transportation, such as RTS, walkable sidewalks, curb cuts, and bike lanes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation and Parks

Public Safety

Maintain a safe and healthy community in which to live.

Develop and continue programs to reduce the causes of crime



Policing in Hospitality Zones

During the third quarter, the Gainesville Police Department (GPD) implemented a new crime analysis program called the “Tactical Briefing.” This briefing is designed to use a quantitative approach to deploy limited resources to areas with recognizable crime patterns based on crime analysis data. The day of the week and time of day can be gleaned from statistical information allowing for greater precision in placing resources to deal with Gainesville’s crime issue.

Also during this period, GPD arrested 2,236 individuals and issued 6,438 traffic citations. Furthermore, GPD’s Tactical Impact Unit conducted 17 investigations which involved illegal firearms, which led to the arrest of 21 individuals, and our Safety Kiosk Program provided safety information to over 300 college age individuals. GPD’s Party Patrol responded to 403 calls for service, of which over 300 of them were related to noise issues within the City.

The GPD Public Information Office produced three thirty-minute television programs which dealt with a wide range of crime prevention topics and included an in-depth look at the problem of alcohol-facilitated sexual batteries in our college age population.

The department also applied for 14 different grants which, if all funded, could involve over 6 million dollars. The largest of the grants we applied for was the COPS Universal Hiring Grant. If funded this grant would involved the

hiring of up to 20 new full-time officers.

GPD’s Community Conflict Coordinator conducted seven conflict mediations. The mediations involve citizens, police, business owners and neighborhood associations and are designed to mitigate repeat neighborhood issues before they escalate to a level of law violation.



Gators Mobile SAFE-T Kiosk

Ensure that there are appropriate staff levels for police and fire and review the deployment of staff

The FY 09 soft hiring freeze continued for all departments except zone police officers and fire rescue shift personnel.

During the quarter, GPD hired 2 police officers, one Police Service Technician (PST) and

one School Crossing Guard. GPD has 2 police officer vacancies. The status of hiring for positions to serve the SW 20th Ave annexation area is as follows: 1) the remaining police officer position is slated to be filled in October, 2) the authorized Sergeant position has not been filled to date, and 3) the PST position slated to be filled in October is one of three within GPD’s decrements for FY 10. There is a 1.5% vacancy rate contained in GPD’s decrement package for FY 10. Over the last few years, the department has consistently had a vacancy rate at or above 1.5%. GPD is working with the Strategic Planning Department regarding the proposed Eastside annexation to identify GPD staffing required to provide services to this area should it be annexed.

positions without additional revenue whether through a grant award or implementation of a fire assessment. GFR staff is currently working on preparations for a federal Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Act grant application. The federal stimulus provided no new funding for fire personnel and has expanded qualifying SAFER applications to include retention of positions, not just additional staff. Unfortunately, the City has not been successful when applying for these grants in the past.

Discussions continue with GPD and GFR on the strategic initiative. A work group composed of representatives of GPD, GFR, Administrative Services, and the City Manager’s Office will review GPD and GFR studies on staffing levels and attempt to identify and determine the impact of key drivers on future staffing needs.

Due to general construction process delays, the need for hiring thirteen additional GFR staff for Fire Station 8 has been delayed until FY 11. Significant budget challenges for FY 11 are expected to make it difficult to fund these new



GPD SWAT Team

Economic Development

Foster economic development and encourage redevelopment

& Redevelopment

Ensure transparent, efficient and consistent regulation of land development in furtherance of the Comprehensive Plan*

During the third quarter, the Planning and Development Services Department continued configuration and implementation work associated with the Innoprise Electronic Plan Management System. It is anticipated that the system will be operational and functional by the end of the calendar year. A sole source request for a contract with a vendor who will provide electronic document mark-up functionality for plan review was approved by the City Commission during this quarter as well. This product will fit under the umbrella and is the next step in improving customer service to area contractors. On the transparency front, a contract for consulting services regarding the Land Development Code and Comprehensive Plan was approved by the City Commission. The contract has been submitted for approval and it is anticipated that the consultant will be on board formally at the beginning of the 4th quarter.

Staff continues to interact with the development community through the monthly Builder's Association of North Central Florida (BANCF) and in

other forums on the existing development review process and opportunities for improvement. Importantly, information regarding the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) and the Innoprise system were provided to the group in the 3rd quarter.

*In the third quarter, the Planning and Development Services Director worked with Commissioner Hawkins, the City Manager and Strategic Planning on revised language regarding this Strategic Initiative.



Innoprise Software Logo

Continue to position City to take advantage of innovation economy and identify plan for innovation zone near the University

Planning and Development Services staff met with several individuals regarding



Architectural drawing of an innovation zone

plans for innovative economy entity development as well as those seeking to provide inventory for development within the Innovation Zone and City at large. Staff attended the UF Technology Showcase and provided relevant updates to a routine meeting of the Economic Development University Community Committee (EDUCC).

Planning and Development Services staff worked with the Council for Economic Outreach (CEO) through the Design Center to structure a response to the lack of appropriate land and building inventory in the community for Innovative Economy development. Two sites within, and just outside, the City limits were conceptually site planned for the development of these types of uses. Processes for this to occur were explicitly defined and detailed in the document as well. This information and a presentation will be provided to the community in the 4th quarter.

Improve coordination with Alachua County in order to more effectively plan and develop Gainesville's Urban Reserve Area

Planning and Development services staff attended meetings of the Orderly Annexation Team to wrap up a proposed area for Eastside annexation. Initial presentations on this matter were made to the City Commission with follow up on a final ordinance in the 4th quarter.

Planning and Development Services staff has been working with Alachua County on reviewing County staff's Long Term Transportation Concurrency system and providing comments throughout the public hearing process. These comments and components of the proposed system have been presented to the City Commission as well.

Planning and Development Services staff is working on land use and zoning changes associated with properties annexed into the City from within the City's Urban Reserve and ensuring consistency with respect to proposed development and the existing physical environment. These changes are small-scale in terms of spot properties in the western urban reserve, as well as larger in scale such as those associated with Butler Plaza.



Eastside High School

Economic Development

Foster economic development and encourage redevelopment

& Redevelopment

Complete the implementation of the Strategic Redevelopment Plan for Depot Park



Depot building loaded on truck

The Historic Structures report has been finalized and presented to the CRA board. A number of recommendations were made with respect to the building design and history.

Contracts are in place now to begin the park concept design and the Depot building context area.

The plan board approved the rezoning of the park and now the city commission will review this request.

Complete the implementation of the Strategic Redevelopment Plan for GRU Area

Staff has begun to timeline out the next steps needed for the redevelopment of the site. Some of the milestones will include rezoning, environmental testing and reporting, public rights of way identification, lay out and disposition.

Complete the implementation of the Southeast Gainesville Renaissance Initiative (SEGRI Project)

The Special Area Plan for SEGRI was not placed on the plan board agenda and no timeline has been set by the Planning Office for this. The Kennedy Homes RFP has been issued, a pre-bid meeting has occurred and responses are due by the end of September.

The CRA's Hawthorne Road property is being submitted to the Development Review Board (DRB) next quarter.



Aerial view of Kennedy Homes site

Increase the amount of affordable housing throughout the City

The SHIP Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) continued its discussion on increasing the amount of affordable housing and low-cost housing throughout the City. Areas of concern included affordable housing issues affecting very low and low-income families in the City. AHAC also finalized the approved Incentive Report Recommendation, during the third quarter. The Report addresses SHIP funding allocations, vacancies on the Board and participation in the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR). A recap of the plan discussion is as follows:

- Forming a joint SHIP Ad Hoc committee w/ the County to deal with issues of special needs housing funding.
- Working jointly with the CACCD to develop the City's new Tenant Relocation Program for future apartment closures. Areas of concern were the closure of Seminary Lane Apartments and the impact it would have on the existing tenants; and the possible closure of Glen Springs Manor Apartments and its affect on the existing tenant households. The draft plan will be submitted to the City Commission for approval in the fall of 2009.
- Methods to address the pending reduction of the SHIP funding allocation.

The AHAC conducted an Affordable Housing Clinic on May 19, 2009. The Affordable Housing Clinic, held at the Dr. Martin Luther King Multi-Purpose Center, was well attended by various sectors of the housing arena. Also in attendance were City Commissioner Jack Donovan and former State Representative Ed Jennings, Jr. The guest speaker was Ms. Jamie Ross, Esq., from the Florida Housing Coalition, Tallahassee, FL.

Ms. Ross covered land use tools for affordable housing with the audience, and discussed topics such as: Accessory Dwelling Units, Inclusionary Zoning, Community Land Trusts, Form Based Zoning, and Transfer of Development Rights.

As a part of this on-going initiative, the City Commission approved a \$200,000 funding commitment to the upcoming rental rehab project, Gardenia Gardens, a 100-unit apartment complex in Northeast Gainesville. The developers, Gardenia Gardens, Inc. will leverage the City's funds with state funding received from the Florida Housing Finance Corporation in efforts to improve the quality of and provide low-cost affordable apartment living in the City. Additionally, the City of Gainesville Housing and Community Development (HCD) Division is preparing an application



Gardenia Garden Apartments Neighborhood Network Center

for NSP-2 funds in the amount of \$5 million to address affordable housing in the City. The NSP-2 was established by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 with the purpose of stabilizing communities through the purchase and redevelopment of foreclosure and abandoned residential properties.

Human Capital

Assist every person to reach their true potential

Continue implementation of the 10-year plan to end homelessness



The Gainesville/Alachua County Office on Homelessness (OOH) continues to provide updates to the Implementation Committee on the status of the 10 Year Plan.

The OOH and Alachua County Housing Authority (ACHA) negotiated a contract in the amount of \$25,000 for Emergency Services for the residents of Tent City. OOH is working with City staff to provide a report to the City Commission on Tent City models and alternative camping facilities for homeless residents within the County. The report is due back to the City Commission in late July or early August. The City Commission authorized the City Manager to declare a state of emergency and allowed St. Francis to increase its bed capacity from 35 to 60 to assist homeless residents of Tent City. During the emergency provisional period, homeless providers offered additional services from the Emergency Services funding to accommodate the evacuation of the Tent City

residents.

The City has a tentative contract to purchase a 12-acre site for the One Stop Homeless Assistance Center known as ADC; subject to the zoning approval and environmental review of the property. The zoning application has been completed and submitted to the City's Planning and Zoning Department. City staff has been working with GRU to identify the most cost effective route to bring water and sewer to the ADC site. A proposed financial plan has been developed and will be presented to the City Commission as part of the update on the status of the One Stop Homeless Assistance Center in August.

CDBG-R and Homeless Prevention Rapid Re-Housing Program Grant funding applications were submitted to HUD in June 2009. The City is proposing to utilize the CDBG-R funds for the planning and development of the One Stop Center and the Homeless Prevention Rapid Re-Housing funds will be used to provide direct services to homeless and low and moderate income residents who need funding to stabilize their housing. Funding will be used to provide assistance such as: 1) monthly rent payments, security/utility deposits, moving costs and motel/hotel vouchers; and 2) case management, relocation/stabilization services,

outreach and legal services to eligible applicants needing assistance. Staff anticipates that the funding will be available by late August or September.

OOH participated in the submission of an application to the State of Florida for National Stabilization Program (NSP) Phase I funds. A portion of the grant funding in the amount of \$500,000 was designated for the One Stop Center. However, the State informed the County that the One Stop Center location was ineligible for funding because this was raw land/a new site and not a redevelopment area.

The City was requested to address the need to assist low-income tenant residents of Seminary Lane who were facing permanent displacement due to owner-initiated voluntary actions causing the closure of the apartment complex. HCD received approval for the City Commission to allocate \$44,000 in HOME funds to provide relocation assistance to residents of Seminary Lane to prevent homelessness. Gainesville Ministry, Inc., the City's subcontractor will be responsible for providing the direct services and funding to the residents of Seminary Lane. To date, 14 families have received assistance to relocate to suitable replacement housing units. It is anticipated that within two to three weeks the project will be completed.

Coordinate the effort to bring a family justice center to the City of Gainesville*



During this 3rd Quarter, Commissioner Lauren Poe, GPD Capt. Lynne Benck, and CAC Director Sherry Kitchens met with individuals to gain support for efforts

to bring a family center to Gainesville. The potential core partners were re-contacted and questions were asked about their spatial needs in the event of co-location. A hypothetical floor plan was created which will

assist in giving the partners and other interested parties an idea of the ideal work flow. It shows how each agency can share space and resources.

* In the third quarter, the GPD Capt. Lynne Benck worked with Commissioner Poe, the City Manager and Strategic Planning on revised language regarding this Strategic Initiative.

Human Capital

Assist every person to reach their true potential

Analyze the availability and accessibility of youth programs and identify a role for City government

A community engagement meeting occurred in April at the Eastside Recreation Center with stakeholders focused on developing a mentoring program during after-school hours using the NE Community Center, a location in the SW 20th Ave area and in zip code 32609, site to be determined.

Focus this quarter has been on program development and engaging as many youth as possible in positive activities during the summer.

The Summer Heatwave Program began June 2nd, 2009. All of the programs are currently at capacity: Girls to Young Ladies (G2YL) Teen workshops

have 70 girls, Summer Camp scholarships went to 150 children, and the Summer Basketball League received over 300 registrations, but had to cap enrollment at 240 girls and boys. Operation Respect Yourself held an End of School Year Pool Party at the NE Pool in conjunction with the Mike Peterson Football Camp at Citizens Field and MLK Center serving over 400 youth on June 27th. An End of Summer Pool Party is scheduled for August 15 at Westside Pool. The MLK Center has remained open all summer for Open Gym from 12 Noon to 5 PM daily and has been well utilized by all age groups.



Camper goes fishing at 2008 Summer Camp



Children cheer at skateboarding demo

Boys play pool at NE Center

Spring 2009 Baseball

Explore the potential for addressing senior issues and services



Booth at 2008 Senior Health Fair

During the third quarter, the following progress was made on Senior Services:

- Continue to clarify the cost estimates and services to be offered at the various levels.
- Confirmed the Senior Services being offered in the City/County by public, private, and non-profit organizations.
- Begin drafting the report for the City Commission and Community Development Committee.

- Senior Services report has been somewhat delayed due to the workload of the committee members – Alachua County staff, ElderCare, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs staff.

Senior Recreation Center Update

- The interagency agreement between the City of Gainesville and Alachua County for the Senior Recreation Center was executed in May, 2009.
- The MOU between the City of Gainesville and the State of Florida Department of Elder Affairs for \$2,000,000 for the Senior Recreation Center was executed in June, 2009.
- The Northside Park was identified as the future site of the Gainesville/Alachua County Senior Recreation Center.
- The City of Gainesville Purchasing Division publicly advertised for the Design/Build firms for the Senior Recreation Center.
- A Design/Build Review and Ranking Committee has been created to evaluate the proposals and includes representatives from Alachua County ElderCare, Alachua County Board of County Commission, and the City of Gainesville.

Government Effectiveness

Continue to increase the effectiveness of local government and maintain a strong fiscal condition

& Fiscal Responsibility

Increase civic engagement



2009 Town Hall Meeting

For the second year in a row, the City Commission conducted a series of Town Hall meetings, one in each City district, to encourage feedback from citizens on the City's upcoming budget and Evaluation and Appraisal Report for the Comprehensive Plan. The first meeting was held on May 4th at Springhill Missionary Baptist Church. Over 100 people attended this Town Hall meeting, which was hosted by Commissioner Sherwin Henry. This meeting was followed by District Two's meeting which was held at Gainesville High School on May 11th and hosted by Commissioner Lauren Poe.

District Three's Town Hall meeting was held on June 1st at the Doyle Connor Building with Commissioner Jack Donovan acting as host, and District Four held a Town Hall meeting on June 15th hosted by Commissioner Craig Lowe at United Church of Gainesville. The Town Hall meetings

for Districts Two, Three and Four had attendance from 20 to 30 residents at each meeting.

The citizens who attended these meetings provided valuable feedback to the City Commission in regards to the upcoming budget for FY 2010, and the evaluation and appraisal process for updating the City's Comprehensive Plan. In addition to these meetings, there was the opportunity to send emails to the City Commission via a web page created just for the Town Hall meetings.

Also during the third quarter, Gainesville 101 (formerly called "The Citizens Academy") provided 20 residents a unique education on the City and its functions. The next session is scheduled to begin in October, 2009.

The City Manger's Office brought forward suggested changes that were part of Karen Johnson's "Streamlining Gainesville Government", which was released in the Summer of 2008. On June 4, 2009, the City Commission approved changes to many of their rules including changing the order of agenda items during the Mayor's agenda review as long as the intent is to allow greater citizen participation. The Commission also made changes to the rules that apply to Commission Committees to allow for a more efficient meeting process.



District one



District two



District three



District four

Develop a strategy for e-commerce



During the third quarter of FY09, the Project CLIC team completed a review and analysis of potential transactions to move online for e-commerce.

The conclusion from the analysis was that while there was not an overall strategy for developing a city-wide e-commerce solution prior to FY 2009, several e-commerce applications have been developed and implemented. These applications include the Online Parking Citation Payment and the Business Tax Portal, both developed in FY07, as well as Parking Decals and Landlord Licensing Permits (for renewals), both released to the public during FY09.

Additionally, there are currently several e-commerce applications in

development, including Planning and Development Services for transactions such as fees, permits, and codes (Innoprise Project) and facilities rental (ActiveNet Project).

After considering the scope of transactions that are either already online or will be in the near future, the opportunities that were identified for e-commerce do not have the volume of transactions to justify the development and maintenance of an on-line application.

Staff will develop a final report with conclusions and provide a recommendation as to whether this initiative should be sunset at the end of FY 2009, in conjunction with the release of an e-commerce strategy.

Government Effectiveness

Continue to increase the effectiveness of local government and maintain a strong fiscal condition

& Fiscal Responsibility

Improve communication through increased use of the Internet for City services

In the third quarter of FY 2009, the Communications Office developed Internet pages to publicize a continuing series of four City Commission Town Hall Meetings intended to inform and obtain public feedback regarding the status of FY 2010 budget process and to seek community input for the Planning Department's Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) process. The Office also assisted development of the City EAR brand logo and informational web pages to create public awareness of the City EAR process.

During the third quarter of FY 2009, the Spring 2009 session of Gainesville 101: The City of Gainesville Citizen's Academy was hosted by the Communications Office. Twenty participants successfully completed the six-week program, which featured an informational online component.

The Communications Office also hosted three webinars for City staff. The first, entitled "Webcasting & your website: Options with Granicus"

was to learn about new and/or enhanced video streaming capabilities that include seamless integration of video file sharing links to social media networks such as Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube. The second, entitled "Online Training for Government: Save Time & Reduce Costs" was to learn about new opportunities to conduct staff training using video streaming applications. The final webinar, entitled "Twitter for Communicators," was to provide a primer to City staff regarding the possible uses of Twitter as a communications tool during the performance of their official duties. The Office also hosted a follow-up meeting with a Granicus representative and City staff to discuss an available Video on Demand Training service.

The Communications Office continued work to enhance the graphic design of the City Website by assisting Human Resources in the development of new web pages, including the "Why work for Us" page, in support of the Human Resources Employer Branding initiative. Additionally, Communications staff continues to monitor and update content

Facebook



YouTube



Twitter



Continue annexation efforts in the urbanized area in order to maintain social, economic, and financial diversity

Throughout the third quarter, annexation activity continued at a consistent pace. The Office of Strategic Planning received three petitions for voluntary annexation, which will be processed in the fourth quarter of the fiscal year. The Zahariev voluntary annexation was withdrawn by the property owner after much public debate surrounding the environmental sensitivity of the property.

Two annexations by referendum were considered and worked on during the third quarter. Residents from the Gainesville Country Club area approached the City for information on annexation. In addition, and in accordance with the Interlocal Agreement on the Transition of Services

(ATA), the Eastside Annexation Area was determined and the process to conduct a fall referendum began.

On April 30th, the City and County held a joint meeting to discuss the extension of the ATA, reimbursement for road construction along the newly SW 24th Ave annexation area, and the annexation of strategic ecosystems. The ATA was extended to 2014, and the other items are still being discussed.

Infrastructure & Transportation

Invest in community infrastructure and continue to enhance the transportation network and systems

Complete capital projects at parks—improve programs; Develop land conservation and acquisition program



Northeast Pool

During this quarter staff drafted and reviewed the land acquisition contract with Alachua Conservation Trust for environmentally sensitive lands. City staff also worked closely with Alachua County staff for a possible joint acquisition contract for one of the parcels designated in our sensitive land acquisition list. Both will be resolved during the fourth quarter.

Regarding the Capital Improvement Project list, an update was given to the City Commission on May 21st and the City

Commission approved the additional funding for the NE pool Heating/Cooling unit and directed the City Manager to work with the pool advocates on addressing pool use and operating expenses. Funding for the remaining projects was referred to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee to be discussed at the July meeting. Progress has been made on all projects that were previously approved.

Support the reconstruction of transportation facilities to encourage redevelopment of Depot Avenue

The project is divided into the following segments and progress will be reported by segment:

Segment 1: SW 13th Street to just west of SW 11th Street

No further progress to report this quarter.

Segment 2: SW 11th Street to Main Street

The design plans are approximately 60% complete. Final design and ROW acquisition are underway.

Segment 3: Main Street to just west of SE 7th Street Construction bids were received and construction is scheduled to begin in September '09.

Segment 4: SE 7th Street to Williston Road

No further progress to report this quarter.

A funding/phasing plan for the remaining segments of Depot Avenue will be presented to the Commission in August 2009.



Depot Avenue

Support the reconstruction of transportation facilities to encourage redevelopment of 6th Street

The design of Phase One for the 6th Street Rail Trail was completed. With the provision of Federal ARRA funding for Phase One construction, it was necessary to separate the roundabout construction from this project. Local Agency Program Project Agreements, plans, specifications, construction documents, including bidding and contract documents were completed in compliance with the required Federal standards and submitted to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for review and/or execution. It is anticipated that these reviews will be completed and the bid for Phase One construction will be let in August of 2009.

The schedule for the completion of the design and construction of Phase Two remains unchanged with design completed by April 1, 2010, with

bidding and construction to follow after July 1, 2010. FDOT funding regulations and budget prevent any reimbursable funding from being expended or committed prior to the July 1, 2010 date.

One of two small corner right of way parcels has been acquired for the SW 2nd Avenue/6th Street Roundabout project. The other parcel is owned by Shands at AGH and a sales agreement is currently under negotiation. The bid package, plans and construction documents are scheduled to be completed in September of 2009 with the construction bid to be let in early fall 2009. Start of construction has been scheduled for the second quarter of FY 2010, after the University of Florida football season.

Environment & Energy

Protect and sustain our natural environment and address future energy needs

Monitor the progress of the clean-up of Cabot Carbon/Koppers Superfund Site



Alachua County and the City of Gainesville continued to provide comments on Health Risk Assessments, off-site soil sampling study and other reports to EPA.

Aerial View of Cabot / Koppers Beazer East, Inc. submitted off-site soil sampling test results to EPA and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in May, 2009. Later in May, the Alachua County Health Department issued protective measure notices to the residents on the western boundary between NW 26th Avenue and NW 30th Avenue and residents 100 ft from the western property line. Some of the off-site soil sampling results exceeded the acceptable Florida levels and therefore public notification was required by the Alachua County Health Department and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

The Alachua County Health Department provided a briefing on the off-site soil sampling test results to the City of Gainesville Commission on May 21, 2009, and the City of Gainesville Public Works Department posted the City's Easements on May 22, 2009 to warn residents to stay out of the areas.

The Alachua County Department of Environmental Protection and the City of Gainesville (GRU and General Government) provided additional comments to EPA and requested that additional off-site sampling be conducted. Beazer East, Inc. and EPA agreed to the additional off-site sampling of the surrounding area.

On June 11, 2009, the Alachua County Health Department hosted a Community Open House Meeting at Stephen Foster Elementary School

from 4 pm to 8 pm to allow residents and business representatives an opportunity to discuss the off-site sampling test results. 120 people attended the meeting. Representatives from EPA, Beazer East, Inc., Koppers, Alachua County Health Department, Alachua County Environmental Protection Department, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the Florida Department of Health Toxicology were available to answer questions and discuss concerns with the public. Representatives from GRU, Public Works, the City Attorney's Office, and the City Manager's Office were also present at the Open House.

Access an Easement Agreement between the City of Gainesville and Beazer East, Inc. was developed by the City Attorney's Office and the Public Works Department. The Access Easement Agreement grants Beazer East, Inc. approval to place a fence and other protective measures in the City's Easement adjacent to the Western Boundary of the Koppers property.

On May 28, 2009 Beazer East, Inc. met with City staff to discuss future land use issues. A second meeting is being proposed.

Alachua County and City of Gainesville staff agreed to provide an update on the status of Cabot-Koppers Superfund Site at the joint City of Gainesville City Commission and Alachua County Board of County Commission meeting scheduled in August 2009.

GRU staff met with EPA, FDEP, ACEPD and Beazer East via conference call on July 1, 2009 to discuss EPA's anticipated plans for remedial actions to the Floridan Aquifer. EPA indicated that the site Draft Feasibility Study (which will review and evaluate potential remedial actions at the site) will be released in September.

Review the status of commercial recycling ordinances and enforcement

During the third quarter, the Solid Waste Division coordinated with the County on its revision to its franchising commercial contracts. After adoption by the County Commission, the City will look to mirror those contracts so that the City and County ordinances and contracts will be in consort.



Recycling Bins

Environment & Energy

Protect and sustain our natural environment and address future energy needs

Develop a coordinated response at the local level to address energy policy and climate change

Phase I field hardware installation of the Traffic Management System (TMS) is 100% complete; Phase II is 79% complete; Phase III is 63% complete and Phase IV is 42% complete. Overall, 44.5% of the traffic signals are now on-line in the TMS.

5,145 LED traffic signal indications have been installed representing 64.3% of the overall total of 7,997 indications. 44.7% of the traffic signals have been 100% converted to LED. An additional \$160,000 in federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funds will be used to purchase the remaining LED indications to complete the conversion.

A \$90,000 Pilot LED Outdoor Lighting project is included in the federal EECBG funds for implementation in the fall of 2009.

The City is borrowing \$1.2 million for General Services to implement energy efficiency projects at City facilities which will commence this summer. Some funds from the Wild Spaces / Public Places sales surtax may be used for energy efficiency improvements at parks and recreation facilities. The City will utilize \$40,000 in federal EECBG Funds to pro-

vide energy audits for additional City-owned facilities. The City is exploring the ability to have tax credits provided based on energy efficiency expenditures for City buildings. If implemented this could provide additional funds to complete more projects.

Submission to achieve the Florida Green Local Government Standard has been delayed. The application should be submitted this fall.

RTS ridership is down 1.5% from last year at this time at 6,712,016. Meeting the goal of an increase of 760,000 riders by 2010 is questionable at this time; however, with the restoration of previously reduced UF Campus service for the fall, ridership increases may be realized for those routes.

Commercial recycling tonnage for the first three quarters of FY 09 is at the same pace as last year at 3,879 tons; however, due to the economic downturn, this number is not expected to increase over the previous year. Staff has provided 1,052 audits of commercial establishments to evaluate recycling participation.

Energy Efficiency Projects at City Facilities



Thomas Center A&B

- New motion sensors for lighting control
- Replaced electric motors with high efficiency motors
- New icynene foam insulation
- Tinted all south facing windows
- New chillers
- Direct digital controls for cooling systems



Old Library

- New motion sensors for lighting control
- Replaced electric motors with high efficiency motors
- Tinted all south facing windows
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- Direct digital controls for cooling systems



City Hall

- New motion sensors for lighting control
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Public Safety Buildings

- New chillers
- Cooling towers
- Insulation, lighting and direct digital controls for cooling systems
- New icynene foam insulation

Partnerships

Champion effective and institutionalized relationships with other government entities and community partners

Formalize relationships with other community partners

Staff continues work on key partnership opportunities with our community partners including:

Sustainability

The first community sustainability meeting was held with staff representing our community partners including the City (General Government and GRU), UF, Santa Fe College, Alachua County, the School Board of Alachua County and others. UF took the initiative to schedule and facilitate the first meeting. Partners discussed their sustainability efforts and initiated discussions on ways that each organization can share information, learn from each other and align our efforts. A second meeting has been scheduled for August 19 focusing on sustainable procurement practices.

Economic Development

Efforts are reported in Initiative 2.5.

Education

Efforts reported in Initiative 8.2.

Transit

A robust partnership exists with UF to provide transit. Routes funded by UF that were reduced last year are being restored for the fall semester. UF and the City partner to use biodiesel fuel on bus routes funded by UF. Unfortunately, state legislation that would have allowed Santa Fe College students to pay for transit services in a similar manner as UF students was vetoed by the Governor.

Hospitality Districts

UF sought and achieved legislation clarifying the authority of its police officers in areas bordering campus. The legislation empowers UPD officers to enforce laws within 1,000 feet of campus. The City also has a mutual aid agreement that empowers UPD officers to provide support to the City when requested. UF and the City have initiated discussions regarding UPD police support for GPD. This possibility arose during City/UF discussions regarding uncompensated fire services provided to UF. It is hoped that these discussions will result in a level of UPD support that can save City funds currently used to address police related issues in areas frequented by students.



Increase involvement of the City in improving the quality of City schools



Children studying after District earns third straight 'A' grade

A special work session of the City Commission has been scheduled for October 29, 2009 to hear

from St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Baker and/or his School Programs Administrator Lori Matway about St. Petersburg's efforts to support education and help improve local schools. The School Board, County, UF and Santa Fe College will be invited to attend. St. Petersburg has implemented wide ranging efforts that may provide insights on opportunities for Gainesville.

Staff would like to allow the work session and the response from the City Commission and our community partners to provide guidance on the direction of this strategic initiative. Staff will continue to research other models and work with School Board staff.

A request was submitted to our Congressional delegation for funding that could be used to support this initiative as well as Strategic Initiative 3.3 to "Analyze the Availability and Accessibility of Youth Programs and Identify a Role for City Government". Staff is hopeful that funding will become available to allow greater focus and perhaps increase community capacity to address these initiatives.



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