

City of Gainesville

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Minutes

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Wednesday, May 14, 2014

4:00 PM

Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room

Community Development Committee

*Commissioner Thomas Hawkins, Chair
Commissioner Randy Wells, Member
Commissioner Todd Chase, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER - 4:04 PM**ROLL CALL**

Note: Commissioner Chase entered at 4:06 PM

Present 3 - Chair Hawkins, Member Wells, and Member Chase

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted by consensus.

Mr. Kali Blount voiced his disappointment that the Affordable Housing item (#130596) had not appeared on the agenda yet. He stressed the urgency of the Affirmatively Advancing Fair Housing initiative pending from HUD. Mr. Dush explained the work being done by staff and anticipated that the item would be on the June CDC agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

130972. Community Development Committee Minutes of April 9, 2014 (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The Community Development Committee approve the Minutes of April 9, 2014, as circulated.*

Approved by Consensus

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

These minutes are a summary of the meeting, not a verbatim discussion. A copy of the meeting recording may be provided upon request.

130591. Review of Pending CDC Referrals (B)

The Committee agreed that the new Chair (once appointed) would review this list with staff for the next meeting.

RECOMMENDATION *The Community Development Committee review and approve the pending referral list and proposed action schedule prepared by staff.*

Discussed

110259. Historic Structure Protection (B)

Planning & Development Director Steve Dush briefly introduced this item. Historic Preservation Planner D. Henrichs, Housing & Community Development Manager Jackie Richardson and Code Enforcement Manager Chris Cooper provided additional information on this item. The Committee discussed this item and reviewed the Historic Stabilization Fund matrix.

The Committee asked staff to incorporate the following into the recommendation to the City Commission:

- 1) Eligibility should prioritize owner occupants, and investors with occupants/tenants;
- 2) The house would need to be occupied for 8 years (of the 10) for full forgiveness. This allows for up to 2 years for construction and/or rehabilitation. Anything less than 8 years would be forgiven on a prorated basis;
- 3) Properties with code violations should be a priority;
- 4) Consider adding a waiver to the existing HCD Rehabilitation programs allowing applicants to use both programs; the rehabilitation programs normally require that the house be owner-occupied for 5 years in advance;
- 5) Focus the pilot on the Pleasant Street area/neighborhood to prioritize applicants as outlined on the map and/or as identified by Code Enforcement.

After discussion, the following motion was made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Chase and was approved unanimously.

MOTION: Make a recommendation to the City Commission to: 1) approve the pilot program as presented by staff to the Community Development Committee with the above mentioned inclusions; and 2) remove this item from the Community Development Committee referral list.

RECOMMENDATION *The Community Development Committee hear a presentation from staff.*

Approved, as shown above - See Motion(s)

MEMBER COMMENT

Commissioner Wells asked staff for a list of City owned property that could be utilized with GHA, ACHA, Habitat for Humanity or similar entities.

CITIZEN COMMENT

None

NEXT MEETING DATE

TBD

ADJOURNMENT - 4:50 PM