



City of Gainesville Meeting Minutes

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601

Community Development Committee

*Commissioner Craig Lowe, Chair
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Chuck Chestnut, Member*

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Thursday, August 4, 2005

10:00 AM

City Hall, Room 16

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 A.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chuck Chestnut and Craig Lowe

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Approved as Recommended

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

050265 Minutes of July 14, 2005 (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The Committee approve the minutes of July 14, 2005.*

A motion was made by Member Chestnut, seconded by Chair Lowe, that this matter be Approved as Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

002555 Design Review Process (NB)

Ralph Hilliard, Planning Manager, stated that the Community Development Committee had requested that staff report back after the City Plan Board met, for an update on the development review process petition.

Dean Mimms, Chief of Comprehensive Planning, stated that the City Plan Board discussed the matter at length and agreed that the neighborhood meeting requirements should remain as adopted in the current Code, with the exception of the redevelopment districts and special area plans. He noted that redevelopment district and special area plan meetings would be held at the Design Center. He stated that the City Plan Board agreed with the proposed Development Review Board thresholds with the addition of a new category called Minor Review II.

Mr. Hilliard stated that it was staff's opinion that the City should continue to provide opportunity for citizen input on development plans. He stated that the item would go to the City Commission for discussion on September 12, 2005.

Mr. Stuart Cullen, representing the Gainesville Builder's Association, stated that the Association would make a request to the City Commission that all development proposals be placed on a consent agenda, and pull only the items that need discussion by the public, staff, or developers.

Dana Crosby, Assistant Attorney II, stated that the purpose of a consent agenda was to allow items that required no discussion or debate to be adopted. She indicated that to begin with the premise that everything was eligible to go on a consent agenda defied the logic of a public process.

RECOMMENDATION *The Community Development Committee: 1) agreed to their recommendations from the July 14, 2005 meeting; and 2) requested that staff report back October 6, 2005 after the City Commission takes action.*

Approved as Recommended

040068 Development Projects Cut-Off Dates (B)

Mr. Hilliard stated that the Community Development Committee had requested that staff report back with a flowchart on the subdivision plat process. He noted that the purpose was to compare the staff proposed process with the one proposed by the Builder's Association.

Mr. Cullen discussed the flow charts and noted the major difference between the two was in the text referring to the process as a "concept review," and if review process for a subdivision would still require that it go to the Development Review Board (DRB). He stated that the Homebuilder's Association believed that design plats should not be reviewed by the DRB

The Committee requested that Mr. Hilliard explain the difference between the two timelines. Mr. Hilliard discussed the differences between the two. He noted that specific timelines are proposed in order to keep subdivision plats on a predictable review process.

RECOMMENDATION *Community Development Committee - Staff to report on the City Plan Board's recommendations in September, 2005.*

Approved as Recommended

NEW BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE

September 1, 2005 10:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

