

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Meeting Agenda

March 12, 2015

1:00 PM

City Hall, Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room

Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works

Committee

Commissioner Lauren Poe, Chair
Commissioner Yvonne Hinson-Rawls, Member
Commissioner Helen Warren, Member

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[140795.](#)

Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2015 (B)

RECOMMENDATION

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee approve the minutes of the February 12, 2015 meeting as submitted.

[140795_Draft 2-12-15 RCAPW Minutes_20150312.pdf](#)

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

[130861.](#)

Glen Springs Property Appraisal and Potential Acquisition (NB)

This is a request for the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee to review and discuss the matter of possible acquisition and public use of the Glen Springs property.

Explanation: At the April 3, 2014 City Commission meeting, the Commission heard a presentation by a group called FROGS (Friends of Glen Springs). The group's goal is to see the Glen Springs/Elks Club property acquired for use as a future City park. The City Commission approved a motion requesting staff to include an increment in the FY15 budget to consider funding an appraisal of Glen Springs, or prepare a City Commission item if funds for an appraisal are available in FY 14.

Staff returned to the City Commission on May 15, 2014, identifying funds available in the Greenspace Acquisition Fund for the \$3,975 cost of the appraisal. At that meeting, the City Commission directed staff to proceed with the appraisal, which has now been completed. On July 30, 2014 the City Commission was sent a memo and copy of the appraisal prepared by Andrew Santangini that developed an opinion of market value of the fee simple title of the Glens Springs/Elks Club property.

At the December 18, 2014 City Commission meeting, the Commission received an update about various meetings with FROGs, City staff and Elks Club representatives to discuss and develop options to consider regarding possible acquisition and public use of the Glen Springs property. The City Commission referred the matter to Recreation,

Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee for further review and discussion.

Fiscal Note: There is no fiscal impact related to this referral.

RECOMMENDATION *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee review and discuss the matter of possible acquisition and public use of the Glen Springs property with FROGS representatives.*

[130861_MOD FROGS Presentation Final_20140403.pdf](#)

[130861A_Appr_20140904](#)

[140739.](#)

Welcoming City (B)

Explanation: At the February 5, 2015 City Commission meeting, the City Commission approved a referral to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs & Public Works Committee on Gainesville potentially becoming a “Welcoming City”. Welcoming cities support locally-driven efforts to create more welcoming, immigrant-friendly environments that maximize opportunities for economic growth and cultural vitality and position communities as globally competitive, 21st century leaders.

Led by Welcoming America and launched in June 2013, the Initiative convenes U.S. city and county governments to share good ideas, develop new tools, and receive recognition for efforts to create more welcoming communities that improve the quality of life and economic potential for all residents.

Additional background information is provided in the backup.

Fiscal Note: If there is interest in having Gainesville become a “Welcoming City” the fiscal impact would have to be identified.

RECOMMENDATION *The Committee discuss the Welcoming City Initiative and provide staff with guidance as appropriate.*

[140739A_Program Overview_20150312.pdf](#)

[140739B_Commitment Form_20150312.pdf](#)

[140739C_Welcoming Cities Report_20150312.pdf](#)

[130508.](#)

Strategic initiative 6.3: Identify Steps of Implementation for the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Master Plan and Continued Acquisition of Conservation Land (B)

This item involves a request for the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee to discuss the Trust for Public Land proposal to conduct feasibility research and provide recommendations to develop a

program to fund the implementation of the Master Plan.

Explanation: At the November 15, 2012 meeting, the City Commission approved the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs (PRCA) Master Plan and directed staff to return to the Commission at a later date with funding option scenarios.

At the July 30 and September 23, 2013, Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee meetings, various funding options were presented. Two options were discussed in-depth: A) a dedicated millage increase, and B) a county-wide sales tax similar to Wild Spaces Public Places. Committee members agreed to have discussions with area municipal elected officials and county commissioners to determine interest in pursuing a county-wide sales tax.

On November 25, 2013, staff presented an economic analysis of the Wild Spaces Public Places impact on local businesses that were contracted to provide services for design and construction projects. An analysis of Wild Spaces Public Places project expenditures that remained in the City, Alachua County, the Region, and the State and outside of Florida was completed.

On January 27, 2014, staff was directed to return at a later date to have further discussion on the funding options and to prepare a detailed list of projects to be funded by priority. In addition, staff was directed to recommend a policy and procedure for updating the Plan as well as adding projects to the Master Plan. This presentation was originally scheduled for fall 2014 but was postponed until January, 2015 due to other issues.

At the January 8, 2015 meeting, the Committee voted to recommend to the full City Commission to place a funding initiative on the ballot in March 2016, to fund a portion of the Master Plan projects. The recommendation is for ½ mill to be collected for six years, generating approximately \$14,000,000 to \$15,000,000. In addition, staff was directed to revise the Prioritized List of Master Plan Projects which reflect the above amount and return to the February meeting to present the revised list.

At the February 12, 2015 meeting, the Committee voted to request the Mayor to send a letter to the Trust for Public Land (TPL) Regional Office located in Tallahassee, Florida, requesting Technical Advice and Assistance with the Commission's Strategic Initiative 6.3 to develop a program to fund the implementation of the Master Plan. TPL provides professional technical services to state and local government executives, boards and public agencies that need to research and evaluate recreation and conservation options.

At the February 19, 2015 City Commission meeting the Commission approved the Mayor to send a letter to TPL's Regional Office as recommended by the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works

Committee. In response to the Mayor's letter, TPL has provided a proposal for technical advice and assistance to support the City's efforts.

RECOMMENDATION

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee: 1) discuss the Trust for Public Land proposal to conduct feasibility research and provide recommendations to develop a program to fund the implementation of the Master Plan, and 2) make a recommendation to the City Commission.

[130508A Master Plan Presentation 20150108 .pdf](#)

[130508B Achievements List 20150108.pdf](#)

[130508C Master Plan Prioritization List 20150108.pdf](#)

[130508D Master Plan Recommendations 20150108.pdf](#)

[130508 Rev Master Plan Project List 20150212.pdf](#)

[130508A COG Ltr 20150312.pdf](#)

[130508B TPL Proposal 20150312.pdf](#)

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Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee Referrals (B)

RECOMMENDATION

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee review and prioritize the list of pending referrals.

[140180 Pending Referrals 20140731.pdf](#)

[140180 Pending Referrals 20140820.pdf](#)

[140180 Pending Referrals 20140911.pdf](#)

[140180 Pending Referrals 20141009.pdf](#)

[140180 Pending Referrals 20141113.pdf](#)

[140581 Staff Presentation 20150108.pdf](#)

[140180 Pending Referrals 20150212.pdf](#)

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MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE - Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 1:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT