

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Agenda

August 30, 2012

3:00 PM

SPECIAL MEETING

Room 016, City Hall

Economic Development/University Community Com

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

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CALL TO ORDER**ROLL CALL****EX OFFICIO MEMBERS AND STAFF***Ex Officio Members and Staff:*

- * *Dr. Bernard Machen, President*
University of Florida
Designee: Ed Poppell, Vice President of the University of Florida
- * *Brent Christensen, CEO*
Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce
- * *Dr. Jackson Sasser, President*
Santa Fe College
Designee alternate: Dug Jones J.D., Assistant VP for Economic
Development, Center for Innovation & Economic Development
- * *President*
University of Florida Faculty Senate
- * *Student Government President*

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Economic Development University/Community Committee approve the August 30, 2012 agenda as circulated.

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS**120295.****Sybac Solar, LLC Issue (B)**

Explanation: A few weeks ago Staff was approached by Sybac Solar, LLC on a proposal to acquire property at the City's Airport Industrial Park for the purposes of developing a solar field array encompassing approximately 6 acres (similar to others in the community) proximate to Florida Food Service.

Commissioner Todd Chase brought this item forward during the August 16, 2012 City Commission Meeting at which time this item was referred to the Economic Development University Community Committee.

The proposal raises some issues regarding the highest and best use of AIP property in light of other community economic development considerations.

This special meeting is held by the Economic Development University Community Committee to further discuss this matter as this proposal is on an accelerated timeline based upon compliance with Gainesville Regional Utilities Solar Feed in Tariff deadlines.

RECOMMENDATION

The Economic Development University Community Committee hear a presentation from Staff, and direct Staff to take appropriate action.

Legislative History

8/16/12 City Commission Referred (6 - 0 - 1 Absent) Economic
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MEMBER COMMENT**CITIZEN COMMENT****REFERRALS***Legistar Titles:*

080483 -- Status Update on the City Commission Strategic Initiative to formalize relationships with other community partners, especially UF and SFC, in regards to the downtown area and the innovation zone

080466 -- Status Update on the City Commission Strategic Initiative to continue to position the City to take advantage of innovation economy and identify plan for innovation zone near University

100758 -- Strategic Initiative 2.9 - Economic Development and Redevelopment

100759 -- EDUCC Information II

NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, 9/18/12, 2:00pm, Room 016, City Hall

ADJOURNMENT