

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Meeting Agenda

February 16, 2021

5:30 PM

Hybrid Meeting

City Hall Auditorium

Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area Advisory Board

Lane Abraben
Jason Atkins-Tuffs
K. Richard Blount
Carrie Bush
Linda Dixon
Evelyn Foxx
Armando Grundy-Gomes
Jacob Ihde
Christopher Merritt
Jason Mitchell
Warren Nielsen
Michael Palmer
Bradley Pollitt - Chair
Stephanie Seawright – Vice Chair
Jessica Turner-Evans

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 17 Hybrid Meeting

COMMUNICATIONS

Chair's Report

Director's Report

Staff Report

BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS

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GCRA Advisory Board Elections

Explanation: The GCRA Advisory Board will hold its annual election for Board Chair and Vice Chair. The terms will run until October of 2021.

Fiscal Note: None

RECOMMENDATION

GCRA Director to GCRA Advisory Board: Elect a Chair and Vice Chair to hold terms through October of 2021

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Birmingham CrossPlex

Explanation: During the November 17, 2020 GCRA Advisory Board meeting, the Birmingham CrossPlex was discussed in relation to 8th Avenue and Waldo Road initiative. Since that time GCRA Staff met virtually with the Executive Director of the CrossPlex and Board Member Grundy-Gomes and former City Commissioner Scherwin Henry visited in person and received a tour. The former Director of the CrossPlex, Faye Oates, will provide a presentation to the Board and will address any Board questions.

Fiscal Note: None

RECOMMENDATION

GCRA Director to GCRA Advisory Board: Hear Presentation and Discuss

[200828 Birmingham Crossplex.pdf](#)

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Downtown Chronic Homelessness Street Outreach Initiative (B)

Explanation: During the Covid-19 Pandemic homelessness has reemerged as a community issue in Downtown Gainesville. With all the resources available, no specific entity is coordinating outreach and connecting the homeless population with those resources.

At the request of the City Manager, GCRA has been asked to support these efforts financially from the Downtown Redevelopment Trust Fund. The use of TIF funds for these purposes connects to the Downtown Redevelopment Plan's guiding principle of "improving the quality of life in Downtown for all citizens."

At today's meeting, GRACE will present its Downtown Chronic Homelessness Street Outreach Initiative for discussion with the Board, and entertain questions from the Board regarding their proposal for engaging with the Downtown Homeless Community.

Fiscal Note: Funding for these efforts would be paid from the Downtown Redevelopment Trust Fund in the amount of \$201,010 from account number W266.

RECOMMENDATION

GCRA Director to GCRA Advisory Board:
Approve Downtown TIF funding for the purposes of homeless outreach as described

[201020 GRACE DRAFT Downtown Outreach Proposal \(5\).pdf](#)

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GCRA Advisory Board 2019-2020 Annual Report (B)

Explanation: The City Commission at its September 17, 2020 meeting has requested that all City Advisory Boards and Committees prepare an annual report for Calendar years 2019-2020. The report should consist of the following:

- What do you understand the mission of your board to be?
- What are the three most important things your board has done during calendar years 2019-2020?
- What are the three most important things your board is working on right now?
- What could the City Commission do to help your board better serve our neighbors?
- What else do you need the City Commission to know about your board?

The report was due to the commission before their January 21, 2021 meeting, but due to scheduling conflicts the Clerk's office extended the deadline until GCRAAB is able to meet in-person.

Staff has compiled the input received from board members into the accompanying document for the Board's review and feedback.

Fiscal Note: None

RECOMMENDATION

*GCRA Director to GCRA Advisory Board:
Approve GCRA Advisory Board's 2019-2020
Annual Report as presented*

[200592_DRAFT GCRA Advisory Board 2019-20 Annual Report.pdf](#)

PUBLIC COMMENT

MEMBER COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

March 16, 2021

ADJOURNMENT