



**CITY OF GAINESVILLE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD**

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01

**A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING
THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE COMMISSION
TO RECONSIDER RESIDENTS CONCERNS
OVER THE TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE
AT UNIVERSITY AVENUE AND NW 2ND STREET**

WHEREAS, in an effort to assist local businesses and restaurants through the national pandemic crisis which started in 2020, the City of Gainesville allowed certain streets to temporarily be closed so that adjoining restaurants could provide outdoor dining; and

WHEREAS, several residents from the Pleasant Street Historic District appeared in front of the City Commission, including meetings held on July 19, 2021 and November 18, 2021 to request that the temporary street closure at NW 2nd Street and University Avenue be reopened; and

WHEREAS, residents appeared before the Historic Preservation Board on March 1, 2022 to express concerns that one of their major entrances into their historic district has been restricted, potentially affecting response times from rescue vehicles, and also makes access for their own residents more difficult since nearby streets are one-way, limiting the ways to enter the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, those residents also expressed concerns that the outdoor dining space is currently unattractive, is not being kept up, and is not being utilized enough to warrant the street remaining closed; and

WHEREAS, some residents feel that this particular closure impacts a local neighborhood much more than the downtown block that is currently closed off at SW 1st Avenue, which the City has considered keeping permanently pedestrian.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA that the City Commission consider rehearing the street closure issue at an upcoming commission meeting to try and resolve the concerns of Pleasant Street's residents, and to let the Pleasant Street Neighborhood association or interested parties know at what meeting this may be scheduled for.



Department of Sustainable Development

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The foregoing resolution was offered by Board Member Bill Warinner who moved its adoption on this 3rd day of May, 2022. The motion was seconded by Board Member Elizabeth Hauck and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jay Reeves – Chair

yes

Bill Warinner – Vice Chair

yes

Nathaniel Courtney

yes

Philip Haight

yes

Elizabeth Hauck

yes

Michelle Hazen

absent

Michael Hill

absent

Rachel Iannelli

yes

Dr. Azza Kamal

yes

Motion carried:

7-0

Prepared by:

Kathleen Kauffman

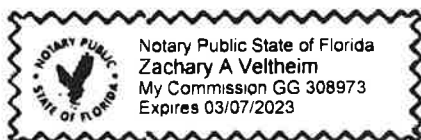
Kathleen S. Kauffman, Historic Preservation Officer
Department of Sustainable Development

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF ALACHUA

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of physical presence or online notarization by KATHLEEN KAUFFMAN who is personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification.

Witness my signature and official seal this 5TH day of MAY, 2022, in the County and State aforesaid.

(Notary Seal)



[Signature]
Signature of Notary

Notary, Public State of FLORIDA

ZACHARY VELTHEIM
Printed Name

My Commission Expires: 3/7/23