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## PUBLIC NOTICE

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Mailed February 29, 2012

## MEETING MINUTES

March 15, 2012

Santa Fe College  
Charles L. Blount Center  
Room DB-125

### **GPD Headquarters & Training Facility Neighborhood Workshop #1**

Attendees: Jack Williams, Harvard Jolly Architects  
Joe Frisco, Mills Gilbane Building Company  
Reid Rivers, City of Gainesville  
Connie Williams, City of Gainesville  
Captain Scott, Gainesville Police Department (GPD)  
Zanorfa (Zanni) C. Bertram, Gainesville Police Department (GPD)  
City Residents (see attached sign-in sheet)

Joe Frisco introduced the design/build team and provided an overview of the agenda for the workshop.

- o The objective for the workshop was to review the scope of the project and solicit input from the community. Minutes of the workshop will be prepared and included in the design submission to the City for the April 19, 2012 Commission meeting.
- o A brief summary was provided of the design/build selection process and the initial meetings that have established the general scope of the new facility.
- o On February 16, 2012, the City Commission approved the scope of the project, which consists of the demolition of the existing headquarters building and the construction of a new two-story building to be located on the corner of NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street and NW 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Reid Rivers discussed the City's new design procedures and the importance of community input. This project is in the early stages of design and there will be multiple opportunities, including future workshops, for the public to give input.

Capt. Scott clarified that the previous design for the project has been shelved and that the design/build team is starting anew.

Connie Williams explained the deadlines for getting documentation into the City Manager for presentation to the Commission. All workshop items will be noted so that public may

go on the web to see what information is being received prior to the Commission meeting. Notices for these workshops will be sent by mail and flyers will be distributed throughout the neighborhood.

Jack Williams presented the conceptual site plan providing the following overview of the project.

- o A new two-story building is to be located at the corner of the site adjoining the existing administration and evidence buildings. The existing Bldg 411 will be renovated as a training facility.
- o The design of the new facility, including locating the building closer to the street, will be based on the "Traditional City" requirements as adopted by the City.

The following issues were discussed in response to the audience questions:

Is the Rails for Trails being rerouted?

- o The routing of the trail on the conceptual site plan is based on the previously approved location as developed by Public Works. The trail design is not included in the scope of the GPD Headquarters project.

Where is parking for the Public and will there be a wall separating GPD vehicles?

- o The location of parking for the public has not been located and will be dependent on the location of the public entrance. Also, the location of secure parking for GPD vehicles and the type of enclosure has not been established.

What is the plan for the parking area to the south of the site?

- o Because of its remote location, this parking will likely be used for overflow. At this time, no improvements are proposed for this area.

Concerns were raised about the parking area adjacent to the historic building on 4<sup>th</sup> Street and if a wall or other barrier is being proposed.

- o Further study of this area will be needed to determine the appropriate screening.

What are the parking requirements for this project?

- o Typically, an office building would require 1 parking space for 300 square feet. However, this site is very user specific and will be based on the GPD's actual need, which has not yet been determined.

Concerns were raised about the retention pond that borders the adjoining neighborhood. Based on prior agreements, the most southern portion of the site (south of Bldg 411) was

not to be used for retention due to the concerns of standing water and mosquitoes by the neighbors.

- o The storm water management design has just begun and locations of retention areas have not been established. The location of the proposed retention will take into consideration the neighborhood concerns.

Why have the trees in the neighboring yards been flagged?

- o These flags denote trees that have been located by the surveyor for reference only and do not indicate trees to be removed. The homeowner can remove the flags if so desired. These trees will not have to be flagged again.

Concerns were raised about the parking associated with Pleasant Place on the east adjoining 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Parking for this facility is spilling into the street and causing problems for the neighbors.

- o Although the GPD will address this issue, it is not related to this project.

Concerns were raised about overflow parking for meetings and events at the facility.

- o Capt Scott explained the overflow will go to the west side of 6<sup>th</sup> Street. With a Community Room in the building, the objective of the GPD is to integrate with the Community. The City is considering the future need for a parking garage on the site.

Is the project going to be "green"?

- o The goal of the project is to achieve a LEED Silver certification which would include sustainable and energy efficient design features.

Since the project adjoins a historic district, the design should be considerate of this neighborhood. The use of traditional red brick was suggested for the new building.

Concerns were expressed on the proximity of electrical, generators and other equipment that create noise and fumes for the neighboring homes. Adjoining homeowners requested a privacy fence separating the police facility and their backyards. In general, a significant buffer is desired from the neighboring homeowners and the facility.

- o A privacy fence will be considered for the area and the design team will investigate locating equipment away from these homes. Fortunately, the proposed building location on the corner moves most of the activity to the north of the site, away from the homeowners.

Who will maintain a privacy fence?

- o Privacy fencing on the City's property will be the responsibility of the City.

Next neighborhood workshop scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup> 2012.

End of Meeting Minutes



# Meeting Sign-in Sheet

March 15, 2012

Santa Fe College - Charles L. Blount Center

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