

City of Gainesville

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



Minutes - Final

August 16, 2016

1:00 PM

Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room

Promotion of Minority Owned and Minority Oriented Opportunities Special Committee

Commissioner Charles Goston, Chair

Commissioner Harvey Budd, Member

Commissioner Helen Warren, Member

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CALL TO ORDER - Meeting called to order at 1:11pm

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Goston, Commissioner Budd and Commissioner Warren were present and a quorum was established.

ATTENDANCE

*Torey Alston, Office of Equal Opportunity
Brecka Anderson, City Auditor's Office
Ken Armstrong, Alachua County Housing Authority
Michael Beard, CRA
Kali Blount, Citizen
Erik Bredfeldt, Economic Development and Innovation
Sarai Cabrera, Alachua County Community Support Services
Yvette Carter, GRU-Community Relations
Magi Crawford, GRU Communications
Pam Davis, Gainesville Housing Authority
Joann Dorval, GRU Purchasing
Diane Holder, GG Purchasing
Zanorfa Lynch, Office of Equal Opportunity
Phil Mann, Public Works
Fred Murry, City Manager's Office
Candie Nixon, Alachua County Community Support Services
Ralston Reodica, Alachua County Housing
Jacqueline Richardson, Housing & Community Development
Glenda Russell, GRU-Community Relations
Gwendolyn Saffo, Office of Equal Opportunity
Stephanie Seawright, CRA
Steve Stagliano, GRU-Administrative Services
Sarah Vidal-Finn, CRA
Sylvia Warren, Office of Equal Opportunity*

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The special committee adopted the agenda as circulated 3-0.

Adopted

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[160281.](#)

**Promotion of Minority Owned and Minority Oriented Opportunities Special
Committee (PMOMOOC) Minutes (B)**

Attachments: [160281_PMOMOOC_Minutes_040416_8.16.16.pdf](#)

RECOMMENDATION *The special committee approved the 04/04/2016 meeting
minutes as presented 3-0.*

Approved as Recommended

STAFF UPDATES

[160282.](#)

Staff Updates (B)

a) Equal Opportunity Director

1. Recap of Special Committee Goals
2. Special Committee Impacts Policy and Budget
3. Office of Equal Opportunity 2020 Plan
4. Small, Minority, Women, and Service-Disabled Veteran Business Program Update

b) Update on Upcoming Solicitations

1. Increased competition
2. Prime contracts targeting small businesses under \$300,000
3. Subcontracting opportunities targeting local small businesses
4. Reviewing “boilerplate language” to increase competition and diversity

Attachments: [160282.A_Staff Updates_8.16.16.PPT](#)

[160282.B_OEO 2020 Plan_8.16.16.pdf](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Staffs recommended the special committee: 1) hear updates
from the various departments and 2) take action as deemed
appropriate.*

*The special committee discussed the staff updates and
accepted them all via general consent.*

Discussed

DISCUSSION ITEMS

[160283.](#)

Add Affordable Housing” to Scope of Committee Goals

RECOMMENDATION

The PMOMOOC added “affordable housing” to scope of committee goals as recommended 3-0.

Approved as Recommended

[160284.](#)

Timeline to Sunset Special Committee

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommended the special committee: 1) establish timeline to sunset special committee.

Chair Goston suggested that item 160284. to establish a timeline to sunset the special committee be discussed at future meeting but not immediately sunset.

Deferred

MEMBER COMMENT

Commissioner Budd had questions as it pertained to available bonding opportunities for small businesses looking to take on large projects. Sarah Vidal-Finn and Torey Alston both spoke to this matter.

Chair Goston had questions regarding bonding restrictions as it relates to bonding agency location, he noted there were availabilities beyond this area. Ms. Vidal-Finn added she would seek further information on this item.

Commissioner Warren commended the committee’s work to date and noted she was pleased.

Commissioner Warren spoke on the various approaches and challenges as it relates to affordable housing including continuum of care, incentives and options to making affordable housing available via city and other initiatives. Chair Goston noted some policy changes would have to be implemented to assist with affordable housing.

Commissioner Budd made several recommendations including developing a housing strategic plan. The committee agreed.

Chair Goston recognized city and county housing staff who provided their guidance and expertise regarding affordable housing and available options.

Assistant City Manager, Fred Murry discussed prior efforts by the county and city and the challenges involved. Mr. Murry noted that efforts will require the support of various agencies and educating citizens on affordable housing and fiscal responsibility to ensure they are able to keep and maintain housing once obtained.

CITIZEN COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE - TBD

ADJOURNMENT - 2:36 PM