

City of Gainesville

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



Minutes

May 18, 2021

5:30 PM

Hybrid Meeting

City Commission Auditorium

Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area Advisory

Board

*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

Present 13 - Member Atkins-Tufts, Member Blount, Member Bush, Member Dixon, Member Foxx, Member Grundy-Gomes, Member Ihde, Member Merritt, Member Mitchell, Member Nielsen, Member Palmer, Chair Pollitt, and Member Turner-Evans

Absent 1 - Vice-Chair Seawright

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Member Blount moved adopt the agenda with the following modification: To move item #201167 - Power District - to the beginning of the agenda. Member Bush seconded.

After item #201167, Member Grundy moved to modify the agenda to include Infill Housing (201162), Trammel Webb Development (201232) and Downtown Strategic Plan shortened and for the group to nominate a member (201192), and to move the remaining items to next month. Member Dixon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Grundy-Gomes moved to approve the minutes from the March 16 GCRA Advisory Board meeting. Member Blount seconded. Approved unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS

[201193.](#) GCRA Budget Follow-up (B)

RECOMMENDATION

GCRA Director to GCRA Advisory Board: Hear update from Staff.

[201162.](#) Infill Housing Community Engagement Plan (B)

RECOMMENDATION

GCRA Director to GCRA Advisory Board: Hear update from Staff and provide feedback.

[201232.](#) Tramell Webb Development Agreement Request for Fifth Avenue (B)

RECOMMENDATION *GCRA Director to GCRA Advisory Board: Hear presentation and provide feedback*

[201192.](#) Downtown Strategic Plan Project Update (B)

RECOMMENDATION *Provide input on the presentation and select a GCRA Advisory Board representative to the Downtown Strategic Plan Neighbor Advisory Group.*

Members Ihde and Neilsen were nominated and the board voted, 7 for Ihde and 2 for Neilsen. Member Ihde was appointed to the Downtown Strategic Plan Neighbor Advisory Group.

[201105.](#) 8th & Waldo Project Update (B)

RECOMMENDATION *Hear staff update and provide feedback.*

[201167.](#) Power District (B)

This item involves GCRA Board review of proposed recommendations regarding bringing the Power District project to market.

A motion was made by Member Grundy-Gomes, seconded by Member Merritt, that the item be tabled and to return in two months. The motion failed, with 2 ayes and 10 nays.

Member Dixon moved to state that the GCRA Advisory Board support the power district redevelopment strategy with five recommendations for the City Commission:

- 1. To reconsider inclusion of the Rosa Parks Transit Station and the former RTS properties in public service.**
- 2. Consider extending the protections around the McRory Community Garden.**
- 3. Emphasize smaller scale buildings with opportunities to access recreation.**
- 4. Have city staff engage neighborhoods prior to returning to the City Commission.**
- 5. To include daylighting of the Sweetwater Creek and extending the park down to Depot Park and include the area east of the creek.**

Member Foxx seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MEMBER COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

ADJOURNMENT

9:16 p.m.