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60% Design Approval of the Alachua County/City of Gainesville Senior Recreation Center (B)

This is a request for the City Commission to approve the 60% design of the Alachua County/City of Gainesville Senior Recreation Center within Northside Park located at 5701 NW 34th Street, Gainesville, FL 32653.

On February 18, 2010 the City entered into an agreement with WG Mills for the Design Build of the Alachua County/City of Gainesville Senior Recreation Center. The approximate 17,000 sf recreation center will be located within the existing Northside Park off of NW 34th Street close to the intersection of US 441. The center will be built to meet 120 MPH wind speeds, able to be used as a shelter, and achieve a USGBC LEED "Silver" level certification. The building will accommodate staff from ElderCare of Alachua County who will oversee the programming and operations of the facility. The building will also include a large multi purpose room, a fitness area, several classroom style rooms, a library, a billiards room, and various other multi use areas to promote socialization and recreation for seniors in the community. Per Administrative Procedure No. 22A, the 60% design is being presented to the City Commission for approval.

Since this item came to the City Commission on the June 3, 2010 meeting agenda, the design team has met with Regional Transit System and Florida Department of Transportation to resolve the outstanding items with the secondary entrance and the location of a bus shelter. In addition, the Development Review Board granted approval of the site plan at the July 8, 2010 meeting.

The design team members will discuss the resolution to the items that were outstanding at the last City Commission meeting.

This agenda item has no fiscal impact unless the City Commission recommends changes to the site plan or building design. Funding for the project is through a State of Florida Grant with Elder Affairs, and City and County Wild Spaces Public Places funding.

The City Commission: 1) hear presentation; 2) approve the 60% design; 3) instruct the architect to continue working on construction drawings; and 4) waive the 100% construction document presentation to the City Commission.

Alternative Recommendation A: The City Commission approve the 60% design with suggestions.