



Legislation Text

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Heartwood Update (B)

At the June 16, 2020 GCRA Advisory Board meeting, the Advisory Board made a request for Staff to look into different options on how to minimize HOA Fees with a focused effort on the 11 affordable lots in the Heartwood neighborhood. As staff worked through different possible scenarios to reduce HOA costs, there was an opportunity to apply Gainesville's *Racial Equity Tool Kit* to the Heartwood project, specifically the decision to include GRUCom as an internet provider in the neighborhood.

In an effort to respond to the Advisory Board's requests and meet the City's equity goals for the Heartwood neighborhood, Staff returned to the Board on August 19, 2020 to discuss the results from the *Racial Equity Tool Kit* analysis. The Board reviewed the analysis and provided a recommendation to the City Commission to "not move forward with the GRUCom contract at this time."

Item #200182 was heard by the GCRA Advisory Board on August 19, 2020 with the following motions resulting: 1) allow the homeowners as the HOA to decide who is going to be their provider for internet services and recommend not moving forward with GRUCom at this time, and 2) direct staff to seek to transfer the HOA costs associated with the streetlights to the City or GRU. The motion passed with 6 in favor, 5 opposed, and 4 absent.

Item #200277 will go to the GCRA Advisory Board at a virtual workshop scheduled for 11/30/2020.

At today's City Commission meeting, GCRA Staff will update the Commission on this Advisory Board conversation and recommendation and provide a general update on the Heartwood Project and next steps.

None

City Manager to the City Commission: Hear update from GCRA Staff and consider the recommendation from the GCRA Advisory Board.

GCRA Advisory Board to the City Commission (August 19, 2020): Allow the homeowners as the HOA to decide who is going to provide them with internet services and recommend not moving forward with the GRUCom contract at this time.