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City of Gainesville 150th Anniversary Project Update (B)

On April 14, 1869 the City of Gainesville was officially incorporated. For 150 years, people have come together to create the unique city we call home. Beginning in April 2019 and continuing through April 2020, the City will mark this moment in time and milestone in our history. Gainesville150! is bringing interactive, engaging and inclusive programs and exhibits - leveraging education, technology, personal experiences and family lore that define our City's shared heritage. Events throughout the anniversary year include concerts, performing arts, history projects, public art exhibits, dance, and community discussions and will conclude with a community-wide celebration to launch us into the next 150 years. Gainesville150! encourages an understanding of the City's past and paves the way for a future built on innovation, inclusiveness, excellence, economic vitality and community pride.

On November 15, 2018 staff provided an update to the City Commission on programming and events to be considered throughout the next year that are developed on citizen engagement. On February 7, 2019 the new Gainesville150! consulting project coordinator was introduced to the City Commission and briefly discussed plans to engage the community. We are now well underway in providing a wide range of programs and events. We would like to update the City Commission on the upcoming programs, partnerships and events we are planning throughout the remaining anniversary year.

\$150,000 was budgeted for this yearlong event.

The City Commission receive an update on the 150th Anniversary Project and provide feedback to staff.