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Commissioner Arreola Update on ACEC Project (B)

The primary purpose of the Alachua County Education Compact is to enhance local education and do other charitable work which supports and enhances education and the development of a more productive, skilled and inclusive workforce in Alachua County, FL. The ACEC created a Steering Committee Co-Chaired by Commissioner Arreola and Elio Chiarelli to engage with the Manchester Bidwell Corporation in order to explore replicating the National Center for Arts and Technology job training and after-school programming model here in Gainesville. Gainesville and Alachua County have contributed to the funding of a feasibility study necessary to begin planning for the implementation of an NCAT in Gainesville. Thanks to a contribution from First Drummond Bank, the Steering Committee has completed fundraising for the feasibility study and will be beginning the next steps of the NCAT replication process which includes a driven community engagement program, intensive study, and culminates in a recommendation for potential job training and after-school programs located in a Gainesville NCAT. This study will also issue recommendations for viable locations for the center.

The City Commission hear an update on the ACEC project and take action as necessary.