

Wild Spaces Public Places

Citizens Oversight Board

November 18, 2019

MEETING MINUTES

Alachua County Members

Joni Ellis – Vice Chair
Jane Luzar (alternate)

City of Gainesville Members

Carla Lewis – Miles - Chair
David Ruiz

Incorporated Cities (not Gainesville) Member

Vacant
Gary Kocher (alternate)

Staff Present

Gina Peebles – Alachua County

Outside Counsel Present

Patrice Boyes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

Election of Chair

Motion: Joni Ellis made a motion that Carla Lewis - Miles serve as Chair; Gary Kocher seconded; unanimous approval.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion: David Ruiz made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Joni Ellis seconded; unanimous approval.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: David Ruiz made a motion to approve the Oct. 21, 2019 minutes as presented; Joni Ellis seconded; unanimous approval.

Review DRAFT Work Plan

Chair Lewis-Miles questioned if Waldo had plans for their WSPP funding. Ms. Peebles read the list of proposed projects listed in the City/County Interlocal Agreement. The Board requested additional information on the specifics of the City of Newberry's contribution towards the Ag & Equestrian Center and IFAS.

Alachua County Member Absent

BJ Bukata

City of Gainesville Member Absent

Deidre Houchen (alternate)

Other Municipal Staff Present

Betsy Waite, City of Gainesville

The Board discussed whether or not the Community Center re-roof for the City of Newberry Municipal Building was an appropriate expenditure and the consensus was yes because it is a community center available for public use.

The Board discussed whether or not the purchase of equipment (City of High Springs tractor and Alachua County truck) was an appropriate expenditure. The consensus was yes because they are being used to develop and maintain WSPP funded projects. However, Ms. Peebles requested justification from the City of High Springs and will share it with the Board upon receipt.

Vice Chair Ellis questioned expenditures for the Hippodrome. Ms. Waite responded that it is a City owned building and the City provides a grant for on-going operations and handles large capital repairs.

Chair Lewis-Miles read BJ Bukata's email into the record. He did not support the use of WSPP funds for the SW 40th project because sidewalks are required for all development projects and are not a trail component. Ms. Waite explained that WSPP only funded the ten-foot multi-use trail, not the minimum five-foot wide sidewalk. **MOTION:** Joni Ellis made a motion to request justification for the SW 40th project, including the cost differential for the enhancement, and ask for future plans for similar projects, for discussion at the next meeting; Jane Luzar seconded; unanimous approval.

Guidelines Update

Vice Chair Ellis will request the desired guideline information in writing, which will be forwarded to the entire Board for discussion at the next meeting.

Review Kevin Hart Email re: City of Gainesville Expenditure

This item was discussed during the Work Plan item relating to the SW 40th project.

2020 Infrastructure Surtax

Ms. Peebles reported that a full cent surtax should generate approximately \$23 million per year. The projects currently being pursued by the Board of County Commissioners are Solar Conservation, Wild Spaces Public Places, Greenways & Trails, High Frequency Public Transport, Innovative Housing/Rejuvenated Communities, and Zero Waste Infrastructure. She will continue to update the Board as information becomes available.

UPNA/JJ Finley Park Update

Vice-Chair Ellis was asked to speak at a neighborhood association meeting last week because the neighbors are not happy about the posted hours for JJ Finley Park, because they don't allow for public access. Ms. Waite stated that the areas of parks that are lit are generally open until 11 p.m., but unlit parks close at dusk. JJ Finley is open after school until dusk. Because it gets dark earlier in the day during this time of year, the park does close earlier.

Public Comment

None.

Other Business

MOTION: Joni Ellis made a motion to cancel the December meeting; David Ruiz seconded; unanimous approval.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

The Wild Spaces Public Places Citizens Oversight Board will meet next on January 20, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Grace Knight Conference Room.

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Wild Spaces & Public Places Citizen Oversight Committee

| Member | Mar 11, 2019 | Apr 08, 2019 | May 13, 2019 | Jul 15, 2019 | Aug 19, 2019 | Oct 21, 2019 | Nov 18, 2019 | TOTALS |
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| Carla Miles | P | A | A | P | P | P | P | 71.43% |
| H.Dudley Wade | P | A | P | P | A | A | | 50.0% |
| Joni Ellis | | | P | P | P | P | P | 100.0% |
| Gary Kocher | | | P | P | A | A | P | 60.0% |
| B.J. Bukata | | | | | | P | A | 50.0% |
| Deidre Houchen | | | | | | P | A | 50.0% |
| Jane Luzar | | | | | | P | P | 100.0% |
| David Ruiz | | | | | | P | P | 100.0% |

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| Present: | 2 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 70.97% |
| Absent: | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 29.03% |
| Excused: | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% |

* P = Present
* A = Absent
* E = Excused
* C = Canceled