

Wild Spaces Public Places

Citizens Oversight Board

August 19, 2019

MEETING MINUTES

Alachua County Appointed Members

Joni Ellis

Amy Kauper

BJ Bukata (alternate) – Chair

Incorporated Cities (not Gainesville) Members

Absent

Dudley Wade

Gary Kocher (alternate)

City of Gainesville Members

Carla Lewis - Miles

Vacant

David Ruiz (alternate)

Staff Present

Gina Peebles – Alachua County

Other Municipal Staff Present

Betsy Waite – City of Gainesville

Outside Council Present

Patrice Boyes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:46 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

Carla Lewis-Miles made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Amy Kauper seconded; unanimous approval.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Amy Kauper made a motion to approve the July 15 minutes as presented; Carla Lewis-Miles seconded; unanimous approval.

Election of Vice Chair

MOTION: Amy Kauper made a motion to elect Joni Ellis as Vice Chair; Carla Lewis-Miles seconded; unanimous approval.

Discussion of Oct. 1, 2017 – Sept. 30, 2018 Financial Reports

City of High Springs – The City of High Springs has agreed to install a fence to ensure it is evident that it is open to the public. The Board requested clarification as to when the project would start (i.e. Oct. 1, 2019 or Oct. 1, 2020).

City of Gainesville – The City of Gainesville sent a letter to the WSPP Citizens Oversight Committee dated July 22. Chair Bukata stated that his only remaining concern is the transition of paying WSPP Department staff salaries from WSPP funds to the General Fund. **MOTION:** Joni Ellis made a motion to send a letter to the City of Gainesville; the motion died for a lack of a second. Ms. Boyce stated that the

minutes from the prior meeting included a motion to table the letter and reconsider it at the August meeting.

MOTION: Carla Lewis-Miles made a motion to discuss the letter; Joni Ellis seconded. **AMENDED**

MOTION: Carla Lewis-Miles amended her motion to discuss and edit the letter; Joni Ellis seconded; unanimous approval.

The Oversight Board discussed and edited the DRAFT letter. **MOTION:** Joni Ellis made a motion to approve and send the letter; Amy Kauper seconded; Carla Lewis-Miles and David Ruiz opposed; motion died 2:2.

Public Comment

Sally Morit – is passionate about saving Camp McConnell. She also stated that there is a property on 441 North and 33rd Street or Avenue currently slated for a car wash, but believes it would make an ideal pocket park. The Council recommended she contact the City's Department of Doing to determine the status of the project.

New Business

There are four upcoming Board vacancies (one full and one alternate member for the City of Gainesville and Alachua County), effective Sept. 30, 2019. If you are aware of anyone who would be interested in applying, please encourage them to do so.

Betsy Waite notified the Oversight Board that the City will be discussing upcoming WSPP projects at the following meetings:

- General Policy Meeting – Thursday, Aug. 22 at 1 p.m. in the GRU Multipurpose Room.
- Public Meeting – Thursday, Aug. 22 at 5:30 p.m. at Howard Bishop Middle School.
- Public Meeting – Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. at the Clarence R. Kelly Center.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

The Wild Spaces Public Places Citizens Oversight Board will meet next on March 16, 2020 at 4:45 p.m. in the Grace Knight Conference Room.