

# Minutes

## Student Community Relations Advisory Board

Thomas Center A, Room 201  
302 NE 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue

July 10, 2012  
Tuesday, 10:00 AM

**Members Present:** Chair Jake Vermillion – Voting Student Member  
Beverly Hill - Voting Non-Student Member  
Nora Kilroy – Voting Postsecondary Administrator

**Members Absent:** Thomas Rider - Voting Non-Student Member  
Dr. Karen Woods – Voting Non-Student Member  
Vice Chair Cleopatre Thelus – Voting Student Member

**City Staff Present:** Peter Backhaus - Code Enforcement Supervisor  
Steve Baker - Code Enforcement Officer  
Connie Farrell – Code Enforcement Staff Specialist

**Others Present:** None

### **Goal:**

The goal of the Student Community Relations Advisory Board (SCRAB) is to strive for a more cohesive non-student and student community; to act as a vehicle for students and non-students to voice their concerns and opinions; to review, discuss and forward recommendations as appropriate, on issues, concerns and initiatives relevant to students and non-students; to assess and address needs of non-students as they pertain to student issues; to be a knowledgeable liaison between the City Commission and the students and nonstudents of Gainesville; to encourage involvement by non-students and students in planning and implementation of improvements; and to ensure that student issues are addressed by providing a link between the students, non-students, and the City Commission.

### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Vermillion called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

The June 12, 2012 Minutes were reviewed. Chair Vermillion called for a vote to approve the Minutes; Ms. Kilroy motioned to approve; Ms. Hill seconded. Motion was unanimously carried.

An attendance sheet was circulated.

### **B. STAFF REPORT**

Code Enforcement Supervisor Peter Backhaus and Code Enforcement Officer Steven Baker advised that overgrown yards of vacant properties is the major issue at this time.

## C. BOARD ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED

### ***Alligator Ads – Critique of ads – continued:***

Copies of the revised drawings with the following changes were available for review:

- \* Over – occupancy – Officer Baker reduce the white by dropping the ceiling.
- \* E-waste – no change noted
- \* Noise – no changes noted
- \* Front Yard Parking – the helmet was removed and larger decals were added on the windows

Suggested captions for the ads are:

\* Over – occupancy – Know your stuff: the City of Gainesville has an occupancy limit for house rentals - any more than three unrelated persons living at your place? You could have points added to your landlord's lease, receive a citation, or even be evicted - not good! Do your landlord, your wallet, and yourself a favor: keep your place's occupancy to three's company and reserve friends for couch cruising on game days.

\* E-waste – Know your stuff: the City of Gainesville has an impressive waste management program including curb side trash removal and new E-waste services! Give Solid Waste a call at (352) 334-2330 and they'll come to you to collect your old computer monitors and used up TVs. Remember, always sort out your recyclables and please be sure to remove your trash containers from the curb after pick-up.

\* Noise – Know your stuff: the City of Gainesville's noise ordinance is in full effect. So, if excessive noise can be heard from your place, points could be assessed against your landlord's license or you and your roommates could each receive a fine – yikes! This doesn't have to mute your fun or your speakers, though; save your cash and your hearing and be respectful of your neighbors, keep the volume down.

\* Front Yard Parking – Supervisor Backhaus and Code Officer Baker will create verbiage for this item.

Ms. Kilroy will have students review the captions for clarity and understanding. Chair Vermillion will have members of the Student Senate review the captions for their input.

Pricing research is also required for the *Alligator* ads.

The Board's budget for this fiscal year, which ends September 30, 2012, is \$2544. Mr. Steve Joplin, Solid Waste Manager, committed up to \$1,500 toward the advertising expense of solid waste issues. Completed drafts of the cartoons will be forwarded to Mr. Joplin for approval prior to publication.

### **Creation: Student Community Relations Advisory Board Ordinance Sub-committee, Sec. 2-430:**

Chair Vermillion advised that one member, Dr. Rider, has expressed interest in the sub-committee to research this subject. He would like additional volunteers.

**Introductory Email to Commission:**

Chair Vermillion presented, for the Board's review and approval, his revised email to the Commission. Discussion was held to determine which commissioner should be addressed. Suggestions were Commissioners Hawkins or Bottcher.

**Appreciation:**

Sun glasses were ordered for and shipped to Mr. Zackary Gates in appreciation for his creation of the *Alligator* sketches. Mr. Gates was extremely pleased and expressed sincere appreciation for them. A Certificate of Appreciation was also prepared for him.

**New Business:**

**Open Board Positions** – Currently, four positions are being advertised: three student seats and one open non-voting administrative member position.

**Vice Chair Vote**– Vice-chair Thelus is leaving Gainesville to pursue new endeavors. Chair Vermillion called for a nomination to fill the vice-chair position. Ms. Hill nominated Dr. Rider. Ms. Kilroy seconded. The vote was unanimously carried.

**Rental Welcome:**

Ms. Kilroy advised that the rental welcome date is Thursday, August 23, 2012, from approximately 1 PM – 5 PM. Members from UF, Code Enforcement, Gainesville Police Department and Solid Waste go door-to-door to welcome people who are living in rental houses in neighborhoods near the University of Florida.

**Dates and Times of Next Meeting:**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 14, 2012, at 10:00 AM in Thomas Center B, Room 201, 306 NE 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.

D. **MEMBER/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no new member comments.

E. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.