

Minutes

Student Community Relations Advisory Board

Thomas Center A, Room 201
302 NE 6th Avenue

October 9, 2012
Tuesday, 9:00 AM

Members Present: Chair Jake Vermillion – Voting Student Member
Vice-Chair Thomas Rider - Voting Non-Student Member
Dr. Karen Woods – Voting Non-Student Member

Members Absent: Beverly Hill - Voting Non-Student Member
Nora Kilroy – Voting Postsecondary Administrator

City Staff Present: Peter Backhaus - Code Enforcement Supervisor (Liaison)
Steve Baker - Code Enforcement Officer
Connie Farrell – Code Enforcement Staff Specialist (Secretary)
Charlene Collins – Gainesville Police Officer

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 9:05 AM.

The September 11, 2012 Minutes were reviewed. Chair Vermillion called for a motion to approve the Minutes; Dr. Woods motioned to approve; Vice-Chair Rider seconded. Motion was unanimously carried.

An attendance sheet was circulated. Introductions were not required.

B. STAFF REPORT

Code Enforcement Supervisor Peter Backhaus reported that the football season is in full swing. Code Enforcement Officers continue to work with Gainesville Police Department (GPD), specifically focusing on University Avenue and the area around

the stadium, where most incidents occur on game days.

Code Enforcement Officer Baker added that parking has been an issue when some spaces on the right-of-way or on the street are cordoned off and are being sold as parking spaces during game days.

Tickets sales have also been an issue. The sale of tickets is only allowed if the seller has a Peddler's Permit. Various groups are setting up tables to disburse previously sold ticket; if they are also selling tickets on the spot, it is in violation of the City of Gainesville Code of Ordinance. This issue is being addressed as required.

C. **BOARD ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED**

Alligator Ads – continued:

Chair Vermillion has had difficulty getting in touch with *Alligator* Advertising Manager Sean O'Connor regarding the *Alligator* ads. He had one conversation immediately before the September meeting. At that time Mr. O'Connor advised that he would have prices, run dates, etc. sent to Chair Vermillion. At this point that information has not been received. Chair Vermillion will schedule an appointment with Mr. O'Connor within the next couple of weeks.

Caption revision – Final:

Roommates: Under Gainesville's occupancy limit, no more than 3 unrelated people can live in a single-family house. Violations may lead to citations, evictions, and trouble for your landlord. More info – go to www.cityofgainesville.org

Front Yard Parking: Living in a house near UF? Keep your place looking good. Park your car in driveways or designated parking spaces – check with your landlord. Not on the lawn! Violators may be ticketed & towed. More info – go to www.cityofgainesville.org

Garbage. Recycling. E-waste: Be a good citizen. Gainesville has an impressive curb-side waste removal service. And they'll make a special trip out to pick up old computers and TVs. Call 352-334-2330. Put your containers away after pick-up. More info – go to www.cityofgainesville.org

Noise: If you or your music can be heard 200 feet away, you're in violation of the Gainesville City Ordinance. Possible consequences include fines for you and your roommates and points against your landlord's license. More info – go to www.cityofgainesville.org

Campus Talk is not a good option at this time.

The Student Living Guide of the *Alligator* comes out in November. The ads should be submitted within four to five business days prior to the run date. A five percent discount is granted when two or more ads are run within five days of each other.

Members of the Solid Waste department will be invited to the next meeting to discuss

the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Suggested ad run times – two in the spring and two in the fall as follows:

- * **Over-occupancy** in the middle of spring semester when students are considering renting.
- * **Garbage** at the end of the semester when students are moving out.
- * **Noise** and **parking** at beginning of fall semester.

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

Chair Vermillion suggested the review focus strictly on the changes for the SCRAB. Meeting every other month could be a viable option.

New Business:

There was no new business brought to the table.

Dates and Times of Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, 2012, at 9:00 AM in Thomas Center B, Room 201, 306 NE 6th Ave.

D. **MEMBER/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no new member/public comments.

E. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 am.