

# Minutes

## Student Community Relations Advisory Board

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

May 15, 2012  
Tuesday, 10:00 AM

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

**Members Absent:** Ruthie Visuete – Voting Non-Student Member  
Vice Chair Cleopatre Thelus - Voting Student Member  
Nora Kilroy – Voting Postsecondary Administrator

**City Staff Present:** Peter Backhaus - Code Enforcement Supervisor  
Steve Baker - Code Enforcement Officer  
Connie Farrell – Code Enforcement Staff Specialist  
Charlene Collins – Gainesville Police Department Officer  
Phil Wagner – TriMark Properties

**Others Present:** None

### **Goal:**

The goal of the Student Community Relations Advisory Board 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 Rider called the meeting to order at 11:01 AM.

The March 20, 2012 Minutes were reviewed. Chair Rider called for a motion to approve the Minutes; Ms. Hill motioned to approve; Mr. Vermillion seconded. Motion approval was unanimous.

An attendance sheet was circulated. Members and guests introduced themselves. New members Jake Vermillion - Voting Student Member, and Dr. Karen Woods - Voting Member were welcomed.

## **B. STAFF REPORT**

Code Enforcement Supervisor Peter Backhaus was pleased to report that the student move-out has been fairly uneventful. He turned the discussion over to Code Enforcement Officer Steve Baker who advised that the major issues found within the University Park Neighborhood Association (UPNA) mainly addresses overgrown properties and trash on the curb. The trash issues are quickly being resolved by the Solid Waste Division. Official yellow bags can be purchased for overflow trash. Landlord Points can be assessed to rental properties in single family neighborhoods for these issues, which is where most of these issues occur.

## **C. BOARD ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED**

### **Election of Chair:**

Chair Rider has graced the Board with four years, three of which he served as Chair. His term on the Board has expired. Ms. Hill motioned to nominate Jake Vermillion as Chair. Dr. Woods seconded. Motion approval was unanimous. The responsibility of Chair was turned over to Mr. Vermillion.

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

Copies of the new drawings and copies of last year's published cartoons were distributed for review (*Attachments A & B*). This year's drawings include issues of noise, off street parking in residential neighborhoods, over-occupancy, and trash. Captions will be required. Pricing research is also required for the *Alligator* ads.

The City Commission approved the budget of \$2544 for the Board through September 30, 2012. Mr. Joplin committed up to \$1,500 from Solid Waste's advertising budget toward the expense of advertising solid waste issues. A new area of waste collection includes electronic waste (e-waste).

### **Budget for FY 2013/FY2014:**

The Board has requested \$3000 for the 2013-2014 fiscal year budget. The Advisory Board budget will be brought before the City Commission on July 17, 2012 at 1 pm.

### **Student Community Relations Advisory Board Ordinance Discussion, Sec. 2-430: (Attachment C)**

Discussion covered the following items:

(b)(1) – The number of students – increase or leave at three?

(b)(2) – The number of non-students – increase or leave at three?

(b)(3) – Removing the minimal requirements for designated administrators.

(b)(3) - Adding a title for voting postsecondary administrator to Off Campus Life Administrator

(e) – Adding wording to the effect of “reappointment may occur for the administrator.”

(e) – The term for non-student members - increase from two to three years?

Sec. 2-430.55 – Functions, powers, and duties:

What can be done to encourage referrals to the Board, and from whom/where?

**Dates and Times of Next Meeting:**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12, 2012, at 10:00 AM in Thomas Center B, Room 201, 306 NE 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**New Business:**

Common sense security and safety awareness issues such as closing garage doors, locking doors and windows, speeding in the neighborhoods, not stopping at stop signs, etc. are possible topics of future discussion.

**D. MEMBER/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Wagner made a public comment regarding the parking ordinance that will be going before the Commission for discussion in the near future. He informed the Board that his company is in favor of the ordinance. His feeling is that the new ordinance will push cars that are now parked in front yards that will become more designed for parking or it will push cars out of the front yard and onto the street.

Concern as a company: the cars will be pushed into on street city parking.

Proposal: revamp rules and administration of the parking decal system to limit the number of decals per property.

Solution: Solves aesthetic issues of cars parked in the yard.

Currently any landlord can purchase quantities of parking decals that can be sold for profit to anyone. This brings non-residential vehicle parking into the neighborhood. At night, there is sufficient parking; during the day, parking is limited.

Solutions:

1. Eliminate the abuse factor.
2. Eliminate the sixty-day grace period for obtaining a decal.

**E. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:32.