

Minutes

Student Community Relations Advisory Board

Thomas Center A, Room 102
302 NE 6th Avenue

February 14, 2012
Tuesday, 9:45 AM

Members Present: Chair Thomas Rider - Voting Non-Student Member
Vice Chair Cleopatre Thelus - Voting Student Member
Beverly Hill - Voting Non-Student Member

Members Absent: Nora Kilroy – Voting Postsecondary Administrator
Ruthie Visuete – Voting Non-Student Member
Shaneel Myles – Voting Student Member

City Staff Present: Steve Joplin – Solid Waste Manager, Public Works
Joan Rollen – Program Assistant, Public Works
Christopher Cooper - Code Enforcement Manager
Peter Backhaus - Code Enforcement Supervisor
Steve Baker - Code Enforcement Officer
Charlene Collins, GPD Officer
Connie Farrell - Secretary

Others Present: None

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Rider called the meeting to order at 9:50 AM.

The January 19, 2012 Minutes were reviewed. Chair Rider called for a motion to approve the Minutes; Beverly Hill motioned to approve them; Vice Chair Thelus seconded. Motion was unanimously carried.

An attendance sheet was circulated. Members and guests introduced themselves.

B. **STAFF REPORT**

Code Enforcement Supervisor Peter Backhaus reported that changes in areas of responsibility for Code Enforcement Officers are now in effect. Steve Baker is responsible for a majority of the University Park Neighborhood Association (UPNA).

C. **BOARD ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED**

Solid Waste Discussion regarding Scavenging:

Steve Joplin, Public Works Solid Waste Manager, discussed the issue of scavenging. There is always a possibility that properly placed items and bags of garbage can be rummaged through while sitting on the curb. If anyone is seen rummaging through the

garbage and leaves a mess, it can be reported to the Solid Waste Division at (352) 334-2330. An inspector will be dispatched as quickly as possible to assess the situation. If the person who was rummaging has left the scene and cannot be found, then the clean-up falls on the tenant and/or the property owner.

Mr. Backhaus suggested that a notification should be sent to all students before the end of the semester reminding them of the various ways items can be disposed of. Code Enforcement has the Landlord Point system in place to encourage the property owner to be aware of their tenants' activities. Mr. Joplin inquired if there are rules in place which notify the landlord of the point system and the responsibilities of the landlord and the tenant. Mr. Cooper will ensure that an explanation of the point system is enclosed with the Landlord Permit.

A pilot program for E-scrap recycling, consisting of electronics items such as TVs, computers and microwaves, etc. has been implemented. These materials are currently collected by disabled citizens working with ARC of Alachua County. A call to the Solid Waste Division at (352) 334-2330 is all that is required to schedule a Friday pick-up. A request can also be completed online at <http://www.cityofgainesville.org/GOVERNMENT/CityDepartmentsNZ/Recycling/BulkItems/tabid/116/Default.aspx>.

Chair Rider inquired if there could be a city wide drive to encourage the disposal of computers and other E-scrap items.

Solid Waste is not funded with any tax payer dollars. They are funded through the refuse charges that appear on utility bills, commercial franchises for dumpsters, and from recovered materials that are sold. The County Solid Waste Assessment Fee which is on their tax bill provides for the transfer station where the garbage is collected, the hazardous waste center, the five rural collection centers, and advertising for the program.

Alligator Ads – Critique of ads – continued from January:

The revised artwork has not been received to date. Mr. John Gates' son has been volunteered to create new cartoons. Chair Rider advised that the artwork should be signed by the artist. Two other cartoon suggestions were for E-scrap and the student move-out.

Mr. Joplin committed up to \$1,500 from the Solid Waste advertising budget toward the expense of advertising solid waste issues. The Board was granted \$2544 by the City Commission.

Student Community Relations Advisory Board Ordinance Discussion, Sec. 2-430

Chair Rider asked that this discussion be tabled until the March meeting.

Dates and Times of Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 9:30 AM in Thomas Center B, Room 201, 306 NE 6th Ave.

New Business:

Chair Rider would like the Board to find ways to encourage greater attendance at the monthly meetings.

D. **MEMBER/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No additional member/public comments were made.

E. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.