

Minutes

Student Community Relations Advisory Board

Thomas Center A, Room 201
302 NE 6th Avenue

September 11, 2012
Tuesday, 10:00 AM

Members Present: Vice-Chair Thomas Rider - Voting Non-Student Member
Beverly Hill - Voting Non-Student Member
Dr. Karen Woods – Voting Non-Student Member
Nora Kilroy – Voting Postsecondary Administrator

Members Absent: Chair Jake Vermillion – Voting Student Member

City Staff Present: Peter Backhaus - Code Enforcement Supervisor (Liaison)
Steve Baker - Code Enforcement Officer
Christopher Cooper – Code Enforcement Manager
Connie Farrell – Code Enforcement Staff Specialist (Secretary)

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

Vice-Chair Rider called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

The August 14, 2012 Minutes were reviewed. Vice-Chair Rider called for a vote to approve the Minutes; Ms. Hill motioned to approve; Ms. Kilroy 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 upon us. Code Enforcement Officers continue to work with Gainesville Police Department (GPD) to provide a presence in the neighborhood during these events. Trash, parking on sidewalks, illegal vendors and noise are the main issues during this time.

Code Enforcement Officer Baker is coordinating a follow-up day to visit some of the single family dwellings that were not contacted during the August 23, 2012 Rental Welcome.

Code Enforcement Manager Christopher Cooper discussed Game Day Parking. Previously, a Business Tax was charged for game day parking; the Commission is currently leaning toward an annual special use permit which will be \$52.50. This issue should go before the Commission in October. Further details will be available at that time.

Ms. Kilroy asked that she be advised of any changes regarding front yard parking. She will send out notices to off campus students and post the information on the Off Campus Life webpage.

C. BOARD ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED

Alligator Ads – continued:

The ads did not run in time to meet the close of fiscal year 2011-2012, however, now that the sketches are ready and captions have been reviewed, the Board has through early September 2013 to submit the ads for fiscal year 2012-2013. The Board budget for 2012-2013 is \$2450. The Board will have to ask Mr. Steve Joplin with the Solid Waste Division if they are willing to contribute funds towards the 2012-2013 SCRAB advertising budget.

Vice-chair Rider volunteered to review and shorten the wording for the captions. Ms. Kilroy will also work with Vice-chair Rider.

Ms. Kilroy suggested that two of the ads should run in the spring and two should run 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.

Vice-chair Rider suggested appealing to the City Commission for additional funding.

Creation: Student Community Relations Advisory Board Ordinance Subcommittee, Sec. 2-430:

Vice-chair Rider recapped that there are areas of interest within Sec. 2-430 that could be reviewed and revision.

Rental Welcome:

On Thursday, August 23, 2012, Mr. Baker advised that members of Code Enforcement, Solid Waste, GPD, Off Campus Life and several students knocked on doors of 432 residences. Of those, 231 people were talked with face to face and provided a welcome packet which included literature, cups and other items. Door

hangers were left at 203 residences where no one answered the door. Mr. Baker reported that all feedback was positive. Ms. Kilroy said they were able to point out various issues such as the garbage can not being removed from the curb, larger garbage bins can be requested if needed, additional recycle bins are available, etc. in a positive and informative manner.

Past Rental Welcomes were held a few weeks later in the semester and personal contacts were made in approximately 64% of the homes. Ms. Kilroy suggested doing next year's Rental Welcome the second week of classes so more students can participate. Vice-chair Rider added that most students are overwhelmed during the first week and the second week they are more inclined to be at their houses during the day after classes.

New Business:

There was no new business brought to the table.

Dates and Times of Next Meeting:

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

D. MEMBER/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Kilroy informed the Board that Off Campus Life has an event series called *Discover Gainesville*. Each month 25 to 30 students will have the opportunity to sign up to visit various locations, both on and off campus. Some of the outings include the Butterfly Rainforest, the Santa Fe Zoo, Devil's Millhopper, the Gainesville Rock Gym, an opera, and a lacrosse game. The students will also be educated on other parks, events and businesses near each of the areas they visit.

E. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.