
AGENDA
College Park University Heights Redevelopment Advisory Board
Wednesday, April 1, 2009
5:00 P.M.

University of Florida Foundation Building
2012 West University Avenue
Wadsworth Board Room

A. ROLL CALL

B. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – *March 4, 2009*

D. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

E. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Chair's Report

2. Liaison Report: Linda Dixon – University of Florida

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. CPUH Parking Study (NB)

..Explanation

At the previous meeting, the group discussed the progress to date on the parking study. At that time, it was agreed that Advisory Board members and guests were able and willing to help supply information related to residential uses in the study area. This information will be necessary in order for the parking consultants to achieve a basis for evaluating parking demand in CPUH. Staff has been working since that time to address the identified issues. At the April CPUH meeting, Staff and the group will finalize this information gathering.

..Fiscal Note

\$50,000 is budgeted in CPUH account #618-790-W741-5520 (Parking Management). Parking consultant services within CPUH will be approximately \$48,000.

..Recommendation

CRA Staff to the College Park University Heights Redevelopment Advisory Board: 1) Hear presentation from Staff; and 2) provide input as necessary.

2. SW 8th Ave Improvements (B)

..Explanation

The Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and Public Works Department (PWD) have received 30% design plans from consultant DRMP for the reconstruction and improvement of the SW 8th Ave corridor (900-1300 BLK). To be included in the list of improvements are reconstructing the roadway from SW 9th St to 10th St, milling and resurfacing from SW 10th St to SW 13th St, narrowing driving lanes to accommodate wider sidewalks and on-street parking, upgrading stormwater infrastructure, reconstructing sidewalks to meet current ADA requirements, undergrounding aerial utilities, and adding streetscaping elements such as brick sidewalks, crosswalks, decorative roadway and pedestrian lighting, and street trees.

To complete 100% construction bid documents, the CRA and PWD have negotiated a scope and price proposal with DRMP. The scope of work for completing construction drawings including roadway plans, erosion and sedimentation control plans, detour plans, geotechnical and subsurface utility investigation, identification and descriptions of permanent and construction easements, and utility coordination. The plans are on an aggressive schedule to be completed September 2009, with construction scheduled for January 2010.

CRA Project # CPUH-06-SC-2008

..Fiscal Note

The amount to complete 100% construction bid documents is not to exceed \$103,546.00. The project has an available budget of \$1,138,647.00. The account number for this project is 618-W754-W19.

..Recommendation

CRA Staff to the College Park University Heights Redevelopment Advisory Board: 1) Approve the expenditure of a not-to-exceed amount of \$103, 546.00 for DRMP to complete 100% construction bid documents for SW 8th Ave Improvements project.

G. NEW BUSINESS**1. Rail-Trail Lighting Standard (B)**

..Explanation

As the CRA and Public Works Department move forward with the development and enhancement of Gainesville's network of Rails-to-Trails activity paths, there is an increasing need to develop standards that will uniquely identify and brand the trails, as well as ensure quality design across all redevelopment areas. In February 2008, the CRA Board adopted a concept for Rails-to-Trails signs to be implemented in the redevelopment areas. Then in April 2008, the City Commission adopted the rail trail signage for implementation on the entire City's rail trail system. Now, CRA staff is in the process of selecting a lighting fixture that will serve as a standard to illuminate the Rail-Trails. Considerations taken into account when reviewing fixtures included safety, cost, sustainability, and aesthetics. Fixtures reviewed included those already listed on GRU's lighting inventory, as well as additional fixtures.

After review, staff recommends the Lumec Domus Small Series. This is a pedestrian scaled fixture that offers optics that point light directly onto the path. It is certified "Dark Sky" for its full cut-off capability, and has good horizontal and vertical uniformity of illumination when spaced at 75-ft centers. It is available with white metal-halide lamps, and is expected to become LED convertible within the next 5 years. The designs for the mounting arms and poles include classic and contemporary lines that compliment a variety of urban and residential contexts. The Lumec Domus Small Series is currently not included on GRU's inventory. The majority of fixtures listed on GRU's inventory are classified as roadway lights, with one exception, GRU's Traditional "Cut-off" Pedestrian light. This light is defined as semi-cut off with optics that spreads light both vertically and horizontally. It is available with white metal-halide lamps, and light poles are typically spaced at 100-ft centers. There is no mounting arm, as this is pole top lamp, and has a concrete pole with classic lines.

CRA Project # N/A

..Fiscal Note

N/A

..Recommendation

CRA Staff to the College Park University Heights Redevelopment Advisory Board: 1) Hear presentation; and 2) approve Lumec Domus Small Series as the CRA lighting standard for implementation on the City's rail trail system

H. STAFF REPORT

CRA Website – CRA has created a postcard to promote the website. Additional web content and image galleries will be developed and published this spring.

Parking Study – On this agenda.

University Avenue Medians – Garden World of Holiday is currently under contract to refurbish the existing roadway medians. A preconstruction meeting has taken place and construction of the irrigation system has begun. Landscape installation will follow shortly thereafter. The CRA will landscape the five existing West University Avenue medians from West 18th Street to just east of West 13th Street.

University Avenue Improvements – The CRA has completed replacing the waste receptacles along West University Avenue.

SW 13th Street Bus Shelter – RTS has obtained the easement for this shelter adjacent to the Wild Flowers development. RTS is in the process of engineering the site to accept the new shelter.

Gainesville Responsible Hospitality Partnership – GRHP is formulating strategies to help publicize and promote the Responsible Hospitality Partnership and enlist new Responsible Hospitality members.

Depot Rail Trail – JMJ Consulting Engineering completed the feasibility study for the portion of trail located adjacent to the SW 13th Street overpass and between SW 11th and 13th streets. The feasibility study analyzed options for widening and accessing the trail from SW 13th Street. It is recommended that the trail be widened to 10-ft and direct access be provided to the trail from SW 13th Street. Final recommendations were based on shared use path design quality and construction costs. Design concepts for accessing the path will be addressed in the RFQ/Design Competition for the SW 13th Street overpass, to be issued in the summer.

Tumblin Creek Watershed Management Plan – The Tumblin Creek Watershed Management Plan (TCWMP) was completed in late 2007. Projects listed within the plan have been prioritized and are in the process of being scheduled and budgeted as a part of the recent strategic planning sessions.

SW 2nd Avenue Master Plan – The CRA continues to pursue a comprehensive vision for redevelopment along the SW 2nd Avenue corridor. The goal of this initiative is to formulate a plan that is based on a thorough understanding of the infrastructure issues and market forces (including the closure of Shands at AGH) that will impact redevelopment.

SW 7th Ave Roadway Improvements – Design constraints related to several large heritage oak trees have caused the exfiltration component of this project to be removed from the project scope. Design for the roadway improvements project has resumed, and will include angled and parallel parking, complete sidewalks, upgrading ADA compliancy, and CRA standard streetscaping.

SW 8th Ave Improvements – On this Agenda

SW 13th Street Pedestrian Overpass Enhancement Design – The Design Competition packet is under review by the City's Legal Department.

Rails-to-Trails Signage – The City Commission has adopted the CRA's design for guide signage for the City's rail trail system. CRA is currently facilitating the design of the mounting system.

CRA Mixed-Use Office Building @ 802 NW 5th Ave – On March 16, 2009 the CRA Board approved a schematic design. At the March 19, 2009 City Commission meeting, the commissioners asked the City Manager to recommend to the CRA Executive Director to place the project on hold until the design could be re-visited. This item will be on the April 20, 2009 CRA Agenda.

I. REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

J. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

K. PUBLIC COMMENT

L. ADJOURNMENT