Tuesday, January 24, 2017 – 5:00 P.M.
John R. "Jack" Durrance Auditorium
County Administration Building
12 Southeast First Street
Gainesville, Florida

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners met for the Regular Meeting.

PRESENT: Chair Ken Cornell, Vice-Chair Lee Pinkoson, Commissioners Mike Byerly and Robert "Hutch" Hutchinson

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Dr. Lee Niblock, County Attorney Michele Lieberman, Assistant County Manager Gina Peebles, Assistant County Manager Carl Smart

The meeting was televised on Cox Cable Channel 12.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cornell at 5:02 P.M.

Approval of Public Hearing Agenda

1. Approve the agenda
Fiscal Consideration: N/A
Recommended Action: A Motion to Approve the Agenda: (a) approve any amendments to the Public Hearing Agenda; and (b) adopt the Public Hearing Agenda

Chair Cornell requested that the Board be updated on the rental of land adjacent to the fairgrounds after discussing the Confederate Soldier Statue.

Commissioner Pinkoson moved to adopt the agenda as modified. The motion carried 3-0 with Commissioners Byerly and Hutchinson absent.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Hearing
Fiscal Consideration: No fiscal impact at this time.
Recommended Action: Conduct the public hearing to obtain citizen comment on the application; Provide final Board input and approve the application as amended; Direct staff to finalize and submit an application to the Department of Economic Opportunity for a Housing Rehabilitation grant in the amount of $750,000 for the FFY 2016 Florida Small Cities CDBG Program; And adopt the necessary resolutions and authorize the Chair to sign resolutions and application.

Housing Programs Manager Ralston Reodica presented the above item.

Commissioner Pinkoson moved to accept staff recommendation to conduct the public hearing to obtain citizen comment on the application; Provide final Board input and approve the application as amended; Direct staff to finalize and submit an application to the Department of Economic Opportunity for a Housing Rehabilitation grant in the amount of $750,000 for the FFY 2016 Florida Small Cities CDBG Program; And adopt the necessary resolutions and authorize the Chair to sign resolutions and application. **The motion carried 3-0** with Commissioners Byerly and Hutchinson out of the room.

Commissioner Pinkoson, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Pinkoson and County Manager Lee Niblock presented comments.

Commissioner Hutchinson entered at 5:04 P.M.
Commissioner Byerly entered at 5:06 P.M.

Chair Cornell recognized Carl Smart who presented comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (the earlier of 5:30PM or at the conclusion of the agenda)

3. Public Comments
Fiscal Consideration: N/A
Recommended Action: Hear Public Comments

Chair Cornell recognized Kali Blount, Jim Riser, and Telford Cartwright who presented comments to the Board.

SUMMARY ITEMS
Old Business

4. Confederate Soldier Statue Discussion
Fiscal Consideration: N/A
Recommended Action: Commission discussion on whether or not to relocate the Confederate Solider Statue

Chair Cornell presented a background on the above item.

Chair of the Veterans Services Advisory Board Duane Romine presented comments.

Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Pinkoson, Vicki Van Buren, and Chair Cornell presented comments.

Public Comment:

Kali Blount, David Gohl, Vicki Van Buren, and David McAllister Chair Cornell, Seber Newsome III, Fred Judkins, Jenna Bernstein, Telford Cartwright, Roz Miller, Chris Elands, Melanie Barr, Chair Cornell, Clement Lindsey, Mary Barlow, Karen (Gainesville Resident), Geoffrey Grooms, Jade Allen, Virginia Pettis, Noah Parrish, H.K. Edgerton, Henry Russ, Mathew Hurst, Daniel Porter, Chris Neilabovich, Marshal Rosen, Rod McNealy and Faye Williams presented comments.

Commissioner Byerly**,** Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Chestnut and Commissioner Pinkoson presented comments.

Commissioner Pinkoson moved to erect an interpretive plaque to be placed near the civil war statue outside the County Administration Building commemorating all that died in the civil war and its history. The wording will be composed by a joint committee comprised of the entire or representatives of the Veterans and Historical committee to be approved by the Commission. The motion failed for a lack of a second.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved:

(Commissioner Pinkoson requested that the motion be divided for the purposes of voting.)

1. The Alachua County Commission should meet with the Board of the Matheson Historical Museum to discuss under what conditions they would accept the re-location of the statue to the grounds of their museum. **The motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Pinkoson voting "Nay".**

2. Alachua County should provide a historic plaque near the statue that provides the historical context of its time and purpose. The text should be the result of consultation by the Alachua County Historic Commission with historic scholars. **The motion carried 5-0.**

3. Alachua County should memorialize the history of the 20 or more lynchings in our community. Refer this memorialization to the County Manager and the Alachua County Historical Commission. ~~The commemoration should provide a marker along a public right-of-way near the site, and it should reference a paper guide and an online resource that provides the known details. The text should be the result of consultation by the Alachua County Historic Commission with historic scholars.~~ **The motion carried 5-0.**

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Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Pinkoson, Commissioner Byerly, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Hutchinson, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Pinkoson, Commissioner Hutchinson, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Byerly, County Manager Niblock, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Hutchinson and Chair Cornell presented comments.

Added Item: Fairgrounds Rental

Assistant County Manager Gina Peebles presented the above item.

Commissioner Chestnut moved to authorize County staff to use the facility owned by the County at the intersection of N CR 225 and NE 73rd Avenue to rent out for primitive tent and RV camping during Gatornationals. The goal is to recover public cost to the County and the parking is provided as a public amenity to first come first serve basis. The County Manager is authorized to use County Staff at the facility. Staff is directed to return with a report on the impact of the use.

Commissioner Pinkoson, County Manager Niblock, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Pinkoson, County Manager Niblock, Commissioner Pinkoson, County Manager Niblock, Chair Cornell, Development Program Manager Michael Fay, Commissioner Pinkoson, Development Program Manager Fay, Commissioner Byerly, Assistant County Manager Peebles, Commissioner Byerly, Assistant County Manager Peebles, Commissioner Byerly, Development Program Manager Fay, Commissioner Byerly, County Manager Niblock and Chair Cornell presented comments.

The motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Pinkoson voting "Nay".

CLOSING COMMENTS
Public Comments

5. Closing comments from the public
Fiscal Consideration: N/A
Recommended Action: Hear closing comments from the public.

There was no one present who wished to address the Board.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 P.M.