



**City of Gainesville
City Plan Board Meeting
MINUTES**

**December 12, 2024, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall Auditorium
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, FL 32601**

Members Present: Robert Ackerman, Nickolas Hill, Robert Mermer, Joshua Ney, Jason Sanchez, Stephanie Sutton

Members Absent: Jamie Bell, Tina Certain

A. CALL TO ORDER

6:34 PM

B. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Stephanie Sutton

Seconded by Nickolas Hill

Approve the adoption of the agenda

Approved

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Robert Mermer

Seconded by Joshua Ney

Approve the minutes

Approved

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Election of the City Plan Board Chair

Chair Ackerman initiates election

Dr. mermer - nominates Ney

Stephanie nominates - Jason

Ney - Nominates - Hill

Ney -

Jason Sanchez - new chair

Ney - Hill

Mermer second

Hill - Vice Chair

F. BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. ITEM POSTPONED - 2024-866 Faith Tabernacle Baptist Church LD22-000102 (B) 20241212

Item has been postponed to a future date.

Recommendation: The City Plan Board to approve Petition LD22-000102 SUP with conditions.

2. 2024-879 Historic Designation of The Florida Theater (B) 20241212

Historic Presentation Officer, Kathleen Kaufmann, presents the item.

Teresa Callen speaks to the item.

Dr. Mermer asks about financing the restoration of the exterior.

Officer Kaufmann responds no information on budget

Ms. Callen adds GCRA's financial support

Julie DeCarmine responds to Dr. Mermer informing the GCRA grant being 150,000 matching grant to do the facade of the building.

Dr. Mermer asks concerning intention of asking the City for additional funds

Julie DeCarmine responds not foreseeing the project asking for funds

Officer Kaufmann informs the Board that Mayor Ward supports the effort but does not promise funding and the intent to do community fundraising.

Director Forrest Eddleton addresses the Board concerning the process of historic designation in relations to the role of the City Plan Board.

Dr. Mermer addresses the chair and asks concerning the type of motion requested.

Officer Kaufmann responds

Member Ney addresses the Board in support

Member Ackerman addresses the Board in support

Member Ackerman makes motion that the Board re

Member Dr. Mermer second

Motion to Approve the Board to recommend the Historic Designation of the Florida Theater

Moved by Robert Ackerman

Seconded by Robert Mermer

Recommendation: City Plan Board discuss and make a recommendation.

Approved

G. MEMBER COMMENT

Member Ackerman addresses the Board concerning Grace Market Place and instructs staff to find a non conflicting date for Board Meeting.

Member Sutton addresses the Board concerning an update on the City Plan Board Action List

Planning Manager Brittany McMullen addresses the Board and provides Action List update.

Member Sutton asks concerning the process for requesting staff to work on petition

Director Forrest Eddleton responds and clarifies that the City Plan Board sends the letter of request to the Commission and the Commission decides whether to approve the request.

Planning Manager Brittany McMullen addresses the Board

Member Ackerman informs staff that a respond to the Robinswood Letter has been obtained

Dr. Mermer addresses staff with suggestion for board review of action items

Director Eddleton addresses Dr. Mermer

Member Sutton addresses staff and asks concerning timetable of previous meeting

Planning Manager McMullen addresses the Board

Director Eddleton addresses the Board

Member Ney addresses the Board

Director Forrest Eddleton addresses board member Ney

Dr. Mermer addresses moves a to ask for a joint meeting with the Commission
second -

Planning Manager addresses the Board

Planner Nathaniel Chan addresses the Board and provides an update on the Comprehensive Plan

Chair Sanchez addresses Planner Chan concerning the road map for the Comp Plan

Planner Chan responds

Member Hill addresses Planner Chan concerning data analysis,

Planner Chan responds

Member Hill asks concerning optional element

Planner Chan responds

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Planner Chan responds with the possibility of working with the office of EDI

Planner McMullen addresses the Board concerning timeline for the Comprehensive plan

Member Ackerman addresses the board in favor of a round of rhobust public engagement effort

Chair addresses the board concerning the reforming of EDI within the Comp Plan

Member addresses the board underscores the value of further public engagement

Planner Chan responds to member Ackerman

Member Sutton addresses staff on her previous feedback concerning the appendicies

and the desire of placing appendix information at the front of the comp plan.

Planner Chan answers member Sutton

Member Ney addresses the Board.

H. NEXT MEETING DATE: January 23rd 2025

I. ADJOURNMENT