



## City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

---

**File Number: 2024-315**

**Agenda Date:** April 25, 2024

**Department:** Department of Sustainable Development

**Title: 2024-315 Community Meetings with Notice Text Change LD23-000160 (B) 20240425**

**Department:** Sustainable Development

**Description:** This is a privately-initiated text change by Margaret Carr, Agent for GNVoices, Inc., to amend 4 sections of the Land Development Code related to public participation and notice: Section 30-2.1. – Definitions; Section 30-3.7. – Public participation; Section 30-3.8. – Public notice; Section 30-3.12. – Review procedures.

**Fiscal Note:** If approved, the proposed text amendment would cost the City \$65,648 for each legislative item prior to board review (text changes to the Land Development Code and Future Land Use amendments)

**Explanation:** The applicant is requesting a text amendment to sections of the Land Development Code that regulate public participation and public notice. Currently, all applications that require board approval (future land use changes, rezonings, special use permits, development plans, variances, etc) shall first hold a neighborhood workshop. Text amendments are exempt from neighborhood workshop requirements, and do not require mailed notice since they typically apply citywide.

The proposed text amendment would require legislative items (text amendments and future land use changes) to hold 4 “community meetings” (one meeting in each City Commission district) before the items are routed to the City Plan Board. Each new community meeting would require mailed notice to all dwelling units within the Commission District. Mailed notice currently costs the City 98 cents per postcard.

**Strategic Connection:**

- Goal 1: Equitable Community
- Goal 2: More Sustainable Community
- Goal 3: A Great Place to Live and Experience
- Goal 4: Resilient Local Economy
- Goal 5: “Best in Class” Neighbor Services

**Recommendation:** Staff to City Plan Board – Staff recommends denial of Petition LD23-000160