



Agenda Item Summary

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Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area GTEC – Cornerstone – EHEDI Update (B)

Presenter:

Rick Smith, GCRA Director

Sean H. Mclendon, Economic Development & Food System Manager 352-548-3765

Description:

This item brings back a brief update from the GCRA on the Eastside Health and Economic Development Initiative (EHEDI).

Recommended Action:

Hear staff update

Prior Board Motions:

As part of the September 13, 2022, Consent Agenda, the Board approved an amendment to the GCRA interlocal agreement and authorized the Chair to sign. At the November 10, 2020 Commission meeting, Commissioner Cornell moved option 1 (Direct staff to coordinate with the Gateway Team to develop a scope of work to study the economic redevelopment potential of the Waldo Road Corridor (aka Airport Gateway Project) within the bounds of the Gainesville Metropolitan Area and bring back to an appropriate County meeting for approval and: Option 1: Approve the use of up to \$100,000 as contributed by Alachua County to the 2019 City of Gainesville-Alachua County Community Redevelopment Agreement as a 50% match with the City of Gainesville. Option 2: Approve the use of up to \$100,000 as contributed by Alachua County Gainesville Community Redevelopment Step-Down Fund as a 50% match with the City of Gainesville) ...if the City is not using CRA Funding then approve of Option 2 to use the step down funding and authorize the County Manager to sign the agreement. Chair Hutchinson, Commissioner Cornell, and Commissioner Byerly presented comments. Public Comment Chair Hutchinson recognized Anna Prizzia who presented comments. The motion carried 5-0.

Fiscal Note:

From January 2020 through 2029, Alachua County will contribute \$37,448,801.40 to the GCRA. [001.17.1770.552.83.75 Grants & Aids] The City of Gainesville will contribute \$33,256,578.90 to the GCRA. In addition to the GCRA contribution, the County also budgets for an annual allocation to restricted use to community redevelopment within the boundary of the Gainesville Metropolitan area per Section 3 of the contract. [001.17.1770.552.83.77] The County has appropriated \$100,000 toward the Airport Gateway project from these such funds.

Strategic Guide:

Social and Economic Opportunity

Background:

EHEDI is one of several transformative projects on the Eastside off of Hawthorne Road in development. It can provide mixed-use amenities, health care, retail grocery food/food hub, market-rate housing, and an RTS transportation hub. The City of Gainesville (City) and Alachua County (County) entered an interlocal agreement creating the Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area on April 9, 2019. The agreement was amended in 2022 to expand the boundary west around the Martin Luther King Recreation Center on Waldo Road and 8th Ave.