



**CHILDREN'S TRUST**  
OF ALACHUA COUNTY

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**JOINT MEETING WITH THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE**  
**AGENDA**

November 06, 2023 at 4:00 PM

Gainesville City Hall

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**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

**Agenda Review, Revision and Approval**

**Discussion**

1. Safe Spaces: Properties suitable for community or teen center usage in the city
2. Transportation: Update on RTS "18 and Under, 65 and Over" Free Fare Program
3. Community Task Force on Gun Violence  
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Proposal: Assist in partially funding 8 additional Mentoring/Character Building Programs for 1 year (possible split cost with the county).  
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**General Public Comments**

**Board Member Comments**

**Adjournment**



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**Call to Order**

City of Gainesville Mayor Harvey Ward called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

**Roll Call**

**PRESENT**

Chair Certain  
Vice Chair Pinkoson  
Member Cornell  
Member Andrew  
Member Ferrero

**ABSENT**

Member Chance  
Member Hardt  
Member Labarta  
Member Twombly

**Agenda Review, Revision and Approval**

**Motion to approve the agenda made by Member Pinkoson, Seconded by Member Cornell.**

Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

**Discussion**

1. Safe Spaces: Properties suitable for community or teen center usage in the city

Roxy Gonzalez, Director of PRCA for the City of Gainesville discussed the various properties owned by the City, mentioning that the T.B. McPherson Recreation Center had the most availability and could be a good location for after-school programs. The boards also discussed Duval Elementary School, as the contracts for the two groups currently using the space end in May 2024. Commissioner Duncan-Walker suggested

contacting the pastor of The Vineyard Church, while not a city property, it could be utilized for these types of activities.

2. Transportation: Update on RTS "18 and Under, 65 and Over" Free Fare Program

Jesus Gomez, Director of Transportation for the City of Gainesville, reported that the Free Fare Program is currently funded through 2024. It accounts for 10% of all passengers. Mayor Ward suggested hosting demonstrations on how to use the buses at local high schools and senior centers. Member Andrew suggested this may help reduce school absences, increase attendance at summer programs, and ensure teen workers have reliable transportation. Member Cornell suggested adding this training for CTAC providers and to future RFPs. Commissioner Chestnut suggested an instructional video be put on Channel 12 for the whole community.

3. Community Task Force on Gun Violence

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CTAC Director of Program Operations, Kristy Goldwire, presented that 15 youth mentoring programs had applied for \$500,000 of Trust funding. Mentoring, along with extracurricular programming, and job opportunities are proven methods of decreasing crime in a community. The City of Gainesville has allocated \$150,000 in this year's budget to reduce gun violence in Alachua County. Ms. Goldwire reported that only seven mentoring programs could be supported with CTAC funds and additional funding for the remaining eight programs was requested.

Gainesville City Manager, Cynthia Curry stated that interviews for a Gun Violence Prevention Manager were happening this week, as well as a meeting with Santa Fe College regarding a Gun Violence Task Force. She requested more time to discuss the use of the City's funds on either those projects, and/or on the CTAC's mentoring programs. She will report back on this issue by January 2024.

**General Public Comments**

**Board Member Comments**

**Adjournment**

Mayor Harvey Ward adjourned the meeting at 5:28 PM.

## Ashley Morgan-Daniel

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**Subject:** FW: Childrens Trust of Alachua County - Mentoring Applications

**From:** Kristy Goldwire

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 1, 2023 4:27 PM

**To:** [NovackAL@cityofgainesville.org](mailto:NovackAL@cityofgainesville.org)

**Subject:** Childrens Trust of Alachua County - Mentoring Applications

Alison

The Trust released an RFP with an allocation of \$500,000 to fund youth mentoring programs throughout Alachua County. As expected, funding requests were greater than the funding allocated. Within the approved allocation, the Trust can fund the top 7, contingent up the providers meeting the intent of the RFP. There are eight additional programs that the Trust Board would like to discuss and request funding from the City of Gainesville and Alachua County BOCC. A total of \$204,361 is needed to cover the cost of the mentoring programs listed below.

Ms. Curry has requested a copy of the applications. Each provider has agreed to funding in the amount of \$30,000, with the exception of the two providers that requested less than \$30,000. See chart below.

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Original Request</b>	<b>Revised Funding Request</b>
100 Black Men	\$9,361.00	\$9,361.00
Concrete Rose Foundation	\$74,803.00	\$30,000.00
Gator Junior Golf	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Greater Bethel	\$70,523.00	\$30,000.00
Just For Us	\$71,076.00	\$30,000.00
Old Town Ministries	\$75,000.00	\$30,000.00
Wake Up & Dream, Inc	\$72,500.00	\$30,000.00
Willie Mae Stokes Community Center	\$74,968.00	\$30,000.00
	<b>\$463,231.00</b>	<b>\$204,361</b>

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you

Kristy

Kristy Goldwire, MSW

Director of Program Operations

Children's Trust of Alachua County

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City of Gainesville  
CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING  
AGENDA

Monday, November 6, 2023, 4:00 p.m.  
City Hall, Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room (Room 16)  
200 East University Ave  
Gainesville, FL 32601

Commission Members

Mayor Harvey L. Ward, Jr.  
Mayor Pro Tempore Desmon Duncan-Walker (District 1)  
Reina Saco (At Large, Seat A)  
Cynthia Moore Chestnut (At Large, Seat B)  
Ed Book (District 2)  
Casey Willits (District 3)  
Bryan Eastman (District 4)

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Agenda Statement: The City of Gainesville encourages civil public speech. The Gainesville City Commission expects each person entering this chamber to treat others with respect and courtesy. Speakers are expected to focus on agenda items under discussion and avoid personal attacks or offensive comments. Threatening language is not allowed. Anyone who repeatedly disrupts the proceedings will be asked to leave. Signs, props, posters, food and drink should be left outside the auditorium.

**B. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**C. BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. **2023-1089 Safe Spaces: Properties Suitable for Community or Teen Center Usage in the City (NB)**

**Department:** City Commission

**Fiscal Note:** Not applicable at this time.

**Recommendation:** The City Commission discuss and take action deemed necessary.

2. **2023-1088 Informational Update on the Age Based Fare Free Transit Program (B)**

**Department:** Transportation

**Description:** Informational update on the Age Based Fare Free Transit Program.

**Fiscal Note:** The Age Based Fare Free Transit Program is jointly sponsored by the City and the County; the program costs \$230,000 annually, which is split evenly (\$115,000 each).

**Recommendation:** The City Commission and Children's Trust of Alachua County receive the staff update on the Age Based Fare Free Transit Program.

3. **2023-1090 Community Task Force on Gun Violence (NB)**

**Department:** City Commission

**Description:** Community Task Force on Gun Violence. Mentoring Priority: Children's Trust is funding seven programs for \$500,000.

**Fiscal Note:** Not applicable at this time.

**Recommendation:** The City Commission assist in partially funding eight additional Mentoring/Character Building Programs for one year (possibly split cost with the County). Children's Trust of Alachua County would be the administrator (programming support, monitoring all programs).

**D. MEMBER COMMENT**

**E. ADJOURNMENT**



**City Commission Special Meeting  
MINUTES**

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200 East University Ave  
Gainesville, FL 32601**

Members Present: Mayor Ward, Commissioner Book,  
Commissioner Chestnut, Mayor Pro  
Tempore Duncan-Walker, Commissioner  
Eastman, Commissioner Willits

Members Absent: Commissioner Saco

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

**B. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved by** Commissioner Eastman

**Seconded by** Commissioner Chestnut

**Motion: The City Commission adopt the regular agenda.**

Aye (6): Mayor Ward, Commissioner Book, Commissioner Chestnut, Mayor Pro  
Tempore Duncan-Walker, Commissioner Eastman, and Commissioner Willits

Absent (1): Commissioner Saco

Approved (6 to 0)

**C. BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 2023-1089 Safe Spaces: Properties Suitable for Community or Teen  
Center Usage in the City (NB)**

Roxana Gonzalez, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, spoke to the item regarding facility use, camp attendance, after-school programs, and insurance.

Leslie Ladendorf, Assistant Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, spoke to the item regarding partnerships.

Marsha Kiner, Executive Director, spoke to the item regarding building capacity.

**Recommendation:** The City Commission discuss and take action deemed necessary.

Heard

**2. 2023-1088 Informational Update on the Age Based Fare Free Transit Program (B)**

Jesus Gomez, Director of Transportation, spoke to the item giving an overview of the Age-Based Fare Free Program, ridership was about 10%.

Cynthia Curry, City Manager, spoke to the item to clarify that the program was included in the FY24 budget and that the funding was matched by Alachua County.

Mayor Ward suggested a demonstration on how to ride the bus be given to high school students.

Commissioner Chestnut suggested a video on how to ride the bus would be helpful.

**Recommendation:** The City Commission and Children’s Trust of Alachua County receive the staff update on the Age Based Fare Free Transit Program.

Heard

**3. 2023-1090 Community Task Force on Gun Violence (NB)**

Marsha Kiner, Executive Director, Children's Trust of Alachua County, introduced the item. Would like to have the organizations start in January 2024.

Kristy Goldwire, Director of Program Operations, gave an overview of the programs that applied for the \$500,000 funding.



Cynthia Curry, City Manager, spoke to the item giving an update on the new position for the City Gun Violence Prevention Coordinator, and also the \$150,000 funding set aside by the city for gun violence prevention programs. Wanted to have the full funds available as they work on the partnership with Santa Fe College. Additionally, there may be additional funding through the ARPA residual.

John Alexander, Government Affairs and Community Relations Director, spoke to the item regarding analyzing the proposed applications from the Children's Trust.

Joseph Dixon, Fire Chief, Gainesville Fire Rescue, gave an overview of the city investments made in the community to address gun violence.

Lonnie Scott, Sr., Police Chief, Gainesville Police Department, spoke to the item giving an overview of the B.O.L.D program.

**Recommendation:** The City Commission assist in partially funding eight additional Mentoring/Character Building Programs for one year (possibly split cost with the County). Children's Trust of Alachua County would be the administrator (programming support, monitoring all programs).

Heard

**D. MEMBER COMMENT**

Commissioner Willits - Spoke about engaging youth and young workers with jobs, recognizing housing needs can inhibit securing a job. Planning needs to be around integrated communities, not just residential.

Mayor Pro Tempore Duncan-Walker - Spoke about the closing of Duval Elementary School and the need for a needs assessment for the community.

**E. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

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Kristen J. Bryant, Interim City Clerk

# City of Gainesville Regional Transit System

## Age Based Fare Free Transit Program FY23 Update

October 2023



Background

This report provides an overview of ridership for the Age Based Fare Free Transit Program that allows customers age 18 years and younger or 65 years and over to ride the transit system without paying fares. The pilot program was initiated in FY2022 to provide data and information to better understand the potentials for a system-wide fare-free service program. This report covers FY2023 (October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023).

### Ridership Report by Age Group

#### Original Annual Estimates:

##### Age Based Unlimited Access Program

Age Group	Total Revenue	Passenger Trips	Cost/Trip
18 years old and Under	\$130,000	346,667	\$0.375
65 years old and Older	\$100,000	266,667	\$0.375
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$230,000</b>	<b>613,334</b>	<b>\$0.375</b>

#### FY2022 results:

##### October 2021 – September 2022

Age Group	Total Revenue	Passenger Trips	Cost/Trip
18 years old and Under	\$130,000	222,854	\$0.583
65 years old and Older	\$100,000	171,494	\$0.583
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$230,000</b>	<b>394,348</b>	<b>\$0.583</b>

#### FY2023 results:

##### October 2022 – September 2023

Age Group	Total Revenue	Passenger Trips	Cost/Trip
18 years old and Under	\$130,000	307,923	\$0.422
65 years old and Older	\$100,000	234,887	\$0.426
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$230,000</b>	<b>542,810</b>	<b>\$0.424</b>

The project goal was to provide unlimited access at a cost per trip between \$0.375 and \$0.75. Results show that the goal was met for FY2023.