

University Area Commission Meeting Minutes – January 19th, 2011

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM at the Northwood and High Building, 2231 North High, Room 100.

Members Present:

Miles Curtiss, Pasquale Grado, Seth Golding, Bill Graver, David Hegley, Joyce Hughes, Ron Hupman, Susan Keeny, Ian MacConnell, Sara Matthiesen, John Risteter, Charles Robol (arrived at 8:03), Joaquin Serantes, Laura Shinn, Ian Studders, Dick Talbott, Tom Wildman, Sharon Young.

Members Excused: Doreen Uhas-Sauer

Absent:

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. Motion 1: to approve minutes as written: Graver/sec: Wildman. Motion passes unanimously.
- b. October Minutes will be corrected and voted on at a later date.

2. Treasurer's Report

- a. Treasurer's Report by Comm. Golding
 - i. Motion 2: to put remaining funds (\$75.40) towards Olde North Columbus Gala event: Golding/sec: Hughes. Motion passes unanimously.
 - ii. Motion 3: to reimburse Wildman for his attendance to Homeless Conference: Hughes/sec: Studders. Motion passes unanimously.

Expense	Amount
\$250	Travel
\$130.82	Dispatch
\$42	Postage
\$200	Christmas Postage
\$240	Web Hosting
\$59.78	Name Plates
\$942.60	Amount Spent
\$75.40	Amount Remaining

3. Reports

- a. **Officer Smith and Officer Ramos of the Columbus Police**

- i. CPD has been working with OSU greek students to create a block watch centered on 15th and Indianola.
- ii. Burglaries, thefts, and incidents down in December.
- iii. Commissioner mentions that non-emergency number is not functioning properly.
- iv. Commissioner mentions that a building at East Ave & Hudson is being overrun with homeless people.

b. Erin Prosser of Campus Partners

- i. RFP will be sent out for 15th and High property in 30 days. The RFP will be formal but open ended.

c. Isom Nivins of the City of Columbus

- i. Pride center is receiving interior improvements.
- ii. MOA will be sent to UAC treasurer in March.

4. Public Comments & Announcements

- a. Paul Scheurer, a resident on 130 W. Maryland, is a landlord in the Minneapolis area. Mr. Scheurer wanted to reiterate his desire to have more policemen living in the UA. The program would grant interested policeman up to 50% of rent. He wants to involve the dispatch to increase awareness, and asked the Commission to contact OSUPD for him. For a trial run he offered a sublet from May 1st to September 2nd for an apartment at \$690/month.
- b. Varsity Club Owner requests a permit to create a safe, confined area for people to drink at his property. The event will have 8 police officers; serve cans instead of bottles, and take additional safety measures. Commissioners stress that the cleanup should occur 2 blocks in all directions. Motion 4: to grant permit: Golding/sec: Hughes. Motion passes unanimously.

5. Committee Reports

a. Zoning

- i. Case 1: 48 E 15th Avenue, a parcel owned by Garland Properties, will require a chance of use and additional zoning variances. Applicant states that all variances reflect existing conditions, and that no exterior changes will be made. The property will change from 5 units to 8 units. The zoning committee recommends approval because it is appropriate for all parts of this building to be apartments. Motion 5: to grant approvals: Hupman/sec: Studders. Motion passes unanimously.
- ii. Case 2: 52 E. 15th Avenue, a parcel owned by ABY Properties, requires a UAC endorsement of the project. The zoning committee recommends disapproval due to the high density, insufficient parking, and the lack of the owners' responsiveness to UAC other concerns. Applicant claims that this is a state of the art student housing project that will fill a need in the heart of the university area, mentioning that the UARB gave the project a 3 for and 1 against vote (4 for votes needed to pass quorum). Public Comment: Evan Davis, an area resident, thinks that the university is gobbling up neighborhoods and alienating long-time residents. Applicant rebuttal: Parking requirements can be lessened since students will walk to class. Commissioner response: density, parking, lot coverage, circulation, and bad precedent setting are all significant issues. Motion 6: to support council variances for this property: Hupman/sec: Talbott: Motion does not pass. See attendance/vote list for details. Motion 7: to support council variances for this property: Hupman/sec: Studders: Motion does not pass. See attendance/vote list for details.

- iii. Case 3: PID – 010-011530, a parcel owned by Certified Real Estate Inc., requires an approval to demolish the dilapidated remnants of a former gas station. There are no plans for redevelopment at this time. Zoning Committee recommends approval. Motion 8: to grant approval for the demolition of the current structures: Hupman/sec: Studders: Motion passes unanimously.

b. Governance

- i. The governance committee provided an update to the commission.

c. Planning

- i. The planning committee provided an update to the commission.
- ii. Motion 9: to send letter to city council that:
 - 1. Suggests legislation be changed so occupied buildings can be cited for graffiti. This would result in a code change.
 - 2. Set aside funds so graffiti victims can buy paint and other resources to remove graffiti.
 - a. Hughes/sec: Studders: Motion passes unanimously.

d. Community Relations

- i. The community relations committee provided an update to the commission.

e. Code & Environment

- i. The code & environment committee provided an update to the commission. Many internal motions were made at the last meeting and Commissioners want to create a task force.

6. New Business

- a. Election Committee Assignment:
 - i. Volunteer Commissioners: Graver, Keeny, Matthiesen, Robol, and Young.
- b. Announcements:
 - i. Commissioner Grado: City Zoning staff is in support of the project mentioned in Case 2. UAC Commissioners could attend the BZA meeting on January 25th to show a united front.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn meeting: Keeny/sec: Matthiesen. Meeting adjourned 9:04pm

UAC Attendance & Votes: 1/19/2011

	Attend	Approval Minutes Motion 1	Funds to Event Motion 2	Wildman to Conf. Motion 3	Block Party Motion 4	Case 1 Motion 5	Case 2 Motion 6	Case 2 Motion 7	Case 3 Motion 8	Motion 9
Final Action	-	Pass Unam.	Pass Unam.	Pass Unam.	Pass Unam.	Pass Unam.	Not Pass	Not Pass	Pass Unam.	Pass Unam.
Miles Curtiss	Y						N	N		
Seth Golding	Y						Y	N	Abstain	
Pasquale Grado	Y						N	Y		
Bill Graver	Y						N	Y		
David Hegley	Y						N	N		
Joyce Hughes	Y						N	Y		
Ron Hupman	Y						N	N		
Susan Keeny	Y						N	N		
Ian MacConnell	Y						N	N		
Sara Matthiesen	Y						N	N		
John Risteter	Y						N	N		
Laura Shinn	Y						N	N		
Joaquin Serantes	Y						Y	N		
Ian Studders	Y						N	N		
Charles Robol	Arrived at 8:03	-	-	-	-	-	Abstain	Abstain		
Dick Talbott	Y						N	N		
Doreen Uhas-Sauer	Excused	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tom Wildman	Y			Abstain			N	N		
Sharon Young	Y						N	N	Abstain	