

University Area Commission Meeting Minutes – November 17th, 2010

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM at the Northwood and High Building, 2231 North High, Room 100.

Members Present:

Miles Curtiss, Pasquale Grado, Seth Golding, Bill Graver, David Hegley, Ron Hupman, Susan Keeny, Sara Matthiesen, John Risteter, Laura Shinn, Ian Studders, Dick Talbott, Doreen Uhas-Sauer, Tom Wildman, Sharon Young.

Members Excused:

Joyce Hughes, Ian MacConnell, Charles Robol, Joaquin Serantes, Rimar Villasenor

Absent:

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. Motion to approve minutes as written: Graver/sec: Grado. Motion does not pass. Changes specified. See attendance/vote list for details.

2. Treasurer's Report

- a. Treasurers Report by Comm. Golding. 1st half balance is \$1,081.45.

3. Reports

a. Officer Smith of the Columbus Police – Did not Attend.

b. Isom Nivins of the City of Columbus

- i. Code Enforcement – the City has hired six additional code officers. Adjustments to code officers' methods will not be made.
- ii. Portal Park Update – Meetings are well attended and productive. The design changes will be dramatically different from the current form.

4. Public Comments & Announcements

- a. Paul Shriver, a resident on 130 W. Maryland, is a landlord in the Minneapolis area. Mr. Shriver wanted the UAC to know about a private program that offers to pay 50% of a police officer's rent if he/she chooses to live in his properties. The program has had a very noticeable effect on deterring crime. Mr. Shriver wants to build this program and try it in the University Area.
- b. Roger Gill, a University Area resident, notes that a police officer lives on Northwood, near the high street corner, and that it has had a positive effect on the immediate area.
- c. Bob Singleton, a resident of Adams Avenue, commented that he wanted to support the police officer housing idea. Mr. Singleton also expressed concern over the University's housing plans. He was particularly concerned with potential vacancy in the eastern part of the University Area.

- d. Erin Murphy, a representative from Rebuilding Together Central Ohio, spoke about the Safe at Home Program and Tool Library. Erin wanted to bring the project to Weinland Park, noting that it would be similar to a past project in the area. Erin appealed to the UAC for a letter of support for the project. The UAC expressed concern that the Weinland Park Civic Association had not been contacted. Motion to compose a letter of support: Matthiesen/sec: Curtiss. Motion passes. See attendance/vote list for details.

5. Committee Reports

a. Zoning

- i. Case 1: 36 E Norwich Avenue, a parcel owned by Garland Properties, will be converted from a church to a property management office. The property owner requests a variance to make these modifications. Modifications include adding an additional dwelling unit and parking garage, and removing a 1-story addition. The zoning committee recommends approval because it is a good commercial use of an existing structure. UAC discusses the merits of the project; there is concern over setting a precedent for future developers to reference. Motion to support a variance for Garland Properties to make specified modifications: Graver/sec: Studders. Motion passes. See attendance/vote list for details.
- ii. Case 2: 2630 E. 5th Avenue, a parcel owned by Brothers Drake, LLC, will be converted into a distillery. The property owner requests a variance to allow wine manufacturing in a C-3 zoning district. Property owner specifies that he received a parking variance approximately one year ago. The zoning committee recommends approval because it is an appropriate use. Motion to support a variance for Brother Drake, LLC to permit wine manufacturing: Matthiesen/sec: Studders. Motion passes. See attendance/vote list for details.
- iii. Case 3: 1305/1307 N. 6th Street, a parcel owned by the City of Columbus, will be demolished. The City of Columbus is asking for the support of the UAC. The zoning committee recommends approval. Motion to support the demolition of 1305/1307 N. 6th Street: Graver/sec: Talbott. Motion passes. See attendance/vote list for details.

b. Governance

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

c. Planning

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

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.

6. New Business

- a. Motion to cancel December meeting: Talbott/sec: Matthiesen. Motion passes. See attendance/vote list for details.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn meeting: Talbott/sec: Matthiesen. Meeting adjourned 8:12 pm.

UAC Attendance & Votes: 11/17/2010

	Attendance	Approval Minutes	Rebuilding Together Letter of Support	Case 1	Case 2	Case 3	Cancel December Meeting
Final Action	-	Not Passed	Passed	Passed	Passed	Passed	Passed
Miles Curtiss	Y	Unanimous Disapproval	Y	Y	Unanimous Approval	Y	Unanimous Approval
Seth Golding	Y		Y	Y		N	
Pasquale Grado	Y		N	Y		Y	
Bill Graver	Y		N	Y		Y	
David Hegley	Y		Y	Y		Y	
Joyce Hughes	Excused	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ron Hupman	Y		Y	Y		Y	
Susan Keeny	Y		Y	Y		Y	
Ian MacConnell	Excused	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sara Matthiesen	Y		Y	Y		Y	
John Risteter	Y		Y	Y		Y	
Laura Shinn	Y		Y	Y		Y	
Joaquin Serantes	Excused	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ian Studders	Y		Y	Y		Y	
Charles Robol	Excused	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dick Talbott	Y		N	Y		Y	
Doreen Uhas-Sauer	Y		Abstain	Y		Y	
Tom Wildman	Y (Late – 7:40pm)	-	-	-		Y	
Sharon Young	Y		Abstain	N		Y	