

TOWN/UNIVERSITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 10, 2009
Audrey Beck Municipal Building
Council Chambers
4:00 pm

Minutes

Present: P. Barry, M. Beal, N. Silander, T. Haggerty, M. Hart, J. Hintz, J. Saddlemire, S. Rhodes, W. Simpson

Staff: M. Capriola, L. Hultgren, J. Jackman, C. VanZelm, G. Padick

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Rhodes. Mr. Rhodes announced the passing of the Committee's long-serving and dedicated member, A.J. (Pappy) Papanikou.

2. October 13, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hintz to adopt the minutes of October 13, 2009 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

3. 2010 Meeting Schedule

Ms. Silander made a motion, seconded by Mr. Simpson to adopt the 2010 meeting scheduled as presented. Motion passed unanimously. 2010 meeting dates will be the second Tuesdays of every month at 4pm except for January and July.

4. Updates:

A. Bikeway. Mr. Hultgren discussed the prioritization process for Town walkway projects. The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), Traffic Authority and staff review and participate in the process. The prioritization list ultimately is sent to the Planning and Zoning Commission. TAC is meeting on November 12th and will review and discuss the priority list.

B. Mansfield Downtown Partnership (MDP). Ms. van Zelm provided an update. MDP has received 3 letters of intent from interested businesses since the last meeting; this now brings the total number of letters of intent to 8. MDP is working on Phase 1A infrastructure and extension of utilities. University members provided an update on the realignment of Mansfield Road/Bishop Center parking entrance; the project has been approved.

C. Mansfield Community Campus Partnership (MCCP). No update. Group meets November 12th.

D. Quality of Life Committee. Mr. Rhodes provided an update. The Committee is researching/discussing the definition of "family" and will make recommendations to Council. The Committee is also reviewing/discussing the feasibility of adding site parking plans to the landlord registration process as well as a tenant registry.

E. Compost Facility. Tabled to a future meeting.

5. Spring Weekend Report. 2009 Spring Weekend Annual Report has been issued. This is the first joint annual report issued.

6. Other Business/Announcements:

Mr. Beal brought up a concern regarding Pump Station Road (off of University Rd). Many community members utilize the University's road to access the Blue Dot Trail and the Fenton River. Several community members are encountering problems with a property owner on Gurleyville Road regarding access (dispute over private v. public property) to the trail and pump station via Pump Station Road. Mr. Rhodes agreed to look into the matter and provide an update at the next meeting.

The Town distributed a brochure to Committee members regarding Freedom of Information guidelines.

7. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Committee

None.

8. Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm

Next Meeting: December 8, 2009

Respectfully Submitted,

Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager