



**City/UCD Student Liaison Commission Minutes
Community Chambers Conference Room
23 Russell Boulevard
Wednesday, July 8, 2009
4:30 p.m.**

Voting Commissioners Present: B. Kim, M. Lachowicz, S. Lee (Chairperson), B. Little, C. Olsen, C. Simvoulakis

Non-Voting Commissioners Present: M. Carmichael, G. Sandy, C. Valencia, S. Winton

Commissioners Absent: R. Achterberg, C. Bonilla, R. Sharp, M. Sundstrom, S. Worker, J. Evans

Council Liaison Present: L. Heystek

Others Present: Geoff Straw & Dan Vortes (Unitrans), Kristen Hill (Chamber of Commerce)

Roll Call and Introductions: Meeting called to order at 4:35 p.m.

- 1. Agenda** – The agenda was approved unanimously by consensus.
- 2. Minutes** – The minutes of June 10, 2009, were approved unanimously by consensus.
- 3. Commissioner Communications** – M. Carmichael stated the Police Chief would like to know if the Commission has a recommendation for a student group to be added to the Police Advisory Committee. M. Lachowicz suggested the Graduate Student Association President.

S. Lee stated this was his last meeting. The Commission thanked him for his participation and contributions to the Commission.

- 4. City Council Communications** – L. Heystek stated the City Council accepted the Commission request for a joint meeting. The City Council also directed the Finance staff to research reinstating the Business License fee for single family home rental properties and report back to the Council in September.

- 5. Public Communications** – None

- 6. UC Davis West Village Status** – Presentation by UC Davis staff was postponed.
G. Sandy provided an overview of the project. Underground infrastructure has begun. No parking permits will be issued for any resident residing in West Village. Unitrans will have a 7 ½ minute turnaround in the project. The annexation issue has not been finalized.

B. Kim stated that students do not understand why UC Davis is expanding when budgets are being cut. G. Sandy explained the project funding. He further stated that freshmen student enrollments are declining. UC Davis growth in the future will be from transfer students and graduate students. The Community college in West Village will assist the transfer students in getting established.

7. Renter's Sub-committee – The Commission discussed the survey results. The Sub-committee will bring a proposal of items to include in the Renter's Education Program to the September meeting. The Commission will review and finalize the list to present the City Council at the joint meeting.

8. Commission's Charter/Forming Resolution – S. Winton distributed the Commissions forming Resolution. Discussion ensued on the membership, the charge of the Commission, and how to foster the most effective communication for students. The Commission recognizes that each year is different. Some year's participation and interest among the Commissioners is very high and other years very low.

C. Olsen suggested that this Commission and the Police Advisory Commission be combined to save costs. M. Lachowicz suggested expanding the membership to add more student representatives and get a commitment at the beginning of each academic year to participate.

L. Heystek asked what do the students feel about the Commission; does it benefit them? C. Simvoulakis stated that Panhellenic believes it works and they want to be involved. M. Lachowicz stated the Graduate Student Association is very interested in what this Commission works on. Graduate students generally live and stay in Davis longer than undergraduates. They want to be involved in the community. S. Lee believes the Commission is beneficial, but feels that sometimes the Commission does not act on a lot of items.

S. Winton discussed the options and possibility of changing the group from a Commission to an Advisory Committee. This would allow more members and quorum would not be an issue. An Advisory Committee technically has less authority than a Commission.

S. Lee would like a committee to appoint a number of students each year to attend the Commission meeting, instead of having appointed members. And suggested having a Commissioner handbook online for new members.

K. Hill stated the Commission should be stricter with attendance. If they miss three meetings, they lose their voting rights and another person/group is given their voting rights.

C. Olsen suggested a sub-committee look into membership and if students are represented well or if another group is more appropriate. M. Lachowicz moved, seconded by C. Olsen, to form a sub-committee of, Marrah Lachowicz, Cathy Olsen, Brian Kim, Steven Worker and Ryan Sharp, to review and propose changes to the membership and charge of the Commission. The motion passed unanimously. The sub-committee will report back results at the September meeting.

G. Sandy stated the Commission should not meet in the summer; focus during the academic year.

S. Winton will meet with the City Clerk and discuss options for the Commission reorganization.

S. Lee moved, seconded by M. Lachowicz, requesting the City Council provide additional actionable items to the Commission on issues within the Commission's charter. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Status Reports

ASUCD Student/Police Relations Sub-Committee – S. Lee reported that approximately 60 students attended the last meeting. C. Simvoulakis stated they are working on an event for the Fall related to DUI checkpoints, biking citations and noise issues.

Safe Party Initiative – C. Valencia stated they are working on Fall enforcement and coordination with the Police Departments. There will be increased enforcement in the first 6 weeks of school. Cal Student Health is offering a 30 minute workshop for new renters.

Commission Sustainability Sub-committee – M. Lachowicz met with the John Muir Institute on campus and they will be assisting with a plan.

Community/General Use Facility Rental Policy Status – The issue will be returning the Parks & Recreations Commission over the summer and will return to City Council in September.

Davis Neighbors' Night Out – S. Winton gave an update on the event and invited the Commission to attend the next working group meeting.

10. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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