

MINUTES OF THE DAVIS CITY COUNCIL  
AND CITY-UCD STUDENT LIAISON COMMISSION  
Joint Meeting of October 6, 2009

The Davis City Council and the City-UCD Student Liaison Commission met in regular session beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 646 A Street, Valente Room, Davis, California. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Saylor.

Councilmembers Present: Sue Greenwald, Lamar Heystek, Don Saylor, Stephen Souza

Councilmembers Absent: Ruth Asmundson

Voting Commissioners Present: Chris Dietrich, Marrah Lachowicz, Dana Percoco, Shari Houston, Ryan Sharp, N. Massoumi, Steven Worker

Non-Voting Commissioners Present: Sgt. Mallory, John Evans

Commissioners Absent: Ryan Achterberg, Cathy Olsen, Connie Simvoulakis, Gary Sandy, Cindy Valencia, Winfred Roberson, Patricia Yacob

Staff Present: City Manager Bill Emlen, Administrative Analyst II Stacey Winton, Clerk Zoe Mirabile

Approval of Agenda      City Council:  
L. Heystek moved, seconded by S. Souza, approval of the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Commission:  
S. Worker moved, seconded by R. Sharp, approval of the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments      Steve and Peggy Hayes spoke regarding neighborhood watch activities and the need for property manager contact information in regards to reporting of blighted property conditions.

Davis Thompson and Luke Watkins, Neighborhood Partners, spoke regarding Davis Area Cooperative Housing Association and city financing of affordable housing projects.

Norbi Kumagai spoke regarding fee increases for university students.

Hamza El-Nakhal invited the community to attend a fundraiser benefiting Davis Community Meals.

Jennifer Carrier also spoke regarding the need for property manager contact information and requested city staff pursue a rental inspection program.

Renters Survey S. Worker presented an overview of the 2008-2009 Renters Survey conducted by the Commission Subcommittee on Renter Issues, and outlined key findings.

Recommendations Related to Renter Issues S. Worker summarized Commission Recommendations Related to Renter Issues as follows:

1. Develop a Renter Education Information Guide for new renters
2. Develop a City webpage for renter issues, including a listserv email subscription
3. Continue to monitor renter issues and perspectives on an annual basis

By consensus, City Council approved the Commission recommendations.

L. Heystek requested the Commission consider including information related to a Renters Bill of Rights as well as neighbors' rights and responsibilities.

S. Souza requested the Commission expand the survey to include renters in single family homes citywide.

Oeste Manor Neighborhood Association Proposal Related to Single-Family Rental Properties in Davis Daniel Boone and Vince Sturla, Oeste Manor Neighborhood Association, presented a proposed rental housing safety ordinance.

S. Winton presented staff analysis of the proposed ordinance.

Public comments:

Vince Sturla stated property ownership is a public record and available through the tax assessor. He requested staff consider requiring property owners to supply contact information for landlords before issuance of business licenses.

Jennifer Carrier stated the business license fee should be increased to provide for full cost recovery of city services.

Jan Garner stated Miller Drive is currently forming a neighborhood association in order to combat issues related to rental properties.

Daniel Boone stated the Oeste Manor Neighborhood Association is cognizant of budget and staff limitations, and is willing to discuss alternatives to specifics in the proposed ordinance to reduce costs where possible.

Hamza El-Nakhhal spoke regarding the need for discussion at the neighborhood level before government regulation is pursued.

City Council:

By consensus, City Council approved the following:

1. Direct staff to further investigate implementing a database for single-family business license property owner information that would be at a minimal cost to the City
2. Direct staff to further investigate utilizing the Administrative Citation Ordinance to cite property owners
3. Continue to use current laws and Ordinances in managing parties, noise and alcohol issues
4. Direct staff to solicit the City Attorney's opinion regarding the possibility of including within leases the fining of landlords for tenant behaviors and possible eviction provisions for problematic tenants

Proposal for an Ordinance Requiring Interest on Security Deposits

C. Dietrich briefly outlined a proposal for city consideration of an ordinance requiring interest on security deposits in Davis. He will propose a resolution for adoption by ASUCD and bring details back to the Commission for review and recommendation to City Council.

City Council Direction for the Commission

L. Heystek requested the Commission provide input on smoking in multi-family residences.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Zoe S. Mirabile, CMC  
City Clerk