

# University Area Commission Meeting Minutes – March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

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## Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM at the Northwood and High Building, 2231 North High, Room 100.

## Members Present:

Miles Curtiss (arrived at 7:16), Seth Golding, David Hegley, Joyce Hughes, Ron Hupman, Susan Keeny, Ian MacConnell, John Risteter, Charles Robol, Laura Shinn, Ian Studders, Dick Talbott, Doreen Uhas-Sauer (arrived at 7:48), Tom Wildman, Sharon Young.

**Members Excused:** Pasquale Grado, Bill Graver, Sara Matthiesen, Joaquin Serantes

## Absent:

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### 1. Approval of Minutes (Delayed)

- a. Motion 4: to approve minutes with changes: Hughes/sec: Wildman. Motion passes.
  - i. Comments:
    - 1. Correct spellings of names.
    - 2. Switch University District abbreviation.
- b. October Minutes will be corrected and voted on at a later date.

### 2. Treasurer's Report (Delayed)

- a. Treasurer's Report by Comm. Golding
  - i. Year 2011 Allowance will be coming in soon.
  - ii. There are a couple receipts that need to be turned in.

<b>\$762.05</b>	<b>Current Total Balance</b>
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### 3. Reports

- a. **Officer Smith of the Columbus Police**
  - i. There have been a string of individual robberies and muggings in the lower University District by a person with a silver chrome handgun. Burglaries continue to be an issue. The homeless person located between Starbucks and Pearl will be relocated by City Services. Graffiti has increased recently.
- b. **Isom Nivins of the City of Columbus**
  - i. Isom provided a general update on the City of Columbus' actions and recent events.
- c. **Erin Prosser of Campus Partners**

- i. Erin explained Campus Partners' RFP process and mentioned that developers can respond via proposal to multiple zones.
- ii. Newport Music Hall has outdoor patio seating on its roof. Discussion centers on a sending a fact finding letter to Chris Presutti, Chief Zoning Official.
  - 1. Motion 1: to send two letters regarding the Newport Music Hall's issue of roof seating. The first letter will be a fact finding letter sent to Chris Presutti. The second letter will be sent to the City of Columbus' Building Department and Structural Staff: Talbott/sec: Hughes. Motion passes unanimously.

#### **4. Public Comments & Announcements**

- a. Aaron Turner, a Legislative Aide for State Representative Michael Stinziano, introduced himself to the commission and expressed his desire that the commission reach out to Mr. Stinziano on complicated issues involving multiple levels of government. In addition, Mr. Turner mentioned that Mr. Stinziano is touring different parts of the district and having community office hours and town hall meetings to hear from constituents.

#### **5. Presentations**

##### **a. Columbia Gas of Ohio, Ken Stammen**

- i. Presented information on the pipeline replacement project that will be happening in targeted areas of the University District from late March to July 2011. Mr. Stammen mentioned that issues with current infrastructure made this \$2,000,0000 project necessary. The project will affect approximately 1,100 customers, whose meters will be moved outside. Traffic congestion may occur around construction areas, and small sections of streets and alleys may be temporarily closed. Mr. Stammen assured the commission that new sidewalks and repairs will be constructed when necessary. A video on the process was shown to commissioners.

#### **6. Committee Highlight Reports**

##### **a. Zoning**

- i. Case 1: 2555 Indianola Ave. (NW corner of Indianola & Hudson). Applicant: Dean Fried Trustee/Dave Perry. Request: Council variance to permit existing residential use in a C-4 zoning district. There are three existing residential units on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor and the variance is required to continue this use.
  - 1. Zoning Committee recommends approval, noting that the project would suite the neighborhood.
    - a. Motion 3: To approve a council variance to permit a residential use on the ground floor of the building in a C-4 zoning district at 2555 Indianola Ave: Motion passes.
- ii. Case 2: 3M Site, Manufacturing Buildings, Weinland Park. Applicant: Wagonbrenner Development. Request: To acquire a demolition permit for all buildings on the site.
  - 1. Wagonbrenner agrees to allow the Commission an opportunity to inspect the site for historic salvage.
  - 2. Zoning Committee recommends approval.
    - a. Motion 4: To support the demolition of the site: Motion passes unanimously.

##### **b. Governance**

- i. The governance committee provided an update to the commission, focusing on proposals to change UAC election rules and Legistar form processing.

**c. Planning**

- i. The planning committee provided an update to the commission. Ms. O'Donnell presented the Portal Park Concept Plan for the park at the corner of Arcadia & High, citing homelessness and beautification issues as areas for improvement. Clintonville Commission has approved the concept plan, and requests the same approval from the UAC. Commissioners clarified that we are voting on a concept, not final plans.

1. Motion 4: To approve the Portal Park Concept Plan for the park at the corner of Arcadia & High: Motion passes unanimously.

- ii. Planning Committee re

**d. Code & Environment**

- i. The code & environment committee provided an update to the commission.

**7. New Business**

- i. Wild Goose Creative Update:

1. Given permission by property owners to construct a mural at site. Dates for mural brainstorming and graffiti awareness meetings were discussed.

- ii. UAC Elections are being held on June 4<sup>th</sup>, with five positions that need to be filled.

**Adjournment: Motion to adjourn meeting: Robol/sec: Hughes. Meeting adjourned 8:56pm**

**UAC Attendance & Votes: 1/19/2011**

	Attend	Newport Music Hall Letters Motion 1	Case 1 2555 Indianola Motion 3	Case 2 3M Site Demolition Motion 4	Rename Clintonville Park to Portal Park Motion 5
<b>Final Action</b>	-	Pass Unam.	Pass	Pass Unam.	Pass Unam.
<b>Miles Curtiss</b>	Y Arrived at 7:16		Y		
<b>Seth Golding</b>	Y		N		
<b>Pasquale Grado</b>	Excused	-	-	-	-
<b>Bill Graver</b>	Excused	-	-	-	-
<b>David Hegley</b>	Y		Y		
<b>Joyce Hughes</b>	Y		Y		
<b>Ron Hupman</b>	Y		Y		
<b>Susan Keeny</b>	Y		Y		
<b>Ian MacConnell</b>	Y		N		
<b>Sara Matthiesen</b>	Excused	-	-	-	-
<b>John Risteter</b>	Y		N		
<b>Laura Shinn</b>	Y		Y		
<b>Joaquin Serantes</b>	Excused	-	-	-	-
<b>Ian Studders</b>	Y		Y		
<b>Charles Robol</b>	Y		Y		
<b>Dick Talbott</b>	Y		Y		
<b>Doreen Uhas-Sauer</b>	Y Arrived at 7:48	-	Y		
<b>Tom Wildman</b>	Y		- (Was not present)		
<b>Sharon Young</b>	Y		Y		