

**MINUTES**  
**CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY COMMISSION**  
**Conference Room 235**  
**City Hall, 515 Clark Avenue**  
**Monday, January 22, 2018**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Chair Karin Chitty. Members present were Eric Abrams, Meghana Akella, Evelyn Beavers, Pete Englin, Tom Lindsley, and Cody Smith. Warren Madden was not present. Staff liaisons Tasheik Kerr and Brian Phillips were also present.

**Approval of Minutes:**

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Englin, to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2017, and January 15, 2018, meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Forum:**

There was no one present for public forum.

**Campustown Plaza Focus Group:**

The Commissioners, staff members, and invitees introduced themselves. Invitees in attendance included: Chad Watkins, Sarah Huffman, Marsha Miller, Tim Hoekstra, Katie Holmes, George Micalone, Anthony LoCerto, Marilyn McNamara, and Bridget Williams.

Tom provided some background information regarding the concept of the Campustown Plaza. He outlined the process the group would use to discuss the potential ideas for the use of the space. In addition to what the group thought the space should be, the group would be asked in a second round of idea-generation what they think the space should not be.

The group's suggestions for what the space should be were:

- Event pre-space to see what works and what people suggest for the space
- Public hammocks
- Flexible space
- Space to serve for communication between City and students
- Shade
- Something that can't be destroyed
- Tables/game tables
- Art space/music space
- Reservable space
- Information center
- Campustown map
- Ice rink
- Dog poop bags
- Rain barrels
- Study space
- Community garden
- Workshop gatherings
- Benches, flowers, and trees
- Bike tire fill-ups
- Skateboard rink
- Art
- Music stage with a shell

- Moveable planters
- Restroom facilities
- Food area
- Adjustable lighting
- Make the space bigger (acquire T-Galaxy Building)
- Lighting to safety and aesthetics
- Green space for Campustown events
- Green space for everyday use (studying, sitting, etc)
- Electricity
- Public restrooms
- Food carts
- Public restrooms
- Information center
- Lighting
- Security
- Parking
- Art area
- Small market
- Reservable shelter/pavilion
- Stage and electricity
- Food vendor area with seating
- Public garden (not a shared community garden)
- Benches
- Public park with benches/picnic tables
- Interactive art space
- Food truck or food cart space
- Community garden space or green space
- Amphitheater with permanent seating
- Table seating
- Small shelter
- Public art display
- Designated food truck space
- Parking
- Maker space
- Police outreach center
- Food trucks
- Seasonal space (ice arena in winter, beach in summer)
- Parking

These ideas were grouped into similar themes. These themes were:

1. Utility Infrastructure
2. Information
3. Amenities
4. Music
5. Art Area
6. Study Space
7. Environmental Design/Green Space
8. Mobile Vendor Area
9. Reservable

The attendees then voted for the ideas and themes they supported.

Tom led the group through an idea generation session regarding what the group thought should not be involved in the potential space.

The group's suggestions for what the space should **not** be were:

- Foam or paint parties
- Kids' sandbox
- Water feature
- Open all hours
- Kegs
- Inadequate trash receptacles
- Garden
- Poor stormwater system/plan
- Large night events
- Kid stuff
- Paved space
- Copycat space
- Parking
- Fencing
- Space intended for small children
- Things that can be easily destroyed/stolen
- Music-making things
- Things that need people to coordinate (e.g., stage)
- Parking
- Apartments
- VEISHEA 2014
- Poor lighting
- Small kids
- Events that cause traffic clogging
- Loud music at night
- Taking down the mural

Tom asked for further discussion regarding these ideas for things the space should not be. There was clarification that the comments regarding children were meant that there should not be playground equipment. It was noted that the existing space could generate negative loitering and gathering, which was a concern of some regarding a re-developed space.

The attendees then voted for the ideas and themes they felt should not be part of the project.

Tom thanked the attendees for participating.

**Commissioner Comments:**

There were none.

**Adjournment**

Pete moved the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.