

MINUTES
CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY COMMISSION
Conference Room 235
City Hall, 515 Clark Avenue
Monday, February 26, 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, and Pete Englin. Tom Lindsley, Warren Madden, and Cody Smith were not present. Staff liaisons Tasheik Kerr and Brian Phillips were also present.

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Eric, seconded by Meghana, to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2018, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Forum:

There was no one present for public forum.

Next Steps for Campustown Plaza Focus Group:

Karin asked whether the group had the opportunity to review the materials from the focus group and what their thoughts were. Eric felt the focus group meeting went well. He encouraged focusing on the most popular areas from the "Should Include" and "Shouldn't Include" lists. Evelyn noted that green space was on both lists. She felt that green space would be a positive. Karin suggested that vegetable gardens like downtown would not work well, because plants get pulled out.

Tom arrived at 6:16 p.m.

Eric noted that it would be interesting to talk with other college communities about public restrooms and how they operate in college districts.

Karin asked the group if they were in agreement that they were ready to put a report together for the Council. The consensus was they were. She noted the theme she saw related to flexible space, which could be used for day-to-day activities (seating, eating, etc.), and also for specific activities.

Pete offered to draft a report and work with Brian to get the details filled in. then the report can be distributed to the rest of the Commission. It was moved by Karin, seconded by Pete, to move the regular March meeting to a phone meeting on March 19th at 6:00 p.m., with the agenda item being to edit and approve the Campustown Plaza report, to be delivered at the City Council meeting on March 27. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Comments:

Meghana noted that she had discussed the concept of having graduate student work displayed at the Farmer's Market, and she would like to pursue that through the Commission. She proposed that the Commission act as a facilitator between student groups and the community. Karin noted that there was some discussion of these kinds of efforts during the initial conversations about the role of the Commission.

Adjournment

Pete moved the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.