

Town and Gown Commission
July 21, 2010
Minutes

Present: Lisa Higgins-Hord (Co-Chair), Jim Gray (Co-Chair), Diane Lawless, Linda Gorton, Bob Kelly, Tony Blanton, Fred Jones, Keith Gaines, Peggy Henson, David Hayse, John Hampton, Penny Ebel, Lance Broeking, Barb Rackers, Paul Grant, Matt Salyer, Craig Hardin, Christine Huskisson, Allison Hosale, Lisa Broome-Price, Rhonda Strouse, Dana Macaulay, Jill Barnett, Rocky Burke, Kelsey Hayes, Max Stefka, Ryan Smith, Robert Mock

1. Co-chair Lisa Higgins-Hord began the meeting at 4:05 pm and welcomed members and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Action: No action taken

2. Minutes of August 18, 2010 meeting reviewed.

Action: Minutes approved; Motion by Jim Gray, seconded by Peggy Henson.

3. Central Kentucky Museum Without Walls project (CKMWW) represented by Christine Huskisson, Lisa Broome-Price and Allison Hosale provided hand-outs for their presentation re: "Central Kentucky Museum Project Walls Project: Public Art and Community Engagement"
 - public art will be used for multiple purposes ranging from education to entertainment to fitness
 - cell phone application will be phased in as an important tool to improve Kentuckians' health and a model for linking public art to health and fitness initiatives in communities across the nation
 - 12-15 students were involved in the public art project placing public art along the Legacy Trail.
 - in spring of 2010, Huskisson received a Commonwealth Collaborative Grant to build on the work the students did along the trail by working in collaboration with multiple community partners to write a Master Plan for public art along the trail, and researching future broad based programming for Central Kentucky public art.

Action: Jim Gray moved to enthusiastically endorse this project; seconded by Peggy Henson. Action approved.

4. UK Student Government Assn. (SGA) representatives Ryan Smith, Max Stefka and Kelsey Hayes provided handouts regarding the SGA Late Night Transportation Program.
 - Through SGA funding and additional funding from UK Administration, a transportation program is being developed in an effort to increase safety for students
 - This program in partnership with LexTran will provide for vehicles which are smaller than full size buses to provide free rides through highly concentrated student living areas Thursday-Saturday, 9pm – 3am.
 - There will be 4 routes in this area and service will be free to students with I.D. and \$1 for all others to ride.

- The group will engage with Town & Gown representatives and neighborhoods for input as they develop the program expected to start service in mid to late October.

Action: No Action taken

5. Officer Keith Gaines reported the first UK home football games went well. The interfraternal group had done a wonderful job of cleaning up the neighborhoods after the game. The neighborhoods showed no evidence of trash, etc. the day after. Officer Gaines mentioned the subject of parking, parking permits, etc. and suggested Gary Means, Lexington & Fayette County Parking Authority to present to Town & Gown members.

Action: Officer Gaines will contact Gary Means about presenting at a future Town & Gown meeting

6. Other business:

- Lance Broeking reported they have changed vendors for their UK Alert system and anyone signed up might have to sign up anew. There would also be a full test of the alarm system. The system alerts regarding safety, weather, disruptions to class, etc.
- Lisa Higgins-Hord said she would contact BCTC regarding membership in next month or so in response to question from Bob Kelly
- Councilmember Linda Gorton mentioned she would check the Town & Gown ordinance regarding membership for BCTC.
- Penny Ebel provided Spotlight Lexington guides to the Commission
- Lisa mentioned the Judith Rodin book, *The University and Urban Revival Out of the Ivory Tower and Into the Streets* and books to be provided to members.
- Jim Gray said Omar Blaik who collaborated on this book would be in town next Wednesday, September 22 and emails have been sent inviting Commission members to meet with him.

Action:

- Lisa Higgins-Hord will contact BCTC regarding Town & gown membership.

7. Meeting adjourned at 5:25pm

Next Meeting: **October 20, 4p.m.** at Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church Library.