

SCRC Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2009

In Attendance:

Members: Carole Katz, Thad Boggs, Lane Clegg, Ashley Perry, Matt Frazier, Jung-Han Chen, Susan Mosley-Howard, Bobbe Burke and Alysia Fischer.

Non-Members: Kurt Kadon (ASG), Cassidy Pazyniak (CAC), Mike Emling (CAC), Shekar Jayaraman (OH Secretary of State regional liaison).

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 pm.

Public Comment:

Shekar Jayaraman, from the Ohio Secretary of State's office, introduced himself and provided information on how the Secretary of State's office can help communities with various programs. He specifically cited the training of poll workers and helping small businesses navigate their various requirements, and stated that his office will be reaching out to communities across the state. Carole Katz provided some background on SCRC, and Mr. Jayaraman was invited to return to Commission meetings anytime.

Susan Mosley-Howard added comments about the need for poll workers, especially younger poll workers. She described her experience working at the polls in November 2008, and encouraged all citizens to sign up for poll worker training as provided by the Secretary of State's office.

Noise Abatements:

Thad Boggs introduced the three noise abatement requests received by SCRC for Spring events run by student organizations. Thad gave some background on noise abatements and SCRC's involvement in the process. Alysia Fischer pointed out that noise abatement applies at any time of day, not just after 11 pm.

Relay for Life (April 3/4, 6 pm-3 am, Cook Field)

This request is for the same time and place as 2008. Alysia Fischer noted that this group has earned the 3 am finish time, due to their past compliance and efforts to manage the event. Typically noise abatement requests are only granted until 2 am. Bobbe Burke added that Relay for Life, after some initial problems, has been very responsible in its efforts, and reminded the Commission

that not only full-year residents, but also residence hall students (in Dorsey Hall and others) are affected by the noise of this event.

Carole Katz motioned, Thad Boggs seconded, and all voting members unanimously PASSED Relay for Life's request for a noise abatement waiver.

Oxford Exodus (May 8/9, 9 pm-2:30 am, High St. between Main and Poplar)

Thad Boggs provided background on Oxford Exodus (formerly known as Red Brick Rasta), a farewell event for graduating Miami seniors. This event is now under the jurisdiction of Campus Activities Council (in the past it had been run by ASG). The request for this year begins one hour later than in 2008. Cassidy Pazyniak of CAC explained that there will be one less band in 2009. She detailed some of the efforts CAC is making to improve the event, including adding port-a-potties, starting the evening with a "family-friendly" cover band, providing coupons for seniors and their families to use at Uptown restaurants, and offering giveaway items to seniors. Bobbe Burke complimented CAC on the level of detail and attention in their preparations. She added that keeping the street open until 7 pm instead of 5 pm as in the past will be helpful to Uptown restaurants and businesses. Alysia Fischer mentioned that in the past at other events, some businesses have complained about Port-a-Potty locations. Cassidy will discuss this with Diana Durr when planning locations. Alysia then brought up the name "Oxford Exodus," stating that may be of concern to some on a religious basis. She asked that a name change be considered for 2010. Cassidy and her CAC colleagues will take this up when planning next year's event. Bobbe pointed out that now, when the event is transitioning from ASG to CAC, may be a good time to revisit the name issue.

Alysia Fischer motioned, Thad Boggs seconded, and all voting members unanimously PASSED Oxford Exodus' request for a noise abatement waiver.

CAC/Program Board/After Dark Concert (April 30, 8-10:30 pm, Millett Hall lawn)

Cassidy Pazyniak described this concert, which will feature a one-hour opening act and then Girl Talk's one-hour show. The concert is planned for Thursday of Springfest (last week before finals). It is a change from previous years, when similar events were held behind the Shriver Center on a Friday night. She said that CAC had already had discussion with MUPD about sound and the location set-up. They have also talked with Brad Clark at MU Physical Facilities about using Millett's lawn, with the inside of Millett as a rain back-up location.

Alysia Fischer asked about the change of venue, noting that this will now take place on a school night. Cassidy Pazyniak said that they are not allowed to schedule anything on Friday night, since finals start on the following Monday morning. Mike Emling added that CAC wants to hold the concert outside due to the nature of the performance, and to be consistent with the "Spring" theme.

They are aware of possible problems, but want to hold the concert outside due to student feedback. Bobbe Burke asked where the stage will be located. Cassidy answered that this is not yet determined, and that conversations were ongoing with Girl Talk. Alysia said that a centrally-located stage with 360° sound may not be a good choice for containing noise; Cassidy replied that her subcommittee is not in charge of logistics, but would pass on this information. Bobbe said that Trittech (a sound engineering firm) has been used a lot in the past and they understand community noise issues, so might be an asset to the event planners. According to Mike Emling, either Trittech or Loud 'n' Clear will provide sound services, and that there had been an issue with Trittech in the past. Alysia warned that if excessive sound does become an issue, future noise abatements will be curtailed for this event.

Matt Frazier asked why the event is planned for Millett instead of Cook Field, a proven venue. Cassidy replied that Cook Field has proven to be a “dead zone,” and that it’s hard to get students to attend events there. Matt said that this event could draw a very big crowd, and “things could get crazy.” Alysia Fischer asked about potential language issues, and was assured by Cassidy that there will be no obscenity or drug/alcohol references.

Mike Emling described how fifty students will be chosen to dance on stage with the DJ, after a dance-off held earlier in Springfest week. CAC is in discussion with MUPD and other parties to finalize all the details.

Alysia Fischer motioned, Thad Boggs seconded, and all voting members unanimously PASSED CAC/Program Board/After Dark’s request for a noise abatement waiver.

Bobbe Burke asked Alysia if students from these organizations should attend the meeting where these requests come before City Council. Alysia replied that it would be a good idea, and that the meeting will be March 3 at the Oxford Courthouse, at 7:30 pm.

Bobbe will write up the cover memo for the noise abatement requests, and give the material to Jung-Han Chen, who will deliver it to City Council with his staff report.

ASG Sidewalk Bill:

Thad Boggs discussed the recent ASG bill regarding sidewalks in the City of Oxford. He read the bill and the related Oxford ordinance, and explained that the full bill is available on the ASG website.

Thad said that the process and communication of the bill provided a good learning opportunity for all concerned. He said that the bill’s original author was concerned about safety. She brought the draft bill to Thad, who reviewed and

eventually co-sponsored the bill. Thad had felt that it was merely an internal action on ASG's part, not necessarily to be implemented. Consequently, he was taken by surprise by the *Miami Student's* reporting of the issue, and felt it was misleading.

Thad has corresponded with City officials, offering to do an ASG sidewalk tour similar to the lighting tour that took place earlier in the year. He will also talk to writers at the *Student* about fact-checking their work.

Alysia Fischer said the problem was that the bill and its reporting made it look like the City Services Department is not doing a good job, stating this is the opposite of what we hope for with relations between students and the city. She pointed out that the student senator originating the bill should have spoken with city staff first. Thad agreed, and explained that the intent had been to be more collaborative, like the lighting tour. Alysia said it would indeed be better to present the issue in that way, but unfortunately City Council had first learned about the bill in the newspaper.

Bobbe Burke pointed out that the Student may have a bigger impact in the city than on campus, and agreed that this is a good learning opportunity. She added that it's good that we now have relationships in place to discuss these issues. She asked Alysia for advice on the proper process for continuing the dialogue. Alysia advised that ASG always go to the City first if the City is referenced in an ASG bill. Take a positive approach, for example in this instance present a list of potentially hazardous sidewalks to the City for their consideration. She suggested that Thad talk to Mike Dreisbach, and that by preparing a list, ASG will be helpful rather than obstructive.

RHA Redhawk Hunt

Ashley Perry updated Commission members on the Residence Hall Association's 2nd annual Redhawk Hunt, which will take place April 17-18 from 8 pm-8 pm. Registration opens March 19 at 8 am. This year RHA will only accept 50 full teams of 12 people each.

Alysia Fischer asked if there was a way to connect more teams to community members, citing her experience last year as the phone-in advisor to the Hunt's winning team. She pointed out that this would be a good way to involve the community in the event.

Bobbe Burke noted that there will be a large athletic event on campus that weekend, and that RHA planners should be aware of the impact that might have on their event.

Carole Katz informed Ashley that the City of Oxford will be holding a Bicentennial scavenger hunt in 2010. Kate Currie is the City Council member in charge of that event; RHA planners might consider contacting Kate to share information.

ASG pre-Spring Break Walkabouts

Thad Boggs described a new ASG initiative which will take place before Miami's Spring Break. ASG off-campus senators will visit student houses in their districts, distributing information about safety during university breaks, as well as reminders about Oxford's nuisance laws.

Carole Katz said this was a good use of off-campus senators, and applauded the effort.

General Announcements

Alysia Fischer made note of the many advertisements for Green Beer Day T-shirts, which are posted on campus and around town. She said they send a negative message to the community (particularly those which make use of popular cartoon characters or consumer products), and asked student members of SCRC to be aware and to share this concern with their particular constituencies.

Bobbe Burke announced that the Coalition for a Healthy Community will host a meeting with local bar owners on Tuesday, February 24. Among other issues, they will discuss Green Beer Day and its community implications. About 35 people are expected to attend.

Bobbe also announced a meeting on Wednesday, February 25 at 4 pm between student organization leaders and city officials. The meeting will provide students with information on planning off-campus events. So far, there has been a healthy student response.

Carole Katz announced that the next SCRC meeting will be Friday, March 20 at 2 pm in the LCNB meeting room.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

The Work Session of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor Prue Dana on Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 7:02 P.M. Those Council members present were: Ken Bogard, Doug Ross, Alysia Fischer, Kate Currie, Richard Keebler and Greig Rutherford.

Staff members present: Doug Elliott, City Manager; Mike Dreisbach, Service Director; Steve McHugh, Law Director; Joe Newlin, Finance Director; Alan Kyger, Economic Development Director; Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director; Gail Brahier, Parks and Recreation Director and Mary Ann Eaton, Deputy Clerk of Council.

Also present were Phil Cagwin, Darrell Smith, and Mike Davis representing the Talawanda School District.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Keebler moved approval of the Agenda. Ms. Currie seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Work Session was for Council to discuss funding options for infrastructure improvements needed for the new Talawanda High School.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Elliott provided an overview of the proposed Pre-annexation Agreement between the City of Oxford and the Talawanda School District. Mr. Elliott noted item 6 regarding improvements to University Boulevard would need to be expanded upon. Mr. Elliott also suggested additions to items 7 and item 9 as presented in the agenda on page 48.

Council discussed various funding options for projects listed in the proposed Pre-Annexation Agreement.

AJOURNMENT

Ms. Fischer moved to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. Ms. Currie seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0.

CITY OF OXFORD

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT

Report to the City Manager

City Manager

Originating Department

Council Meeting Of: April 7, 2009

Mary Ann Eaton

Account Code No. #: N/A

Prepared By

Budgeted Amount: N/A

March 31, 2009

Date Prepared

Agenda Title: Resolution authorizing the City Manager to waive the fees adopted in the Fee Ordinance for the street closings for the Visitors and Convention Bureau for the 2009 annual Summer Music Festival.

Recommendation:

Discussion: This is a request for a waiver of the fee schedule for the summer Music Festival.

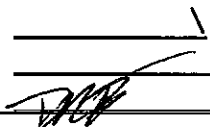
Approved By:

Department Head:

City Attorney:

City Manager:

Initial Date

 4/3/09

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO WAIVE THE FEES ADOPTED IN THE FEE ORDINANCE FOR THE STREET CLOSINGS FOR THE VISITORS AND CONVENTION BUREAU FOR THE 2009 ANNUAL SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXFORD, BUTLER COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1: The Visitors and Convention Bureau hereby requests Council's consideration of their request for waiver of the street closure fees for the 2009 Annual Summer Music Festival.

SECTION 2: Council having considered the request determined that the Summer Music Festival is a benefit to the entire community and that waiving the fees for the street closings is in the best interest of the community, hereby authorizes the City Manager to waive the fees for the street closings for the 2009 Annual Summer Music Festival.

SECTION 3: This resolution shall take effect at the earliest date allowed by law.

MAYOR

ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

DEPUTY CLERK OF OXFORD CITY COUNCIL

INTRODUCED BY: PRUE DANA

PREPARED BY: LAW (STAFF)

RECEIVED

City of Oxford



March 24, 2009

City of Oxford
101 East High Street
Oxford, OH 45056

RE: 2009 Annual Music Festival Concert Series Street Fees Waiver Request

City Council,

On behalf of the Oxford Visitors and Convention Bureau, I am requesting that the street waiver fees for a total of \$1,557 be waived for the 2009 Annual Music Festival Concert Series. The series will begin on June 18 and continue through the Annual Pig Roast on August 27, 2009.

Sincerely,

Diana Durr

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