



OXFORD CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Roll Call. Mike Smith, Mayor, William Snavelly, Vice-Mayor, David Prytherch, Jason Bracken, Chantel Raghu, Edna Southard.

Approval of Agenda.

Ms. Southard moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Snavelly seconded. The motion passed by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. Snavelly, Ms. Southard, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Prytherch, Ms. Raghu, Mayor Smith (6)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

Public Participation.

Proclamation – "Education & Sharing Day Oxford"

Proclamation

Mayor Smith read the Proclamation and called upon Rabbi Yossi Greenberg for comments.

Rabbi Yossi Greenberg, thanked Council for working with him the last couple of years on the Education Day endeavor noting it would take place on March 24. Rabbi Greenberg noted education today is more vital and important than ever and there was no better person to dedicate Education Day to than the Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Schneerson who dedicated his life to education. Rabbi Greenberg thanked everyone for the Proclamation on behalf of his family and the Jewish community.

Public Comments.

Mr. Justin Fain, 107 E. Spring Street, referred to the City's recent policing survey noting he appreciated the City taking this step. Mr. Fain advised he felt the execution was a little lacking and noted he feared the framing of some of the questions may lead to confusion and perhaps not clear-cut answers from the policing surveys. Mr. Fain referred to the question "Do you agree that homelessness is a problem in Oxford" and advised he felt it missed the mark.

Ms. Fran Jackson, Country Club Drive, President of the Oxford NAACP, advised she was calling to add support to the installation of a commemorative marker. Ms. Jackson noted it was a way to recognize the past and acknowledge some of the horrors of the past so they will not

be repeated. Ms. Jackson noted she had concerns as a Freedom Fighter since being a teenager and an active Civil Rights advocate for decades. Ms. Jackson advised she was concerned about the historical accuracy on the marker noting there was something missing somewhat for her. Ms. Jackson advised in light of systemic racism and seeing the increase of white supremacy groups across the country and in the Oxford area she has a fear that the marker might glorify and not indicate the horror of lynchings. Ms. Jackson noted thinking about the past year or two and seeing bigotry and racism coming out of the closet it worries her and other African Americans because there are many police killings of blacks as a modern day lynching. Ms. Jackson advised she lived through many movements of civil rights noting it was not a lot of fun although they did it because they felt they had to do something to make a difference so their humanity would be recognized and respected as full citizens with equal rights of every other citizen. Ms. Jackson inquired if we could go beyond the marker with something that would actually highlight black history and what has been accomplished through a lot of hardships and turmoil noting African Americans have been very resilient in their fight through the years for equality and freedom. Ms. Jackson advised she would like to see the joy of black resilience in some form or fashion. Ms. Jackson inquired where we would go other than the marker in terms of reckoning and improving a negative situation, possibly by creating conversations on racism in a positive way.

Ms. Barb Caruso, 6071 Booth Road, noted she would report on Oxford Citizens for Peace and Justice's completed fundraiser for the cold shelter and related housing needs and advised the Family Resource Center was administering the results of the fundraiser. Ms. Caruso noted \$15,875.46 was collected from 79 contributions ranging from \$20 to \$2,000. Ms. Caruso advised a lot of citizens recognize the urgency of housing needs in Oxford and noted these contributions paid for the cold shelter for March and rental accommodations for February. Ms. Caruso advised since the contributions exceeded the expectations money was provided for security deposits to assist people on the verge of moving out of shelter housing into secure and permanent housing. Ms. Caruso reminded Council this fundraising effort was a one-time deal for OCPJ although their work continues by educating themselves and the community regarding housing policy in Oxford. Ms. Caruso encouraged Council to create sustainable policy solutions to support sheltering and affordable housing to achieve their goals and the goals of OCPJ.

Mayor Smith advised Council appreciates the hard work that went into the fundraising.

Consent Agenda.

Minutes of the March 2, 2021 City Council Meeting. (Mary Ann Eaton, Clerk of Council)

Minutes

Report regarding the March 3, 2021 Environmental Commission Meeting. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Report

A Resolution declaring certain property in the Fire Department's possession as surplus and not needed for any municipal purpose and authorizing its advertisement and sale to the highest bidder by internet auction. (John Detherage, Fire Chief)

Staff Report/Resolution

Mr. Snavelly moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms. Southard seconded. The motion passed by the following roll call:

AYE: Ms. Southard, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Prytherch, Ms. Raghu, Mr. Snavelly, Mayor Smith (6)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

Resolutions.

RESOLUTION

HISTORIC MARKER

A Resolution authorizing the placement of a Historic Marker in the Uptown Park area sponsored by Miami University as part of their Truth and Reconciliation Project. (Sam Perry, Community Development Director)

Staff Report/Resolution

Mr. Perry thanked Council for their time in the Work Session listening to the presentation from himself and Dana Miller. Mr. Perry advised the marker would identify the tragic lynchings publicly that occurred in 1877 and in 1892 involving two black men, Simon Garnett and Henry Corbin. Mr. Perry noted this was part of the Community Remembrance project as Council heard in the Work Session. Mr. Perry advised it was brought to Council for public acknowledgement and to get some indication of Council's preference for the location of the marker. Mr. Perry noted the project was assisted and funded by the Equal Justice Initiative as far as the marker fabrication based in Montgomery, Alabama.

Mayor Smith advised over 28 written comments (e-comments) have been received from the public and asked that those who submitted written comments hold their comments in lieu of people who did not submit written comments and would like to speak.

Comments submitted on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 - 9:05am:

- **Name:** Grace Hymel
- **Address:** 2 Miami Cmns, #207
- **Email Address:** gracehymel@gmail.com
- **Meeting Date:** Tue, 03/16/2021
- **Agenda Item:** Community Remembrance Project
- **Comments:**
- I am a member of the Community Remembrance Project, a diverse coalition of students, faculty, staff at Miami University alongside residents, employers, citizens of the City of Oxford. I am writing in favor of the historical marker placement bearing the names of Henry Corbin and Simon Garnett. I ask for the members of the Oxford City Council to support the residents of the City of Oxford in raising consciousness about the local history of racial terror lynching so that we might strive to create and participate in the maintenance of a civil society built on justice. Maya Angelou writes, "History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again." I ask for the city council to face the history of racial terror lynching and its wrenching pain with courage so that our beloved community will need never live the pain of racial terror lynching again.
- **Position:** Support

- Comments submitted on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 - 9:09am:

- **Name:** Jessica McCarty-Kern
- **Address:** 5 PEABODY DR
- **Email Address:** mccartjl@miamioh.edu
- **Meeting Date:** Tue, 03/16/2021
- **Agenda Item:** Community Remembrance Project's historical marker placement bearing the names of Henry Corbin and Simon Garnett
- **Comments:** I am a member of the Community Remembrance Project, a diverse coalition of students, faculty, staff at Miami University alongside residents, employers, citizens of the City of Oxford. I am also a resident of Oxford and city taxpayer. I am writing in favor of the historical marker placement bearing the names of Henry Corbin and Simon Garnett. I ask for the members of the Oxford City Council to support the residents of the City of Oxford in raising consciousness about the local history of racial terror lynching so that we might strive to create and participate in the maintenance of a civil society built on justice. Maya Angelou writes, "History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again." I ask for the city council to face the

history of racial terror lynching and its wrenching pain with courage so that our beloved community will need never live the pain of racial terror lynching again. This is the right thing to do for our community and our children.

- **Position:** Support

Comments submitted on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 - 4:28pm:

- **Name:** Angela Stefan Trubceac
- **Address:** 650 McGuffey Ave, Ap. 3
- **Email Address:** trubceas@miamioh.edu
- **Meeting Date:** Tue, 03/16/2021
- **Agenda Item:** City Council Meeting
- **Comments:**

I am a member of the Community Remembrance Project, a diverse coalition of students, faculty, the staff at Miami University alongside residents, employers, citizens of the City of Oxford. I am writing in favor of the historical marker placement bearing the names of Henry Corbin and Simon Garnett. I ask for the members of the Oxford City Council to support the residents of the City of Oxford in raising consciousness about the local history of racial terror lynching so that we might strive to create and participate in the maintenance of a civil society built on justice. Maya Angelou writes, "History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again." I ask for the city council to face the history of racial terror lynching and its wrenching pain with courage so that our beloved community will need never live the pain of racial terror lynching again.

- **Position:** Support

Comments submitted on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 - 5:26pm:

- **Name:** Evan Gates
- **Address:** 5367 Bonham Road
- **Email Address:** gatesed@miamioh.edu
- **Meeting Date:** Tue, 03/16/2021
- **Agenda Item:** Historical Marker Placement
- **Comments:**

I am a member of the Community Remembrance Project, a diverse coalition of students, faculty, staff at Miami University alongside residents, employers, citizens of the City of Oxford. I am writing in favor of the historical marker placement bearing the names of Henry Corbin and Simon Garnett. I ask for the members of the Oxford City Council to support the residents of the City of Oxford in raising consciousness about the local history of racial terror lynching so that we might strive to create and participate in the maintenance of a civil society built on justice. Maya Angelou writes, "History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again." I ask for the city council to face the history of racial terror lynching and its wrenching pain with courage so that our beloved community will need never live the pain of racial terror lynching again.

- **Position:** Support

Comments submitted on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 - 10:22pm:

- **Name:** Simran Kaur-Colbert
- **Address:** 612 S College Ave, Apt A
- **Email Address:** kaurs5@miamioh.edu
- **Meeting Date:** Tue, 03/16/2021
- **Agenda Item:** Historical Marker Placement
- **Comments:**

I am a member of the Community Remembrance Project, a diverse coalition of students, faculty, staff at Miami University alongside residents, employers, citizens of the City of Oxford. I am writing in favor of the historical marker placement bearing the names of Henry Corbin and Simon Garnett. I ask for the members of the Oxford City Council to support the residents of the City of Oxford in raising consciousness about the local history of racial terror lynching so

that we might strive to create and participate in the maintenance of a civil society built on justice. Maya Angelou writes, "History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again." I ask for the city council to face the history of racial terror lynching and its wrenching pain with courage so that our beloved community will need never live the pain of racial terror lynching again.

- **Position:** Support

Comments submitted on Thursday, March 11, 2021 - 10:31am:

- **Name:** Hannah Stohry
- **Address:** 626 Brill Dr Apt 11
- **Email Address:** stohrhr@miamioh.edu
- **Meeting Date:** Tue, 03/16/2021
- **Agenda Item:** Truth & Reconciliation Project
- **Comments:**

I am Hannah Stohry, a member of our Police Community Relations & Review Commission (PCRRC). I offer my comment today as a member of the Community Remembrance Project, a diverse coalition of students, faculty, staff at Miami University alongside residents, employers, citizens of the City of Oxford. I am writing in favor of the historical marker placement bearing the names of Henry Corbin and Simon Garnett. I've mentioned this particular project before, and voiced my support for this ongoing project during one of the Historical & Architecture Preservation Commission a few months ago. I sincerely ask for the members of the Oxford City Council to support the residents of the City of Oxford in raising consciousness about the local history of racial terror lynching so that we might strive to create and participate in the maintenance of a civil society built on justice. I've mentioned this before that City Council and certain sections of Oxford express support for "doing better" and supporting racial justice. This particular project is one small way in which Oxford public officials can put into action the "theory" and "ideas" that have been voiced all last year. I do also ask that you consider that this is one small action in a larger praxis of racial reconciliation in Oxford, and that we need to continue to support and be active participants in our racial justice efforts. Maya Angelou writes, "History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again." I ask for the city council to face the history of racial terror lynching and its wrenching pain with courage so that our beloved community will need never live the pain of racial terror lynching again. Thank you for your time.

- **Position:** Support

Comments submitted on Thursday, March 11, 2021 - 12:51pm:

- **Name:** Hannah Ayers
- **Address:** 301 Park Dr
- **Email Address:** ayersh@miamioh.edu
- **Meeting Date:** Tue, 03/16/2021
- **Agenda Item:** Oxford Memorial Park
- **Comments:**

I am a member of the Community Remembrance Project, a diverse coalition of students, faculty, staff at Miami University alongside residents, employers, citizens of the City of Oxford. I am writing in favor of the historical marker placement bearing the names of Henry Corbin and Simon Garnett. I ask for the members of the Oxford City Council to support the residents of the City of Oxford in raising consciousness about the local history of racial terror lynching so that we might strive to create and participate in the maintenance of a civil society built on justice. Maya Angelou writes, "History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again." I ask for the city council to face the history of racial terror lynching and its wrenching pain with courage so that our beloved community will need never live the pain of racial terror lynching again.

I have lived in multiple towns prior to attending graduate school at Miami University. The city of Oxford has an especially painful history of segregation in their schools, neighborhoods, and multiple lynchings in their county, which rarely happened this far north. The fact that Oxford is

still a predominantly white town means it is easy for its residents to dismiss the White Supremacist history of its town. We are unable to "get over" history until that history has been spoken about and acknowledged by the community at large. I hope we as a community are willing to do what is honorable and what is right in order to move forward.

- **Position:** Support

Comments submitted on Friday, March 12, 2021 - 11:38am:

- **Name:** Annie Dell'Aria
- **Address:** 3762 Ault Park Ave, Floor 1
- **Email Address:** dellarab@miamioh.edu
- **Meeting Date:** Tue, 03/16/2021
- **Agenda Item:** Truth and Reconciliation Project
- **Comments:**

I am writing in favor of the historical marker placement bearing the names of Henry Corbin and Simon Garnett. I ask for the members of the Oxford City Council to support the residents of the City of Oxford in raising consciousness about the local history of racial terror lynching so that we might strive to create and participate in the maintenance of a civil society built on justice. Maya Angelou writes, "History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again." I ask for the city council to face the history of racial terror lynching and its wrenching pain with courage so that our beloved community will need never live the pain of racial terror lynching again.

- **Position:** Support

Comments submitted on Friday, March 12, 2021 - 3:37pm:

- **Name:** Dominique Brown
- **Address:** Miami Univeristy
- **Email Address:** browndm8@miamioh.edu
- **Meeting Date:** Tue, 03/16/2021
- **Agenda Item:** historical marker placement
- **Comments:**

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- **Position:** Support

Comments submitted on Friday, March 12, 2021 - 9:33pm:

- **Name:** Kurtz K. Miller, Ph.D.
- **Address:** 6837 Shull Road
- **Email Address:** millerkk@miamioh.edu
- **Meeting Date:** Tue, 03/16/2021
- **Agenda Item:** Community Remembrance Project
- **Comments:**

I am a member of the Community Remembrance Project, a diverse coalition of students, faculty, staff at Miami University alongside residents, employers, citizens of the City of Oxford. I am writing in favor of the historical marker placement bearing the names of Henry Corbin and Simon Garnett. I ask for the members of the Oxford City Council to support the residents of the City of Oxford in raising consciousness about the local history of racial terror lynching so

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- **Position:** Support

Comments submitted on Sunday, March 14, 2021 - 5:00pm:

- **Name:** Bre Madsen
- **Address:** 5422 College Corner Pike Apt 207
- **Email Address:** madsenbl@miamioh.edu
- **Meeting Date:** Tue, 03/16/2021
- **Agenda Item:** Historical Marker Placement
- **Comments:**

I am a member of the Community Remembrance Project, a diverse coalition of students, faculty, and staff at Miami University alongside residents, employers, citizens of the City of Oxford. I am writing in favor of the historical marker placement bearing Henry Corbin and Simon Garnett's names. I ask for the Oxford City Council members to support the residents of the City of Oxford in raising consciousness about the local history of racial terror lynching so that we might strive to create and participate in the maintenance of a civil society built on justice. Maya Angelou writes, "History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again." I ask for the city council to face the history of racial terror lynching and its wrenching pain with courage so that our beloved community will need never live the pain of racial terror lynching again.

- **Position:** Support

Comments submitted on Sunday, March 14, 2021 - 6:35pm:

- **Name:** Ann Elizabeth Armstrong
- **Address:** 6115 Joseph Drive
- **Email Address:** armstra2@miamioh.edu
- **Meeting Date:** Tue, 03/16/2021
- **Agenda Item:** historic marker
- **Comments:**

Dear members of city council,

I write to express my support for the historic marker noting the site of the two lynchings that occurred in 1877 and 1892 in uptown Oxford. Such recognition of injustices is critical for our city moving forward. While we are not in the south and don't have confederate statues to move and change, we do have many injustices in our past and by marking them we open up conversations and we make our city truly inclusive to those who were excluded in the past. I have noted that a mural about Freedom Summer also is displayed uptown and Enjoy Oxford and others note with pride our connection to Civil Rights history. It is disingenuous to proudly evoke this history while covering up other injustices. I strongly support this initiative for truth and reconciliation and I'm proud to be among those who are connecting this history to our local community and the larger project of our national reconciliation over racial injustice. Thank you for your careful consideration of my remarks!

- **Position:** Support

Comments submitted on Monday, March 15, 2021 - 9:30pm:

- **Name:** Rebecca Avery Neal
- **Address:** 6630 Statesboro Road
- **Email Address:** nealra2@miamioh.edu
- **Meeting Date:** Tue, 03/16/2021
- **Agenda Item:** Historical Marker
- **Comments:**

I want to express my support for a proposal to erect a monument to memorialize Henry Corbin and Simon Garnett, two Black men who were lynched in this community in the 1800s. I am a member of the Community Remembrance Project, a diverse coalition of students, faculty, staff at Miami University alongside residents, employers, citizens of the City of Oxford. I ask for the members of the Oxford City Council to support the residents of the City of Oxford in raising consciousness about the local history of racial terror lynching so that we might strive to create and participate in the maintenance of a civil society built on justice. Maya Angelou writes, "History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again." I ask for the city council to face the history of racial terror lynching and its wrenching pain with courage so that our beloved community will need never live the pain of racial terror lynching again. Presently communities across the nation are divided with some people yearning for acknowledgment of generational injustice and some who may not know the need for it. Members of the Oxford City Council are being presented with a unique opportunity to promote solidarity and justice in this community by erecting a historical marker to memorialize a shared history. By confronting this shared history, the citizens of Oxford can come together in mutual understanding and solidarity for justice so that the healing process can truly begin. Thank you for your consideration.

- **Position:** Support

Comments submitted on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 - 10:53am:

- **Name:** Skylar Corder
- **Address:** 701 South Oak St.
- **Email Address:** sjcsoph@gmail.com
- **Meeting Date:** Tue, 03/16/2021
- **Agenda Item:** Equal Justice
- **Comments:**

I am a member of the Community Remembrance Project, a diverse coalition of students, faculty, staff at Miami University alongside residents, employers, citizens of the City of Oxford. I am writing in favor of the historical marker placement bearing the names of Henry Corbin and Simon Garnett. I ask for the members of the Oxford City Council to support the residents of the City of Oxford in raising consciousness about the local history of racial terror lynching so that we might strive to create and participate in the maintenance of a civil society built on justice. Maya Angelou writes, "History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again." I ask for the city council to face the history of racial terror lynching and its wrenching pain with courage so that our beloved community will need never live the pain of racial terror lynching again. Comments submitted on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 - 1:30pm:

- **Name:** Stephanie Danker
- **Address:** 836 Dufour Lane
- **Email Address:** dankers@miamioh.edu
- **Meeting Date:** Tue, 03/16/2021
- **Agenda Item:** Historical marker placement bearing the names of Henry Corbin and Simon Garnett
- **Comments:**

In Summer 2017, I traveled to Meridian and Philadelphia, Mississippi to see where the events took place associated with Freedom Summer of 1964, to attend the annual memorial service for Schwerner, Goodman and Chaney, and to participate and present at the National Civil Rights Conference. For one day of the conference, my colleagues and I went with a group of people to Selma and Montgomery, Alabama, and spent some time at the Equal Justice Initiative. We saw first hand the Community Remembrance Project's Soil Installation, which was gut-wrenching and brought me to tears. I am so proud that Oxford is participating in this project and acknowledging the lynchings of Henry Corbin and Simon Garnett. It is highly significant. I taught both of my ART 195 Intro to Art Education classes about this work yesterday and today, and we discussed how public art can connect to concepts of remembrance, consciousness, reconciliation and reparation.

I am a member of the Community Remembrance Project, a diverse coalition of students,

faculty, staff at Miami University alongside residents, employers, citizens of the City of Oxford. I am writing in favor of the historical marker placement bearing the names of Henry Corbin and Simon Garnett. I ask for the members of the Oxford City Council to support the residents of the City of Oxford in raising consciousness about the local history of racial terror lynching so that we might strive to create and participate in the maintenance of a civil society built on justice. Maya Angelou writes, "History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again." I ask for the city council to face the history of racial terror lynching and its wrenching pain with courage so that our beloved community will need never live the pain of racial terror lynching again.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Danker, Associate Professor of Art Education
Oxford Resident

- **Position:** Support

Comments submitted on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 - 1:43pm:

- **Name:** Hannah Stohry
- **Address:** 626 Brill Dr Apt 11
- **Email Address:** strohrhr@miamioh.edu
- **Meeting Date:** Tue, 03/16/2021
- **Agenda Item:** Community Remembrance Project
- **Comments:**

I am a member of the Police Community Relations & Review Commission (PCRRC), and come to you as a citizen of Oxford. I am a member of the Community Remembrance Project, a diverse coalition of students, faculty, staff at Miami University alongside residents, employers, citizens of the City of Oxford. I am writing in favor of the historical marker placement bearing the names of Henry Corbin and Simon Garnett. I ask for the members of the Oxford City Council to support the residents of the City of Oxford in raising consciousness about the local history of racial terror lynching so that we might strive to create and participate in the maintenance of a civil society built on justice. Maya Angelou writes, "History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again." Much of the work that I've done in our community has been to talk about the issue of policing and how to work in our community to address past, present, and future concerns and I remember City Council being really fired up last summer about issues related to racialized violence that continues to happen. This has happened here in Oxford, not that long ago. This is a part of our history, and it is a part of what I continue to emphasize during PCRRC public meetings, that we are democratic participants that are all contributing in this ONGOING process of determining the needs of our community. We have not righted this particular wrong, and while I am today asking for the city council to face the history of racial terror lynching and its wrenching pain with courage so that our beloved community will need never live the pain of racial terror lynching again, I am emphasizing that this is ONE tangible action that City Council can take in an ongoing movement to make sure this never happens again.

- **Position:** Support

Comments submitted on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 - 1:45pm:

- **Name:** Todd Stuart
- **Address:** 735 High Meadow Lane
- **Email Address:** tas1800@gmail.com
- **Meeting Date:** Tue, 03/16/2021
- **Agenda Item:** Community Remembrance Project's historical marker for Henry Corbin and Simon Garnett.
- **Comments:** I support this project.

Comments submitted on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 - 1:53pm:

- **Name:** Jarrod Colbert
- **Address:** 612 South College Avenue, Apt A

- **Email Address:** jtcolbert@aol.com
- **Meeting Date:** Tue, 03/16/2021
- **Agenda Item:** Historical Marker Placement
- **Comments:**

I am a member of the Community Remembrance Project, a diverse coalition of students, faculty, staff at Miami University alongside residents, employers, citizens of the City of Oxford. I am writing in favor of the historical marker placement bearing the names of Henry Corbin and Simon Garnett. I ask for the members of the Oxford City Council to support the residents of the City of Oxford in raising consciousness about the local history of racial terror lynching so that we might strive to create and participate in the maintenance of a civil society built on justice. Maya Angelou writes, "History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again." I ask for the city council to face the history of racial terror lynching and its wrenching pain with courage so that our beloved community will need never live the pain of racial terror lynching again.

- **Position:** Support

Comments submitted on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 - 2:19pm:

- **Name:** Liz Woedl
- **Address:** 6505 Buckley Rd
- **Email Address:** liz.woedl@gmail.com
- **Meeting Date:** Tue, 03/16/2021
- **Agenda Item:** Historic Marker in the Uptown Park
- **Comments:**

I first heard about the lynching incidents when I first moved to Oxford in the seventies. I've been very interested in Oxford History ever since. Though it is difficult to imagine such lawless and lethal actions happened in this town, I believe that to overcome the past is important to acknowledge the history and never, ever forget.

I would like to thank the MU Faculty, Student and others who are helping Oxford remember that we are a community committed to worth and dignity of every person. Please vote to support the Resolution.

-Liz Woedl, retired
6505 Buckley Rd, Oxford Township, OH

- **Position:** Support

Comments submitted on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 - 2:33pm:

- **Name:** Erin Laffrey
- **Address:** 4385 Moselle Drive
- **Email Address:** lolastew7@yahoo.com
- **Meeting Date:** Tue, 03/16/2021
- **Agenda Item:** Historical Marker
- **Comments:**

I am in support of the historical marker remembering and honoring the lives of the individuals who were lynched in Oxford in the late 1800's, Henry Corbin and Simon Garnett. Let's all join together to build a civil society.

- **Position:** Support

Comments submitted on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 - 2:41pm:

- **Name:** Megan Kuykendoll
- **Address:** 1304 Dana Dr.
- **Email Address:**
- **Meeting Date:** Tue, 03/16/2021
- **Agenda Item:** Truth and Reconciliation Marker

- **Comments:**

As a community member, I support the creation of a marker in remembrance of the lynchings that have occurred (been perpetrated against our Black community as a whole in terms of racial terror) in Oxford. Within the larger US context, we need to do better about acknowledging our painful racial history (not limited to the far past) to have true hope of reconciliation and a more just future for everyone. This small step has big meaning here in our community and will serve as a reminder of the need for continued education and work on racial justice.

- **Position:** Support

Comments submitted on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 - 2:51pm:

- **Name:** Alexandra W Marsh
- **Address:** 49 Spartan Drive
- **Email Address:** marsh.lexi@gmail.com
- **Meeting Date:** Tue, 03/16/2021
- **Agenda Item:** Oxford Lynching and Community Remembrance Project
- **Comments:**

Hello,

I am writing to share my strong support of this project and would like to see this come to be in our city of Oxford. I am always in support of our city leading the way for our county, state, and country. I would like to see us lead the way of acknowledging our horrific past in an effort to educate the future by honoring our past with the truth. Since moving here over 11 years ago, I've heard many "stories" of the lynching and KKK marches. I'd like to see a memorial to remember those lost, as well as concrete facts to give these events context.

Thank you,
Lexi

- **Position:** Support

Comments submitted on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 - 2:54pm:

- **Name:** Jim Oris
- **Address:** 35 Hidden Creek Dr
- **Email Address:** orisjt@miamioh.edu
- **Meeting Date:** Tue, 03/16/2021
- **Agenda Item:** Marker Placement - Community Remembrance Project
- **Comments:**

I am a member of the Community Remembrance Project and I am writing to provide my unwavering support for the placement of historical markers in remembrance of Henry Corbin and Simon Garnett. In order to secure a firm and just future, I strongly believe we need to honestly face our past.

I had the honor of serving as Dean of the Graduate School from 2011 until I retired at the end of June 2021. One of the leaders of the Project, Dr. Valerie Robinson, was one of my direct reports. When she mentioned her and Dr. James' idea of a graduate student alternative spring break trip to the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, I strongly encouraged her to work with Dr. James to make the trip into a full-fledged academic and community-involved project. Thus dawned the idea of the Community Remembrance Project. I helped sponsor the trip and its activities throughout my remaining time as dean. I witnessed first-hand the profound impact the Project had on our students, faculty, administrators, community members, and me. I am proud to have played a part in the Project.

I am now a private citizen, and I continue to fully support the Project's vision, mission and goals. Facing our past and recognizing our past mistakes is a strong step toward a firm and

just future. The placement of these markers will help enable the citizens of Oxford, Butler County, and the nation see our resolve to just that.

- **Position:** Support

Comments submitted on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 - 3:13pm:

- **Name:** Emilie Ratterman
- **Address:** 6230 Fairfield Rd.
- **Email Address:** emilie.ratterman@gmail.com
- **Meeting Date:** Tue, 03/16/2021
- **Agenda Item:** A Resolution authorizing a historic marker placed in the uptown park
- **Comments:**
 - I am a new member of the Community Remembrance Project, a diverse coalition of students, faculty, staff at Miami University alongside residents, employers, citizens of the City of Oxford. I am writing in favor of the historical marker placement bearing the names of Henry Corbin and Simon Garnett. We should never forget our ever allow such atrocities to happen again. I ask for the members of the Oxford City Council to support the residents of the City of Oxford in raising consciousness about the local history of racial terror lynching so that we might strive to create and participate in the maintenance of a civil society built on justice. Maya Angelou writes, "History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again." I ask for the city council to face the history of racial terror lynching and its wrenching pain with courage so that our beloved community will need never live the pain of racial terror lynching again.

Thank you,

Emilie Ratterman
Position: Support

Comments submitted on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 - 3:25pm:

- **Name:** Kate Kuvalanka
- **Address:** 18 Jeffrey Dr
- **Email Address:** kuvalaka@miamioh.edu
- **Meeting Date:** Tue, 03/16/2021
- **Agenda Item:** Historical marker
- **Comments:**

I am writing in favor of the historical marker placement bearing the names of Henry Corbin and Simon Garnett. I ask for the members of the Oxford City Council to support the residents of the City of Oxford in raising consciousness about the local history of racial terror lynching so that we might strive to create and participate in the maintenance of a civil society built on justice. I ask for the city council to face the history of racial terror lynching and its wrenching pain with courage so that our beloved community will need never live the pain of racial terror lynching again.

- **Position:** Support

Comments submitted on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 - 3:39pm:

- **Name:** Elise Clerkin
- **Address:** 206 NORTHRIDGE DRIVE
- **Email Address:** eliseclerkin@gmail.com
- **Meeting Date:** Tue, 03/16/2021
- **Agenda Item:** Community Remembrance Project Coalition Member
- **Comments:**

I am a community member living in Oxford Ohio, and an employee at Miami University. I am writing to support the Community Remembrance Project. Specifically, I am writing in favor of the historical marker placement bearing the names of Henry Corbin and Simon Garnett.

As a history major, I am also deeply committed to learning to face our history--in this case, of racial terror, lynching, and its wrenching pain--so that our wonderful community can face our present and future days together with courage, humility, strength, and gratitude. Comments submitted on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 - 3:49pm:

- **Name:** Patrick and Lois Meade
- **Address:** 100 Lantern Ridge
- **Email Address:** pbmeade@yahoo.com
- **Meeting Date:** Tue, 03/16/2021
- **Agenda Item:** Public Participation
- **Comments:**

We are members of the Community Remembrance Project and attended an event uptown in May of 2019 for a soil collection ceremony. We are writing in favor of the historical marker placement bearing the names of Henry Corbin and Simon Garnett. We are confident the members of the Oxford City Council will support this effort to raise consciousness about the local history of racial terror lynching. We ask for the city council to face the history of racial terror lynching and its wrenching pain with courage. We must never forget or we cannot move forward in our community.

Thank You,

Pat and Lois Meade Comments submitted on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 - 5:14pm:

- **Name:** Amber D. Franklin
- **Address:** 1211 Dana Drive
- **Email Address:** amberdes@gmail.com
- **Meeting Date:** Tue, 03/16/2021
- **Agenda Item:** Community Remembrance Project
- **Comments:**

As a member of the Community Remembrance Project, I support the placement of a historical marker bearing the names of Henry Corbin and Simon Garnett. Such a marker has already been installed in Athens, Ohio. I encourage Oxford City Council to support the placement of the marker Uptown, on City property, where it can be properly maintained. Doing so would acknowledge our local history of racial terror lynching and the deep generational pain it has caused in our community.

- **Position:** Support

Mr. Todd Stuart, 735 High Meadow Lane, advised he felt this was the absolute least we could do to start rebuilding trust between white people and people who have suffered in our community. Mr. Stuart noted he supports the proposed Resolution 100%.

Ms. Amy Shaiman, 11 Heather Ridge Court, advised she was speaking on behalf of herself and her family. Ms. Shaiman noted she was in favor of the proposed Resolution and advised there was important need to acknowledge this difficult, problematic and traumatic piece of history in Oxford. Ms. Shaiman noted when we do not acknowledge our history we have seen over and over again that we are all the more likely to repeat it. Ms. Shaiman noted she would like to encourage the project and the City to consider some programming to go on once we are gathering together again post Covid to help educate members of the Oxford community and the Miami University community to learn more about this and to know how to engage in the reconciliation work that needs to come.

Ms. Southard advised it was important to acknowledge that the past is never really past noting it was important that this country move forward to acknowledge the past so we can move forward. Ms. Southard advised this was the first step and she felt we needed to continue discussion and continue educating and learning about the past and talk about the two lynchings that we know occurred in Oxford. Ms. Southard noted she was proud that our City is part of what should be a national movement.

Mr. Prytherch noted he felt this was important and advised he was a Cultural Geographer and talks about the landscape as being a text that you can read and learn about your history from the landscape. Mr. Prytherch noted these markers and memorials are really important to telling

that story. Mr. Prytherch referred to Ms. Jackson's comments and noted his hope we can find a way to also use the landscape to tell some of those stories in addition to this story. Mr. Prytherch advised he hoped this was not the first and last black history plaque to be erected within the City as there is such a story of resilience in this community.

Dr. Anthony James, noted he felt some important things had been raised, one by Ms. Jackson in terms of what does this do for the community, particularly for those who may have some fear that it will elicit some strong feelings from people who do not agree. Dr. James referred to vandalism of civil rights markers and advised it was not just up to leaders and City Council but residents to be a part of solutions to build a culture where we do not stand for that around here. Dr. James noted that was a part of the reconciliation, a part of not just saying we acknowledge this happened but how do we make sure we move forward in a way that people feel safe in our communities. Dr. James advised essay contests are built into this project for children at all Butler County schools and the winner will receive a scholarship towards college which was an important part of the next generation hearing this story and wanting to be different. Dr. James noted his hope this would be the beginning of a real conversation in the community for how all of us can be part of a critical mass saying that is not what we want to be.

Mr. Dana Miller, advised a Civil Rights Conference will be held in Oxford on June 21-22. Mr. Miller referred to comments by Ms. Jackson and noted the project team was looking at linking a QR code with the marker that would go to Oxford's Black History Tour. Mr. Miller advised he enjoyed it and learned a lot in the presentation.

Mayor Smith commended the project team noting it had been a long process, Mayor Smith noted he appreciated the HAPC's work and everyone's work on the text for the marker.

Ms. Southard moved to adopt Resolution No. 7268. Mr. Snavely seconded. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. Bracken, Mr. Prytherch, Ms. Raghu, Mr. Snavely, Ms. Southard, Mayor Smith (6)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

RESOLUTION ANNEXATION

A Resolution adopting a statement indicating the services the City of Oxford, Ohio will provide to the territory proposed to be annexed to the City of Oxford, Ohio pursuant to a petition filed with the Board of County Commissioners of Butler County, Ohio, as provided by Ohio Revised Code Section 709.023(C). (Doug Elliott, City Manager)

Staff Report/Resolution

Mr. Elliott advised an Expedited Type II Annexation Petition was filed Friday with the Butler County Commissioners noting the petition is for 22.014 acres of land off of Brookville Road bordering the Oxford Community Park and Autumn Drive. Mr. Elliott advised the City of Oxford requires that properties wishing to be served by the extension of municipal utilities must annex into the City. Mr. Elliott noted the developer has had initial discussions with the Community Development Department for a residential housing project and has indicated a willingness to grant the City an easement for the OATS trail. Mr. Elliott noted the City is required to adopt two resolutions, a statement of services to be provided and the other is a stipulation of buffer area requirements if City zoning/permitted uses are incompatible with current county/township zoning in the adjacent remaining township land. Mr. Elliott advised both items are on the legislative agenda and recommended adoption of both Resolutions.

There were no comments from the public.

Mr. Prytherch inquired what latitude the City has in these circumstances and if Council automatically accepts the petition for annexation or if it was a policy decision.

Mr. Elliott advised staff has been working with the proposed developer and noted Council does not have to accept the annexation petition. Mr. Elliott advised if Council fails to adopt the two resolutions this evening the annexation will go no further. Mr. Elliott noted since the property adjoins the City corporate boundaries he felt the City would be in favor of the annexation. Mr. Elliott advised after the County Commissioners make their decision the City has 60 days to adopt an Ordinance accepting the annexation.

Mr. Snavelly moved to adopt Resolution No. 7269. Ms. Southard seconded. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. Prytherch, Ms. Raghu, Mr. Snavelly, Ms. Southard, Mr. Bracken, Mayor Smith (0)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

RESOLUTION **ANNEXATION**

A Resolution regarding zoning buffers in a proposed annexation of property containing 22.014 acres from Oxford Township, Butler County, Ohio to the City of Oxford, Butler County, Ohio pursuant to the requirements of Section 709.023(C) of the Ohio Revised Code. (Doug Elliott, City Manager)

Staff Report/Resolution

Mr. Elliott advised he had no further comments and offered to answer any questions.

There were no comments from the public.

Mr. Prytherch inquired if the annexation would help the City in terms of speed reduction with the County Engineer's Office and Mr. Elliott advised yes although it had not been part of the discussion.

Mr. Snavelly moved to adopt Resolution No. 7270. Ms. Southard seconded. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Ms. Raghu, Mr. Snavelly, Ms. Southard, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Prytherch, Mayor Smith (6)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

Ordinances.

First Reading ? None.

Second Reading.

ORDINANCE **PRELIMINARY PLANNED DEVELOPMENT**

An Ordinance Accepting The Recommendation Of The Planning Commission And Approving The Preliminary Planned Development Application For Heron Pond located along Kehr Road In The City Of Oxford With Conditions. (Sam Perry, Community Development Director)

Staff Report/Ordinance

Supporting Documents

Mr. Perry advised the Preliminary Planned Development application was brought forward by Engineer, Etta Reed with Bayer Becker and Shane Coffman, HPCT Properties, Inc. Mr. Perry noted the property was located in front of Cobblestone Community Church on Kehr Road. Mr. Perry advised 15 single story houses were proposed to be built on the 4.5 acre site. Mr. Perry noted this was a Preliminary Planned Development application and the number of houses and the layout of them would not otherwise be allowed by right. Mr. Perry advised the Planned Development allows the creative design to happen taking advantage of the geometry of the area rather than a by right development which would be administratively approved. Mr. Perry noted the Planning Commission recommended approval of the application with 13 conditions and 2 waivers. Mr. Perry advised there was a lot of discussion at the last meeting about where and how many sidewalks should be constructed in relation to Kehr Road. Mr. Perry noted staff took another look at that and feels Council should accept the Planning Commission's recommendation.

Ms. Etta Reed, Bayer Becker, advised Shane Coffman of HPCT Properties was also in attendance. Ms. Reed noted since the last meeting the design team met and discussed Council's comments and feedback and ways to address the concerns raised. Ms. Reed advised HPCT Properties is agreeable to constructing a 5 foot walk on both sides of Heron Way noting at the last meeting they offered a walk on one side of Heron Way and no sidewalk on Kehr Road. Ms. Reed advised they are willing to construct 5 foot sidewalk on both sides of Heron Way although they still remain firm that they do not wish to construct sidewalk on Kehr Road. Ms. Reed noted the additional cost for the sidewalk increases the cost of the residential units within the development. Ms. Reed advised it was unsafe for pedestrians to walk along Kehr Road given the existing horizontal and vertical alignment. Ms. Reed noted there is no sidewalk currently along Kehr Road anywhere along its length nor is it budgeted for in the future. Ms. Reed advised the additional sidewalk on both sides of Heron Way would provide a north/south pedestrian access through the area that the residents were looking for. Ms. Reed noted the OATS trail which will be constructed in the future on the eastside of Kehr Road will provide the desired pedestrian connection to the north which Council has mentioned in the past. Ms. Reed asked for Council's approval as requested this evening and offered to answer any questions.

There were no comments from the public.

Mr. Snavelly thanked Ms. Reed and her team for taking Council's concern seriously and finding a way to make that happen.

Mayor Smith advised he drives Kehr Road often and has observed people walking on Kehr Road. Mayor Smith noted he felt people would use a sidewalk if it were built and it would be safer than using the shoulder.

Mr. Prytherch noted the argument that adding safety features makes it less safe he has never quite understood. Mr. Prytherch advised a roadway with no sidewalk is hardly any safer for pedestrians than one that has one. Mr. Prytherch noted he appreciated the applicant's flexibility of adding sidewalk on both sides of the internal street and advised he was still an advocate for sidewalk on Kehr Road.

Mr. Snavelly moved to amend condition 3 on page 45 of Council's packet as follows: "Sidewalks shall be provided along or near on both sides of the private street". Mr. Prytherch seconded. The motion passed by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. Snavelly, Ms. Southard, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Prytherch, Ms. Raghu, Mayor Smith (6)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

Ms. Southard moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3615. Mr. Prytherch seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. Bracken, Mr. Prytherch, Ms. Raghu, Mr. Snavelly, Ms. Southard, Mayor Smith (6)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

Announcements & Communications.

Remarks from City Council and City staff. The comments expressed by individual members of Council or City staff during this portion of a City Council meeting do not necessarily reflect the views of the City of Oxford, The Oxford City Council, or the City staff.

Future Meetings. (Virtual)

Mr. Elliott provided a Covid-19 update as it affects the Oxford community and Butler County.

Mr. Elliott advised the Police Services Survey is now completed noting Polco will provide a report by April 7 which will be shared with Council and with the Police Community Relations and Review Commission.

Mr. Wooddell advised the Parks and Recreation activity guide for April, May and June was released today noting he would send the link to Councilors which includes a "frequently asked questions" section.

Mr. Wooddell updated Council with regard to two grants the Parks and Recreation Department recently applied for in conjunction with the Coalition for a Healthy Community.

Mr. Wooddell thanked the Service Department for installing the new bottle filler units at the Community Park noting they would also be installed soon at Pepper Park and the TRI Community Center. Mr. Wooddell advised drinking fountains around town have been turned off due to Covid-19.

Ms. Greene thanked staff in the City Manager's Department, Seth Copenbaker, Kim Newton and John Buchholz as well as volunteers for their assistance with the City's Vaccine Hotline. Ms. Greene thanked Vice Mayor Snavelly for his assistance with the bus trip to the Butler County Fairgrounds for people to receive their vaccine.

Ms. Greene noted she and Chief Jones met with the Miami University Police Department, Dean Moore and Dr. Ann James to discuss how to approach spring as the weather gets nicer while under Covid-19 restrictions.

Ms. Greene advised the Governor is hinting about making changes to the Covid-19 restrictions and the City has its own mass gathering and mask ordinances. Ms. Greene suggested scheduling a Work Session in the next few weeks to discuss how to approach those changes.

Mr. Perry advised his department was working on a dynamic web map to illustrate the various new developments around town. Mr. Perry noted his hope to launch that webpage by the end of the month.

Ms. Raghu referred to the possibility of the City of Cincinnati depositing fifty million of the two hundred ninety million dollars from the American Rescue Fund into an affordable Housing Fund. Ms. Raghu noted she was curious if that was something Oxford can do with 25% of the 4.3 million dollars the City would receive from the federal government. Ms. Raghu noted her hope as Council discusses how the funds will be spent that there will be complete transparency before any appropriations are made.

Mr. Snavelly advised he supported Councilor Raghu's suggestion.

Mr. Snavelly commended Ms. Greene and her staff for all the work on the Covid-19 Hotline noting it has gotten a lot of buzz around town. Mr. Snavelly advised by the end of the month everyone would be eligible for the vaccination and encouraged everyone to do so.

Mr. Snavelly noted a community in Arkansas did a solar project which provided enough savings to allow them to increase the pay for their teachers. Mr. Snavelly advised he felt this was a fabulous project and encouraged the City Manager to keep working on the project at the City's landfill as well as look at other solar projects that could be done.

Mr. Snavelly commended the Oxford Police Division for their continuing work under very trying conditions with handling Covid-19 and students primarily who are out gathering in the nice weather.

Ms. Southard noted she was on the SELF Board (Supports to Encourage Low Income Families) and reported they just signed a memo of understanding with 5 agencies in the county including the Family Resource Center in Oxford regarding Covid-19 relief money in the form of a grant to the county for more than eleven million dollars. Ms. Southard noted the money is administered through SELF although it goes to 5 agencies that have memos of understanding with SELF. Ms. Southard advised the money is for rent and utility assistance until December 31, 2021. Ms. Southard noted this includes back-rent for people up to a certain amount. Ms. Southard advised SELF's annual fundraiser would be virtual this year on April 30 at 1:00 p.m. noting her hope everyone would support SELF since they were doing wonderful work in Butler County.

Mr. Bracken echoed Councilors Raghu and Snavelly's comments on solar projects and on Covid-19 funding going to the most needy. Mr. Bracken noted he felt Council used the CARES funds very responsibly the last time and with public input to address the needs of those most vulnerable.

Mr. Bracken advised Covid-19 numbers were going down and Oxford was doing pretty well locally and as a country. Mr. Bracken warned that many nations in Europe despite increased vaccinations are starting to ramp up. Mr. Bracken noted he felt people in those countries have lost their resolve to do what is right and stay socially distanced and wear masks. Mr. Bracken encouraged everyone to stay vigilant and to get vaccinated as soon as possible.

Mr. Prytherch noted Covid-19 has made him proud to live in and be associated with Oxford as he felt the City of Oxford has done itself very proud in many different ways.

Mr. Prytherch referred to the American Rescue Plan noting it was an incredible opportunity and advised he would like Mr. Elliott or Ms. Greene to outline at an upcoming meeting for the public what some of the options are to educate Councilors and the public about what the funding can be used for. Mr. Prytherch noted it was a transformative opportunity to build back better than we were before.

Mr. Prytherch advised he felt sometimes Council has goals or regulations that bark but do not bite noting as Council sees more and more development in the community it was important to stand by the standards that are important. Mr. Prytherch referred to sidewalks in new developments and noted Council should not bargain down things that are important to them.

Mr. Prytherch noted he felt if Council wants to have an impact on the pandemic they need to spend the rescue money sooner rather than later.

Mayor Smith noted he was the City's designee to the Butler County Health Commission Advisory Board who met last week and advised the City received rave reviews from the Butler County Health Commissioner for the Covid-19 work Oxford has been doing. Mayor Smith noted the every township and the Cities of Hamilton and Middletown were in awe of Oxford's program.

Mayor Smith noted he mentioned returning meetings to the Council Chambers and advised after discussion with the City Manager they feel we should wait until Butler County is out of the

red designation. Mayor Smith noted meetings will be virtual through April and he would see where Oxford is as May and the summer months approach.

WED – Mar 17 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting Cancelled

THUR- Mar 18 Climate Action Steering Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m.

THUR- Mar 18 Recreation Board Meeting 11:30 a.m.

FRI - Mar 26 Student Community Relations Commission Meeting 3:00 p.m.

TUES- Apr 6 City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Apr 9 Student Community Relations Commission Meeting 3:00 p.m.

Apr 12 Oxford Parking & Transportation Advisory Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.

TUES- Apr 13 Public Arts Commission of Oxford Meeting 4:30 p.m.

TUES- Apr 13 Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Apr 14 Historic and Architectural Preservation Commission Meeting 6:15 p.m.

THUR-Apr 15 Climate Action Steering Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m.

THUR-Apr 15 Recreation Board Meeting 11:30 a.m.

Apr 19 Housing Advisory Commission Meeting 1:30 p.m.

TUES- Apr 20 City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.

WED– Apr 21 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Apr 23 Student Community Relations Commission Meeting 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

Mr. Snavelly moved to adjourn at 8:32. Mr. Prytherch seconded. The motion passed by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. Prytherch, Ms. Raghu, Mr. Snavelly, Ms. Southard, Mr. Bracken, Mayor Smith (6)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

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