

HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION (HAC)
MEETING MINUTES
April 15, 2013

Commission Members Present: Chairperson Dan Haizman, Councilor Kevin McKeehan, Councilor Kate Rousmaniere, Jason Reynolds, and Seth Geisler

Staff Present: Jung-Han Chen

Excused: Tom Wright, Kurt Kronholm

Guest: Baha Zuhurov

I. Call to Order

Mr. Haizman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Haizman also welcomed Mr. Geisler to this Commission. Staff also indicated that Mr. Geisler worked with staff in the past in a housing preference survey to determine how likely MU students would live in the Uptown area.

II. Approval of Agenda

Councilor McKeehan moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilor Rousmaniere seconded the motion. Motion passed.

III. Approval of the April 15, 2013 Minutes

Councilor McKeehan moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion passed.

IV. New Business

Commission Agenda-

The Commission felt that the work items from 2012 could be carried over for this year. Additionally, it is critical to continue the momentum of those items that have been worked on to fruition.

V. On-Going Business of Continued Interest

Staff provided updates to the Commission on those work items outlined in the 2012 Work Plan. Several items have been accomplished from the Commission level; they just need to be carried out at other levels.

Residential Overlay District restricting rental properties- the Commission was instrumental in moving this through the legislative process. Previously, Mr. Reynolds was collecting signatures around his neighborhood, but was not successful. Currently, there are several residents along Vereker Drive collecting signatures to create an overlay district. The Commission also thought the Cedar Drive area would be another good location for an overlay district. Mr. Reynolds was going to talk to some residents in that area about this. Staff was also going to see if contacting some residents could spur discussion.

Related to the affordable housing set-aside from development project, the Commission has been working with Baha Zuhurov on a housing study and attended his public presentation in May. Currently, we are waiting for his final report to decide what needs to be done more to decipher this complex issue.

Nuisance Housing legislation was introduced to City Council last year and Council asked the Commission to study further on this issue by reaching out to other Commissions for comments and suggestions. Staff had planned to present this to the Student Community Relation Commission (SCRC) last year. Unfortunately, the SCRC had had a difficult time getting student members to attend its meetings. Additionally, there was legislation to amend the composition of the SCRC and, therefore, staff thought it would be better to hold off until the “new” SCRC was in place before presenting this legislation to the SCRC for discussion and recommendation.

Staff also indicated that at the beginning of the new school year, the Commission would also need to hear updates from the Parking and Transportation Advisory Board on parking and transportation issues.

Needs for Senior Housing- Several months ago, the Commission heard from Senior Center representatives about the focus group study they did. The primary issue was the lack of senior housing. Staff will continue to search for opportunities to explore this topic. Additionally, Staff also contacted Model Group for a follow-up after their presentation. The representative has not returned phone calls to staff on this issue. The Commission briefly discussed about finding a community member representing the senior population to serve on the Commission. Councilor Rousmaniere was to contact Tom Wright about his term on the Commission.

VI. Adjournment

Councilor McKeehan moved to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Mr. Reynolds. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.