

HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION (HAC)
MEETING MINUTES
October 19, 2015

Commission Members Present: Dan Haizman, Mayor McKeehan, Councilor Mike Smith, Dr. Judith Kolbas, and, Kurt Kronholm,

Members Excused: Seth Geisler, Jason Reynolds

Staff Present: Jung-Han Chen

I. Call to Order

Mr. Haizman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Kronholm moved to approve the agenda as presented. Dr. Kolbas seconded the motion. Motion passed.

III. Approval of the September 21, 2015 Minutes

Dr. Kolbas moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor McKeehan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

IV. New Business

Approval of the Fields of Southpointe-

What does this project encompass?

Potential concerns

What is the next step for this area?

Staff provided a detailed summary about the project on the number of units, amenities and site arrangements. The project is to develop entirely a privately owned property, with streets and utilities built and maintained by the private developer.

Mr. Haizman indicated that he followed the progression of this project and had some concerns about the maintenance issues related to privately developed utilities, roadway and other property maintenance issues. This project was slated to be constructed in 2016 and completed by 2017.

What happens if the developer is not doing his/her job in maintaining the utilities, would the City be on the hook for future expenses? A typical subdivision would have a homeowner association to ensure the property has been properly taken care of. Since this project was designed as student rentals, how sure is the City that the property would continue to be maintained?

Discussion continued about the project and the prospects of property sold off to others and the implication of the property transfer. The Commission also discussed the Level 27 complex. The project was built in 2005 and it went through several property owners and the property was still in good shape overall.

The approval was for the preliminary and a final review was anticipated to be early 2016. The issues and concerns about making sure the project meets City expectations were valid and important. The Commission asked staff to reach out to this developer and other developers to see if there were any concerns and that the Commission needed to look into.

V. On-Going Business of Continued Interest
Nuisance Legislation-Student Community Relations Commission
Nothing new to report.

Dr. Kolbas brought up the Oxford Housing Forum that took place in 2013 and if another round of discussion could take place in 2016. Additionally, she went to a candidate forum, hosted by the League of Women Voters of Oxford, to gain some understanding on those candidates. Dr. Kolbas was pleased about comments made by the candidates that we need to do a better job educating the community about senior housing issues.

VI. Adjournment
Mayor McKeehan moved to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Councilor Smith.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.