

City of Oxford, Ohio Student/Community Relations Commission

Minutes (Friday, April 19, 2019)

1 Call to Order & Location

Kennick called the meeting to order at 1:33 PM in the LCNB National Bank Community Room, 30 West Park Place, 2nd Floor, Oxford, OH 45056.

2 Attendance

2.1 Members in attendance

Attendees included Prue Dana, Glenn Ellerbe, Lara Fening, Dan Haizman, Charles Kennick, Claire Keller, Hanqing Lyu, Molly O'Donnell, Mike Rudolph, Steve Schnabl, Megan Schoettler, Joy Usner, Andrew Wilson, and Dr. Cheryl Young.

2.2 Members not in attendance

Members not in attendance included Atticus Block, Amy Macechko, Dr. Kimberly Moore, Halle Sarkisian, Susan Tobergte, and Caley Wexler.

3 Approval of Agenda

- ✓ **Vote:** Motion to approve agenda by Dana, seconded by Haizman. Unanimous approval.
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4 Approval of April 5 Minutes

- ✓ **Vote:** Motion to approve April 5 minutes with corrections to Town-Gown Relations section by Haizman, seconded by O'Donnell. Dana abstained. Six members voted yes, zero members voted no.
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5 Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves.

6 Reports

6.1 OPD [Fening]

Busy few weeks and media follow up previous cases. OPD met with Steve Large, Assistant Vice President of Health and Wellness for Student Affairs at Miami University, to discuss messaging on scooters.

6.2 MUPD [Tobergte]

No report this week, as Tobergte was unavailable.

7 Updates

7.1 Intersection Safety

SCRC 2019-20 initiative. ASG working on legislation that will apply to vehicles close to alleys and street intersections. ASG members have been meeting with City Service Director Mike Dreisbach.

7.2 Electric Scooter Pilot

First year of pilot ending later this year. Fening and Large met to discuss messaging and communicating campus rules to students. Parking at bike racks was a concern. Parking on sidewalks was also a concern. Discussed campus policy change and marketing messages. Student Affairs may publicize information crafted by ASG as long as it conforms to campus policies. Discussion of the program's success and how the e-scooters are an alternative to driving vehicles. Current evidence shows that the e-scooters are a success. Discussion of asking Lime to expand scooters to older community residents and for use on multi-use OATS trail. Discussion about modifying existing City ordinance on hover boards if this program is made permanent. Discussion about scooters adding to the Miami University student experience. Young mentioned that Northwestern University has racks on campus. Kennick will approach City to ask about scooter racks. Kennick will be meeting with City of Oxford Economic Development Director Alan Kyger and City Manager Doug Elliott next week to discuss the Lime meeting held during spring break. Kennick is interested in locations and spaces on campus for scooter parking and making the rules practical for usage.

- ✓ **Vote:** Motion to renew support for e-scooters to City Council by Schnabl: "Endorse regulations to allow scooters to exist in the City of Oxford with a suggestion that the current hover board transportation ordinance be modified." Seconded by Haizman. All in favor. None opposed.
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8 New business

8.1 Plastic bag fee

Kennick gave a quick run-through of the ASG regulation and how the program has been implemented by other cities. Rudolph concerned about impact on local businesses, especially Kroger. Ellerbe discussed challenges of imposing a fee to keep from being considered a tax. Kennick mentioned that ASG created this as a way to ask the City to take up the ordinance. Ellerbe suggested that Kennick should contact City Attorney Amy Blankenship to look into it and see how something like this could be implemented. Rudolph suggested approaching Kroger with the ASG legislation to work out a solution. O'Donnell talked about travelling and how she had to think about whether or not bags are needed. General discussion about how this system could be implemented and how it could impact residents, including lower income residents, and reusable cloth bags. Keller talked about on-campus students placing items in backpacks. Rudolph suggested that Kennick ask Kroger about their future plans and types of bag alternatives.

- ✓ **Vote:** Motion to support SR181927 by Haizman, Dana seconded, all in favor.
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9 Adjournment

- ✓ **Vote:** Motion to adjourn by Haizman, seconded by O'Donnell. Unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned at 2:34 PM.