

# City of Oxford, Ohio Student/Community Relations Commission

## Minutes (Friday, August 23, 2019)

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### 1 Call to Order & Location

Keller called the meeting to order at 3:06 PM in the LCNB National Bank Community Room, 30 West Park Place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Oxford, OH 45056.

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### 2 Approval of Agenda

- ✓ **Vote:** Motion to approve agenda by Haizman, seconded by Usner. Unanimous approval.
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### 3 Approval of May 3 Minutes

- ✓ **Vote:** Motion to approve by Schnabl, seconded by Haizman. Unanimous approval.
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### 4 Attendance

#### 4.1 Members in attendance

Lara Fening, Dan Haizman, Claire Keller, Amy Macechko, Mike Rudolph, Steve Schnabl, Joy Usner, Andrew Wilson, Dr. Cheryl Young

#### 4.2 Members not in attendance

Atticus Block, Prue Dana, Glenn Ellerbe, Hanqing Lyu, Dr. Kimberly Moore, Molly O'Donnell, Susan Tobergte, Caley Wexler

#### 4.3 Guests

Sam Perry

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### 5 Reports

#### 5.1 OPD (Fening)

OPD had a busy summer. New Police Station open house coming up on Thursday, August 29 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Community Picnic will be uptown on Thursday, August 29 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Many police officers will be participating in the 2019 Welcome Back Walkabout. OPD starting Police Explorers post for ages up to 21, including Miami University students interested in criminal justice. Extra patrols due to increase in first-year student enrollment.

#### 5.2 MUPD (Tobergte)

No report, as Tobergte was unable to attend meeting.

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### 6 Updates

#### 6.1 Electric Scooter Pilot

City working with Lime to offset effects of Miami University efforts to limit e-scooters. Pilot expected to be extended.

## 6.2 Miami University e-scooter changes

University increased impound fee to \$100.00 per scooter and now prohibits staff from using them. The university says it has concerns about liability.

## 6.3 ShareFest 2019

Record year despite lack of volunteers. Recruiting volunteers is challenging.

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## 7 New business

### 7.1 2019-20 goals

Commission members explained what they would like SCRC to concentrate on this academic year. Four overarching themes emerged.

#### 1. Student-community engagement

- a. Face-to-face interaction and engagement at public events
- b. Reduce first-year student melt rate
- c. Reduce anti-student rhetoric among community
- d. Make Oxford a welcoming community for diverse groups of people
- e. Foster student relationships with Oxford senior citizens

#### 2. Improve off-campus behavior

- a. Reduce interpersonal violence and sexual assault
- b. Adapt Miami University's Good Neighbor policy
- c. Try to understand student drinking culture
- d. Educate students and community about responsible e-scooter usage and parking

#### 3. Improve communication

- a. Increase transparency
- b. Work closely with ASG to communicate concerns from student body
- c. Encourage students to speak up and know their elected officials and municipal employees

#### 4. Improve relationships between off- and on-campus decision-makers

- a. Claire to meet with Miami University legal counsel
- b. Clarify town-gown initiatives/groups
- c. Work with Dean Moore to invite Miami University officials to speak at SCRC or respond before meetings

### 7.2 2019 Walkabout

Welcome Back Walkabout to take place on Monday, August 26. SCRC members expressed concerns about rain and notifying volunteers on Sunday if the date will change.

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## 8 Adjournment

- ✓ **Vote:** Motion to adjourn by Schnabl, seconded by Keller. Unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned at 4:07 PM.