

Student/Community Relations Commission Minutes

Friday, November 22, 2019

1 Call to Order & Location

Keller called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM in the LCNB National Bank Community Room, 30 West Park Place, 2nd Floor, Oxford, OH 45056.

2 Attendance

2.1 Members in attendance

Prue Dana, Glenn Ellerbe, Lara Fening, Dan Haizman, Megan Hess, Claire Keller, Amy Macechko, Molly O'Donnell, Steve Schnabl, Jonathan Shirley, Joy Usner, Dr. Scott Walter, Andrew Wilson

2.2 Members not in attendance

Atticus Block, Cole Hankins, Hanqing Lyu, Mike Rudolph, Megan Schoettler, Susan Tobergte/Andy Rosenberger/Walt Schneider, Dr. Cheryl Young

2.3 Guests

Ted Wood, Brandon Crawford-West

3 Approval of Agenda

✓ **Vote:** Motion to approve by Haizman, seconded by Schabl. Unanimous approval.

4 Approval of November 8, 2019 Minutes

✓ **Vote:** Motion to approve by Dana, seconded by Haizman. Unanimous approval.

5 Reports

5.1 OPD

Fening explained how the OPD is gearing up for breaks and creating messages about what students and residents should do when they are away. There will be hundreds of requests for homes to be checked while the students or residents are away. MUPD assists with these checks sometimes. Fening gave an example about how the program caught a break-in while it was happening. Dana asked about statistics and records, which Fening says the OPD keeps. Fening explained how the houses are placed in districts and houses will be checked at least once during the winter break. Officers try to check every place within the first week to document if it is secured. Dana asked about what officers will look for. Fening responded by saying that officers will check windows and doors.

5.2 MUPD

No reports this meeting due to MUPD representatives being unable to attend.

6 Old Business

6.1 Topics and information for City communications

Schnabl expressed that he feels it is difficult for Oxford residents to understand what Miami University is doing when it affects residents. He mentioned that residents have to seek the information. Schabl mentioned that the University of Michigan student newspaper covers the community.

Ellerbe mentioned e-scooters appearing on MyMiami. The policy appears to have changed on October 1, 2019. Walter mentioned that the University might have changed e-scooter parking rules.

Wilson said that topic suggestions could be sent to Jessica Greene or Ellerbe to pass along.

7 New Business

7.1 High-risk alcohol consumption

Keller spoke about brainstorming ideas for what works and does not work regarding reducing high-risk drinking. She brought Ted Wood since his bars will begin the Angel Shot program.

ASG's three main goals are cohesive messaging, realistic late-night programming (providing alternatives to drinking), and bar accountability. The Angel Shot program is a method for patrons to relay to the bartender that they need help. The program involves posting flyers in bar bathrooms about how to order an alcohol-free shot and a way out of an awkward situation. Wood tried the program three years ago and not a single person ordered one. He explained how college bars are different from ones in a bigger city, where in Oxford the vast majority of patrons are students. He stated that students will go to the bathroom and alert friends of problems. He described the challenges of training bartenders and how all situations are different and how the staff has to do fact-finding. Staff will call police to handle some situations. When someone requests an Angel Shot, the bartender will notify the manager. Wood said that students should alert staff to issues.

Ellerbe offered a suggestion to have the ability to contact the security staff to have a code, such as ask for "Montana" or another code name. Wood and Crawford-West will follow up with Keller at the next meeting.

Keller asked about increasing school spirit on Saturday nights. Ellerbe spoke about how tailgating and Miami University sports have changed through the decades. Ellerbe and Wood discussed how students will be more responsible in publicly open bars than in off-campus house parties. Walter stated that most students are not partaking in drinking so Student Life should try to cater to them.

Discussion about Oxford DORA program – Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area, which may be turned on and off per resolution and may be a pilot program. Discussion about work session in December. Ellerbe stated that other cities in Butler County are siphoning Oxford residents for events and that Oxford needs to be more competitive. A DORA district would be delineated by signage.

Schabl mentioned the recent arrest of a combative, drunken student and stated how it affects the community. Ellerbe spoke about challenges of Area One Court and City regulations. Fening spoke about the challenges of McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital Emergency Room needing to improve its security. Ellerbe talked about challenges of alcohol-related issues being underfunded and that the City and University need to work better to combat the behavior. Walter iterated that a small minority of students cause the problems. Ellerbe mentioned the student who was arrested on Saturday talked about drinking as if he was tasked with doing so. Discussion about how bars and drinking culture have changed over the decades.

8 Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:06 PM.