



**City/UCD Student Liaison Commission Minutes
Community Chambers Conference Room
23 Russell Boulevard
Wednesday, February 11, 2009
4:30 p.m.**

Voting Commissioners Present: R. Achterberg, Adam Costanzo for M. Lachowicz, S. Lee (Chairperson), B. Little, R. Sharp, Jeanna Gindi for C. Simvoulakis, M. Sundstrom, S. Worker

Non-Voting Commissioners Present: J. Evans, G. Sandy, C. Valencia, S. Winton

Commissioners Absent: C. Bonilla, I. Carrillo, C. Olsen, M. Carmichael

Council Liaison Present: None

Others Present: Mitch Sears and Kim Vincent, City Sustainability, and Sid England, UC Davis Sustainability. Michelle Johnston and Lauren Selmo, UC Davis Student Health, Max Schmidt

Roll Call and Introductions: Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m.

- 1. Agenda** – The agenda was approved unanimously by consensus.
- 2. Minutes** – The minutes of January 14, 2009, were approved unanimously by consensus.
- 3. Commissioner Communications** – S. Winton discussed the lack of attendance by Commissioner Carrillo. Commissioner Carrillo has not attended a meeting since his term began. ASUCD elections are coming up at the end of February and a new President will be elected. S. Winton will discuss the attendance issue with Commissioner Carrillo and the importance of attending or sending a representative to the meetings. S. Winton will also communicate with the incoming President.
- 4. City Council Communications** - None
- 5. Public Communications** – None
- 6. Carbon Footprint Reduction** – Mitch Sears and Kim Vincent, City Sustainability, and Sid England, UC Davis Sustainability.
Mitch Sears detailed the City’s Sustainability program. The program was built on decades of sustainability related programs including alternative transportation programs, land use - smart growth principles, energy conservation, renewable energy production – PVUSA, agricultural mitigation, Farmers Market, and Co-Operative Housing. The program takes advantage of existing programs and builds towards a balance between ecology, economy and social equity. The local strategy includes, climate change, reducing emissions the City can directly affect (City operations), developing a long-range GHG

emissions reduction plan for the community, including adaptation strategies, engaging the community and University, and initiating a community dialog on sustainability.

The Davis Experiment was implemented 30 years ago. It set principles on living in Davis including energy use, building codes, solar houses, solar dryers, swimming pools, fences and hedges, working in the home, streets, recycling, shade trees, bicycles, and buses. Many communities are just starting on initiatives the City of Davis implemented 30 years ago. The City is in the midst of a low carbon diet challenge which includes 100 families in Davis.

Sid England, stated UC Davis is focusing on:

- Green buildings-New projects will exceed Title 24 standards by 20% and all UC buildings will be LEED 2.1 Certified. Building renovations will include sustainable measures.
- Clean energy standards-UC campuses are striving to achieve 20% of grid-provided electricity purchases from renewable sources by 2010.
- Climate protection practices-reduce greenhouse gasses by 2014 to 2000 levels and by 2020 to 1990 levels.
- Sustainable transportation practices-increase percentage of low or zero-emission vehicles in campus fleet by 50% in 2009-10.
- Sustainable operations-waste diversion goals 50% by 6/30/08 and 75% by 6/30/12.
- Environmentally preferred purchasing practices.

UC Davis is implementing a new Department of Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability. This Department will have a policy level advisory group to the Chancellor.

S. England stated there are 2,400 labs on campus and there is a fume hood in every lab. A fume hood uses energy equal to 3 single family homes. UC Davis is working on educating students and staff on how they can save energy on campus.

The West Village project will only allow students or UC Davis employees. Only renters or people outside of Davis will be allowed to purchase a home. Residents will not be allowed to buy a parking permit on campus.

UC Davis is working on educating students when they transition out of student housing into private housing. All incoming students receive a canvas bag for convenience shopping, a reusable beverage container, a brochure on sustainability and how to apply the principles when they leave campus housing. S. England sees a disconnect when students move off campus. They may follow a vegan diet while on campus and then they move into an apartment with roommates and do not know how to cook vegan meals. He asked if the Commission thought students would be interested in a sustainable cooking class. The Commission thought it would be a good idea, also to include how to buy local organic produce and easy recipes. M. Johnston stated that Sodexo does cooking classes in the residence halls. Student Health also provides an eat well series. M. Sundstrom stated students would be more likely to take a class if they got a unit for it. The Commission also suggested a class on sustainability. S. Lee stated a low carbon diet for students in student housing would be beneficial.

7. Safe Party Initiative Grants Results –C. Valencia and M. Johnston, UC Davis Student Health, provided the following results:

The Safer California Universities Project included 14 CSU & UC campuses. It evaluated the efficacy of a “risk management” approach to alcohol problem prevention and reducing intoxication and related harm.

The University’s included:

Intervention Sites

- CSU Chico
- Sacramento State
- CSU Long Beach
- UC Berkeley
- UC Davis
- UC Riverside
- UC Santa Cruz

Comparison Sites

- Cal Poly SLO
- San Jose State
- CSU Fullerton
- UC Irvine
- UC Los Angeles
- UC San Diego
- UC Santa Barbara

UC Davis intervention strategies for off-campus parties include a Social Host Safe Party Campaign, Joint Patrols and DUI Check Points, increased visibility of enforcement (media), good neighbor activities such as Davis Neighbors’ Night Out and educational and promotional materials.

Overall Project Outcomes

Approx. 6,000 fewer incidents of intoxication per university at off-campus parties in fall quarter
Approx. 4,000 fewer incidents of intoxication per university at bars/restaurants in fall quarter

The percentage of students who stated they consumed alcohol in the past 30 days has dropped since 2003.
2003 - 62.4%
2005 - 58.8%
2007 - 55.3%

The grant has ended. However, Student Health is continuing the program and looking for a new grant or other funding mechanism.

8. Status Reports

a. City facilities/Community group rental policy – S. Winton reviewed the City’s policy. Groups receive the Community Group Rate (50% off the resident rate for facility rentals and 25% off field rentals) if they meet the following qualifications:

- Group must reside in Davis and hold a 501c nonprofit status, or
- Be a local affiliate of a national 501c organization, or a UCD Student organization
- Organization must be open to the general public or all students if a UCD organization
- At least 50% of the membership must be Davis residents

The Girl scouts qualify as they are open to the public, boys and girls. Boy scouts do not qualify, as they are not open to all of the public. The UCD Law Student Association does not qualify, as you cannot attend the meeting unless you are a law student. Therefore it is not open to all students.

The Commission discussed the policy and felt the policy should be broadened to include more student groups as it is a financial hardship for student groups to rent facilities.

S. Lee made a motion, seconded by M. Sundstrom, to recommend the Davis City Council reconsider the Community Groups discount policy to allow all student groups registered with UC Davis Student Programs and Activity Center, to qualify for the discount.

The motion passed unanimously

This recommendation is being transmitted to City Council in a separate staff report from Community Development and Community Services Department staff.

b. 3rd Street Project Status/Update – At the January Commission meeting, the Commission asked staff to look into the project and the resident input component. A recent newspaper article lead some to believe outreach was not a part of the process. S. Winton reported that the City always intended to do extensive outreach on this project. The project will likely begin this Summer. S. Winton will note an update on this issue in a future agenda.

c. UC Davis West Village project – G. Sandy stated UC Davis is working with Chevron to make a net carbon impact project.

9. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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