



**City/UCD Student Liaison Commission Minutes
Community Chambers Conference Room
23 Russell Boulevard
Wednesday, September 9, 2009
4:30 p.m.**

Voting Commissioners Present: C. Dietrich (Chairperson), M. Lachowicz, B. Little, C. Olsen, R. Sharp, S. Worker, A. Zike

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

Commissioners Absent: R. Achterberg, C. Simvoulakis, Vacant Public-at-Large, ASUCD City-County Affairs, M. Carmichael

Council Liaison Present: L. Heystek

Others Present: None

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 July 8, 2009, were approved unanimously by consensus.
- 3. Commissioner Communications** – S. Winton distributed a Proclamation of Appreciation for former Commissioner Steven Lee and a copy of the Commissions brochure for review.

J. Evans stated City PD and UCD PD have created a joint task force for parties and downtown patrols for the first six weeks of classes. The Task Force includes 2-foot patrol officers, 2-bike patrol officers and 2-party patrol cars.

- 4. City Council Communications** – L. Heystek stated that the single family rental business license fee was reinstated by the City Council.
- 5. Public Communications** – None
- 6. New Commissioners Oath of Office** – New Commissioners took and signed the Oath of Office.
- 7. Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson** – M. Lachowicz nominated herself for Vice Chairperson, seconded by C. Dietrich. C. Dietrich nominated himself for Chairperson, seconded by M. Lachowicz. Both motions passed unanimously.

- 8. Renter's Sub-Committee Update** – B. Little summarized the Renter's Sub-committee's findings and recommendations.

City-UCD Student Liaison Commission Renter Issues Sub-committee Report Wednesday September 9, 2009

Subcommittee Members: Brenda Little, Chair & Steven Worker

The Renter Issues Sub-committee was established by the Commission to review and define issues, education, and rights of renters in Davis. The Sub-committee commissioned a professional on-line instrument through www.surveymonkey.com, to conduct a thorough, unbiased Renters Survey in order to assess the issues common to renters in the City of Davis. The survey was available online January 19 through February 28, 2009 to renters in the City of Davis. The survey returned 746 (767 partially completed & 714 names provided for the incentive) responses.

Proposal of Action Items

The Renter Issues Sub-committee recommends the Commission take the following action in an effort to educate new renters in Davis; to share renter survey results with Davis landlords; and to continue to monitor renter issues on an annual basis:

1. Develop a Renter Education Information Guide (PDF format) for new renters. The guide could include information on the following topics:
 - Security deposits and tips on how to get a full refund of security deposit
 - Choosing roommates and resolving roommate conflict
 - Davis Model Lease/Lease Agreement in general
 - Subleasing/Lease Assignment
 - Renter rights and responsibilities

The Commission can partner with Rental Housing Association of Sacramento and also California Apartment Association for guide content and further expertise.

2. Post 2009 survey results on city website (<http://cityofdavis.org/renters/>) which would be accessible to Rental Property Owners and Management as well as the general public.
3. Continue to monitor renter issues on an annual basis at ASUCD Housing Day – annual benchmark of renter satisfaction.

M. Lachowicz made a motion, seconded by R. Sharp, to accept and approve the Sub-committee's recommendations. The motion passed unanimously.

- 9. Joint City Council/Commission Agenda Discussion** – The Joint meeting will be held October 6th and will be focused on Renter Issues. The Commission proposes to include on the agenda the Housing Day Survey Report, Commission recommendations from the Renter's Sub-committee, Oeste Manor presentation, discussion of interest on Security Deposits, and Council goals and objectives for the Commission.

- 10. Sustainability Sub-Committee Update** - M. Lachowicz has added a page to the GSA wiki to research and track recommendations and options. A. Zike states she is interested in serving on the sub-committee.

- 11. Commission Formation/Restructuring Sub-Committee** – C. Olsen, R. Sharp and B. Kim met and discussed restructuring options for the Commission. The sub-committee suggested dissolving the Commission and adding student members to other Commissions.

G. Sandy stated this Commission's focus is on student issues. The Commissioners report out to the students they are representing.

S. Worker likes the idea of having more students on other Commissions. However, he feels this Commission has accomplished a lot in the past 5 years. He feels the Commission is represented by a good, diverse mix of people and groups. Without this Commission many projects would not have happened. He feels the questions should be, are there any ways to improve the efficiency of the Commission and are there any groups not represented. He suggested removing the UC Student Affairs positions and replacing with the Cal Student Health Center.

L. Heystek agrees that more students on other Commissions are a good thing. He urged others to have a voice and keep the Commission going.

M. Lachowicz stated the Commission should remove members that do not attend and that everyone should communicate out to their groups. The Greek members do not always attend. The importance of their role should be communicated.

A. Zike suggested a blog or Facebook page to improve communications.

12. Commission Workplan for 2009-10 – Item was moved to the November meeting.

13. Status Reports

ASUCD Student/Police Relations Sub-Committee – C. Valencia asked that the Commission review and update the frequently asked questions on Police Relations. S. Worker will start the process of updating.

UC Davis West Village project – G. Sandy stated this project may be the first net zero energy project in the United States.

City/Campus Entertainment Partnership – C. Dietrich will be working on this program.

Davis Neighbors' Night Out – S. Winton gave an update. 49 parties have signed up to date.

14. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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