

TOWN & GOWN COMMISSION

February 15th, 2012
Maxwell Presbyterian Church
4:00-5:30pm

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Summary from January 18th, 2012 Meeting
3. Appointing Membership of Sub-Committees
 - Safety, Services, and Communications
 - Planning and Economic Development
 - Quality of Life
4. Discussion of 2012 Meeting Dates/Frequency
5. Adjourn

Town and Gown Commission

January 18th, 2012
Minutes

Attendees: Vice Mayor Linda Gorton (Co-Chair), Lisa Higgins-Hord (Co-Chair), Barb Rackers, Commissioner Clay Mason, CM Peggy Henson, CM Chris Ford, Sarah Emmons, Tony Blanton, Ethan Ritter, Shannon Gahafer, Kate Savage, David F. Hayse, Craig Hardin, Melissa Leuker, Lance Broeking, CM Diane Lawless, Jenifer Benningfield

1. Gorton called the meeting to order at 4:08pm. She welcomed Commission members and introduced CM Chris Ford. When the meeting began there was not a quorum, but later a quorum was reached.
2. and 3. Gorton asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 21st and November 16th 2011 meetings. Leuker made a correction to the last sentence of (5.) from the November 16th minutes. It now reads as follows: "Essentially, a term expires when a council member is no longer in office." Hayse made a **MOTION** to approve the corrected minutes. Blanton **SECONDED** the motion. The motion **PASSED** unanimously.
4. The Commission contact list will be updated. Higgins-Hord will get the updated membership list from UK President Eli Capilouto.
5. They began a discussion of the potential sub-committees and the membership of those committees. Gorton mentioned that there had been a discussion at a prior meeting about changing the full Commission meetings to bi-monthly or quarterly and having the sub-committees meet monthly. Mason said that he thought the structure was workable and the Commission could always make changes as needed going forward. He said that the Quick Response sub-committee should be a core group that would assemble quickly if needed.

The Commission members discussed the 'Planning and Economic Development' sub-committee and it was suggested that one of the issues they could review is two-way street conversion (Maxwell, Upper, and Limestone).

Gorton asked the Commission about their recommendations for the 'Quality of Life' sub-committee. Blanton mentioned issues such as safety, lighting, trash, and bike lanes. Henson mentioned the clean-up required when the semesters end at UK. (Pots and pans, appliances, mattresses) She said that some of it is new and could be donated, some of it needed to be discarded.

Savage asked about student housing and the Commission members agreed that it is a topic that encompasses both 'Planning and Economic Development' and 'Quality of Life.'

The Commission discussed whether or not non-Commission members should be able to serve on the sub-committees. Gorton mentioned that the Senior Services Commission will be using working groups with non-Commission members. Gorton said that if they use sub-committees, their membership will have to be of Commission members only. Henson said that she would like each sub-committee to have a chair and they could bring in members of the community to team together to address various issues.

Henson made a **MOTION** to accept the working group structure of 3 groups: 1.) Quick Response, 2.) Planning and Economic Development, 3.) Quality of Life. Blanton **SECONDED** the motion. The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

Upon the passage of the motion, Lawless stated that she would prefer a sub-committee structure instead. Savage agreed. Lawless made a **MOTION** to make the three sub-committees with invited guests, only to meeting monthly or as needed. Savage **SECONDED** the motion.

The Commission discussed the motion and Leuker expressed concern in regards to the Quick Response group if they used sub-committees instead of working groups. It was determined that the sub-committee would act as the liaison between the Commission and outside agencies/people.

Henson said that she liked the name 'working group' because it sounded action oriented.

Gorton said it would be good to set a specific number of members for each group. Ritter asked if all the members of the work group would have to attend every meeting. If so, it may be difficult to get all members to attend if they had interest or expertise in one specific area. Lawless said that she had concerns about that as well, and it is why she preferred the sub-committee structure.

Savage said that she knows many neighborhood residents would attend if they knew what time the meetings were. Ritter said many students would be interested in attending as well.

The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

Gorton asked the Commission members to email her legislative aide at: (jbenningfield@lexingtonky.gov) with their preferences for sub-committees.

Ford suggested changing the name of the 'Quick Response' sub-committee to 'Safety, Services, and Communications.'

Lawless made a **MOTION** to change the name of sub-committee 1 to 'Safety, Services, and Communications.' Hayse **SECONDED** the motion.

The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

Mason said that the 'Safety, Services, and Communications' sub-committee point person should be in his office (LFUCG Public Safety). Blanton noted that this sub-committee will not have permanent membership; Mason said that it should have fixed membership. Henson said that there will be a need to be proactive in this sub-committee.

6. Gorton told the Commission members that the draft ordinance will be sent to LFUCG's Law Department for a final review and then she will present it to the Urban County Council for final passage. Henson suggested that they meet again in February after sub-committees have been appointed. Lawless is not able to attend the February meeting.

Blanton made a **MOTION** to adjourn. Henson **SECONDED** the motion.

The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20pm.

Next meeting will take place on February 15th at 4:00pm at the Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully submitted by Jenifer K. Benningfield, Legislative Aide to Vice Mayor Linda Gorton.