TOWN & GOWN COMMISSION

November 16th, 2011

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Approval of Summary from September 21st, 2011 Meeting
3. Update Commission Contact List
4. Discuss the Next Steps
    - Organizational Set-Up
    - Committees, Programming, ect…
    - Structure of Meetings and Location of Meetings
5. Review of Ordinance
6. ITGA Call for Presentations
7. Adjourn

Town and Gown Commission

September 21st, 2011
Minutes

Attendees: Lisa Higgins-Hord (Co-Chair), Linda Gorton (Co-Chair), Brandi Berryman, Tony Blanton, Ethan Ritter, Micah Fielden, Barb Rackers, Lance Broeking, Kate Savage, CM Peggy Henson, Officer Chris Young, CM Diane Lawless, Jenifer Benningfield

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1. Vice Mayor Gorton called the meeting to order at 4:06pm. She welcomed members and guests.

2. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes from the August 31st, 2011 meeting. VM Gorton said they stood **APPROVED** as presented.

3. Gorton said that the Town and Gown retreat was very productive and noted that changes had been made on the ordinance for the Commission to review.

Higgins-Hord said that she really liked the idea of the UK Farmer's market. Henson agreed. Higgins-Hord then mentioned Omar Blaik and the work he has been doing. (Mr. Blaik focuses on working with university leaders, cities and municipalities, state governments and foundations. He uses institutional strategy, campus edge planning, and deploying economic activity for local benefits.) She also said that it is really important that the residents that live near UK are heard and their concerns are addressed.

Lawless said that although she does hear about disruptions and problems in the neighborhoods around UK, she also hears about awesome events like FUSION. She said that she really enjoys working with the students.

Gorton told Commission members that she wants to review the team items from the retreat in the future.

4. Vice Mayor Gorton referenced the 'tracked changes" on the ordinance.

- Sec. 2-421: remove *universities*, add *Presidents of the Universities.*
- Sec. 2-422: remove *nineteen*, add *sixteen*. Remove *four*, add *eight*.
- Sec. 2-422 (1): remove *nine*, add *eight*.
- Sec. 2-422 (b) and (c): remove *and*, add *or*.
- Sec. 2-422 (2): add *Council Member from District 1*.
- Sec. 2-422 (3): re-word *student government presidents or his/her designees*, move to ex-officio section.

Lawless made a **MOTION** to add the Council Member from District 1 to the ex-officio membership. Henson **SECONDED** the motion.

Motion **PASSED** unanimously.

There was a discussion regarding UK student representatives. It was determined that the student government presidents or his/her designees would be ex-officio members.

Lawless made a **MOTION** to accept the changes to the ordinance. Savage **SECONDED** the motion.

Motion **PASSED** unanimously.

5. VM Gorton told the Commission that LFUCG's Law Department determined that a secretary is required for the Town and Gown Commission. The Vice-Mayor's legislative aide will still do the minutes. The elected secretary will sign them.

Lawless volunteered to serve as Town and Gown Commission Secretary. She was elected by acclamation, there were no dissenters.

6. The Commission began a discussion on the ITGA University City Relations 2012 Conference hosted by Eastern Kentucky and the City of Richmond. The Conference will take place on June 4-8, 2012 on the campus of EKU. Higgins-Hord is on the founding board. She said that she would check on the calls for proposals. Blanton said he would like to present some of the things that they are doing here in Lexington at the conference.

Higgins-Hord said that non-Commission members can attend if they are LFUCG employees.

7. Officer Young spoke about Game Day. The UK/UL game presented challenges. He was receiving calls that the behavior of the fans was the worst ever, but he said that when he reviewed the numbers, they weren't as bad as in previous years. 31 MIP charges were given. Young said that there are often more arrests in Keeneland's parking lot during the fall and spring meets. He is going to get those numbers to the Commission.

Lawless asked the Division of Police to get out earlier to control open containers during tailgating.

Savage said that overall the neighborhoods were pleased; she only had one complaint of a loud street sweeper at 3:00am.

It was suggested that the Town and Gown Commission make a presentation on the collaboration between UK and Division of Police (Game Day) at the ITGA.

8. The first item on the next Town and Gown Commission agenda will be to discuss the next steps

The next meeting will take place at Maxwell Presbyterian Church on October 19th at 4:00-5:30pm.

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

Motion **PASSED** unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

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

ORDINANCE NO. ____-2011

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XXXIX, CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES "TOWN AND GOWN COMMISSION" TO ADD BLUEGRASS COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE REPRESENTATION, AND MORE SPECIFICALLY, AMENDING SUBSECTION 2-421(b) AND SECTION 2-427 OF THE CODE TO PLURALIZE THE TERM UNIVERSITY AND ADD THE TERM COLLEGE; AMENDING SECTION 2-422 OF THE CODE TO DECREASE THE NUMBER OF APPOINTED MEMBERS FROM EIGHTEEN TO SIXTEEN AND TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS FROM THREE TO EIGHT, TO ADD PROXIMITY TO THE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGE AS A CONSIDERATION, TO REDUCE THE APPOINTED URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS FROM TWO TO ONE, TO ADD THE First DISTRICT COUNCILMEMBER, THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEEE, AND THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT PRESIDENTS OR THEIR DESGINEES AS EX OFFICIO MEMBERS, AND TO ADD A BLUEGRASS COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE APPOINTED BOARD MEMBER WHILE ELIMINATING ONE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE; AND AMENDING SECTION 2-423 OF THE CODE TO PROVIDE FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSIONER UPON TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT.

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Section 1 - That subsection 2-421(b) of the Code of Ordinances be and hereby is amended to read as follows:

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(b) The commission is established for the purpose of pursuing the recommendations of the 1999 University of Kentucky Neighborhoods Committee; improving communication between the University of Kentucky, Transylvania University, and the Bluegrass Community and Technical College (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Universities and College") [~~university~~] and other community elements including neighborhoods, local government, students, business community and others; and to analyze issues of common concern and develop recommendations for consideration by the mayor of the urban county government and the Presidents of the Universities and College [~~University of Kentucky~~].

Section 2 - That Section 2-422 of the Code of Ordinances be and hereby is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-422. Membership.

The membership of the commission shall be composed of sixteen (16) [~~eighteen (18)~~] appointed members and eight (8) [~~three (3)~~] ex officio members, as follows:

(1) Eight (8) [~~Nine (9)~~] of the members shall be appointed by the Mayor of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, subject to confirmation by a majority of urban county council members, as follows:

a. One (1) member from the administration of the urban county government;

b. Three (3) landlord/business community representatives, each of whom own residential rental property or business concerns in the immediate area of the main campuses of one of the Universities and College [~~the University of Kentucky~~];

c. Three (3) neighborhood organization representatives, selected from among nominees to be submitted to the mayor by incorporated neighborhood associations whose recognized boundaries are contiguous to the border of the main campuses of one of the Universities and College [~~the University of Kentucky~~];

d. One (1) [~~Two (2)~~]at large urban county council member[~~s~~].

(2) The ex officio members shall consist of the urban county council member from the First District, the urban county council member from the Third District, the urban county council member from the Eleventh District, [~~and~~] the Executive Director of the Downtown Development Authority, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Commissioner of Public Safety, or his or her designee, and the Student Government Presidents, or their designees, from each of the respective Universities and College.

(3) Six (6) [~~Seven (7)~~] of the members shall be appointed by the President of the University of Kentucky, [~~and~~] one (1) [~~two (2)~~] of the members shall be appointed by the President of Transylvania University, and one (1) of the members shall be appointed by the President of Bluegrass Community Technical College System for their respective entities [~~universities~~], as follows:

a. Four (4) University of Kentucky administration representatives, [~~and~~] one (1) Transylvania University administration representative, and one (1) Bluegrass Community Technical College System administration representative; and

b. Two (2) [~~Three (3)~~] University of Kentucky student representatives, [one (1) Transylvania University student representative,] enrolled at [~~their respective~~] university [~~universities~~] at the time of appointment. Discontinuation of enrolled-student status shall disqualify the incumbent and be cause for a new appointment to be made.

Section 3 - That Section 2-423 of the Code of Ordinances be and hereby is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-423. Terms.

Terms of members shall be four (4) years from the date of appointment, provided the terms of those originally appointed shall be staggered so that five (5) members shall be appointed for one (1) year, three (3) members shall be appointed for two (2) years, five (5) members shall be appointed for three (3) years, and five (5) members shall be appointed for four (4) years. The term rotation shall be established so that at least one (1) term expires each year for: LFUCG council/administration; landlord/business community representatives; university administrators; student representatives; and neighborhood representatives. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment and the successor shall be appointed for the unexpired terms. The membership of the urban county council members shall be deemed to have been terminated when their respective term of office on the urban county council ends, the membership of the Executive Director of the Downtown Development Authority shall be deemed to have terminated when his or her employment as the director ends, and the membership of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Commissioner of Public Safety shall be deemed to have terminated when his or her employment as commissioner ends. The first members of the commission shall assume their duties effective November 1, 1999.

Section 4 - That Section 2-427 of the Code of Ordinances be and hereby is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-427. Powers and duties.

The commission may consider issues of common concern relating to the mutual health and benefit of the Universities and College [~~university~~] and the community, including but not limited to the condition and availability of affordable housing and its relationship to the presence of on-campus housing; public transit opportunities; respective roles of the Universities and College [~~university~~] and community in the regulation of parking, traffic, student behavioral issues, maintenance and renovation of surrounding properties and infrastructure; matters of common concern affecting zoning, land use, and the environment; and exploring private/public development and grant funding opportunities.

Section 5 - That this Ordinance shall become effective on passage.

PASSED URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL:

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CLERK OF URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

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