

Minutes of University Area Leadership Team Meeting 4 Sept, 2012

The meeting was convened at 7:00 at the home of William Miller. In attendance were Dave Chrismon, Bill Miller, Joel Fleischer, Miriam Richmond, and Tom Roy (arrived later) and Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Liaison. Also attending were two visitors: Paul Bohan and John Snively, President, University Area Homeowners Assoc.

Dave Chrismon gave a report on the Community.

The Leadership Team agreed to deviate from the published agenda in order to permit Paul Bohan to make some public comments. Paul discussed the City Zoning Amendment to be voted on by the City Council next Tuesday. The proposed amendment will dramatically affect zoning in residential areas. Paul complained of the process which has not been made clear to the public. He feels it ignores regulations of title 19 and title 20 by being presented as a “text change” rather than a “zoning change”. Paul then discussed ADUs at length and continued into a discussion of the process by which the City council approved the funding of the Ball Park.

John Snively discussed the University Homeowners Association’s opposition to ADUs.

The Council then discussed planning for the upcoming general meeting. Tom brought up the new bylaws which we hope to have approved at the general meeting. We are currently short a member of the Leadership Team. Dave brought up the fact that we cannot appoint a replacement until the new bylaws are approved. Miriam suggested we announce our search for a new member at that meeting. The Leadership Team agreed.

Dave reviewed the guests who have agreed to attend the Forum on ADUs. They are: Alex Taft, Bob Jaffe, Jon Wilkins, and Caitlin Copple. Miriam suggested we employ a Q&A format although it was agreed that the public would retain the right to make comments. It was decided that public comments would be held to 3 minutes.

John Snively brought up the situation whereby the City has eliminated map amendments, creating difficulty in notifying the public of changes and leaving this to the discrimination of the City Council. He also stressed the need to publicize this meeting to get a large turnout.

The Leadership Team then proceeded to discuss the public forum regarding the construction of the COT/Community College on the University Golf course. The was agreement that we needed to coordinate this meeting with other organizations concerned with the use of the Golf Course as the building site of the COT. Suggestions were: University Area Homeowners Society, Mount Sentinel Men’s League, Women’s Golf League, Geritol League, Save the Golf Course.Org, and the Lewis and Clark Area Leadership Team. Bill Miller asked whether anyone knew if the University had plans to build student housing on the proposed South Campus since no construction of academic building is planned for the next 20 years. This could present significant traffic problems in the area. The answer to this question is not known.

Although the public forum relating to the golf course was originally planned for October, the Council decided to aim for the week after the election in November. Bill Miller will contact President Royce Engstrom in the hopes of obtaining his attendance.

Jane Kelly reminded Joel of his obligation to get refreshments for the meeting.

The Leadership Team Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 PM.