

MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
APRIL 22, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Members in Attendance: Peter Kotses, Chair
Patrick McGee, Vice-Chair
Sam Crowl, Member

Administrators and/or
Other Elected Officials: President Knisely
Mayor Patterson

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- Ohio University Involvement Fair
 - Makenzie Olaker, Assistant Director for Student Organizations, Campus Involvement Center – would like Council to consider closing a portion of Union Street between College and Court, on August 25th from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, to expand the Student Involvement Fair – this Fair typically takes place on the College Green, but with more student organizations now on campus the Green can only accommodate 52% of the 540 organizations – would also like to promote local Athens opportunities – along with the street, will be using Howard Park for setup of additional tables
 - Kotses – pointed out that this closure is on Sunday of move-in weekend
 - Olaker – dormitory move-in day is on Saturday – added, Court Street will remain open from Union
 - McGee – asked if it would help to close Union all the way to University Terrace
 - Olaker – City suggested leaving University Terrace and Jeff Hill open to traffic
 - Crowl – asked about the food vendors parking along that part of Union
 - Olaker – does not want to impact their business – will plan to keep that space allocated for the vendors

ITEMS NEEDED ON AN UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:

1. Union Street Closure

MINUTES
APRIL 22, 2019
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
7:00 P.M.

Council Members in Attendance: Kent Butler
Samuel Crowl
Chris Fahl
Sarah Grace
Peter Kotses
Patrick McGee
Jeff Risner

Administrators and/or
Other Elected Officials: President Knisely
Mayor Patterson

Item Discussed:

- Community Food Initiatives (CFI presentation)
 - Ruth Dudding, City-County Health Department – provided an overview of the 2018 Community Food Initiatives (see attached) – the City-County Health Department recently produced a community health assessment identifying that 1/5 of all residents in Athens County are food insecure, and nearly 1/3 of all children – CFI works to ensure that everyone has access to healthy local foods – CFI distributes to 50 food access partners, and the largest of these reaches about 400 individuals weekly – introduced Maryanne Martinez, the new Director, starting next week – finally, as CFI continues to provide food access needs in Athens, she requested 2019 financial support from the City – CFI uses AmeriCorps Members, one does a lot of work with the Donation Station and another with Community Gardens – both of these support the Sustainability Plan for the City of Athens, and the cost is about \$8,000.
 - McGee – asked whether there is any effort toward community orchards
 - Dudding – CFI has created a map of all fruit and nut trees that are in the community and open to the public – orchards are something they would like to do
 - Grace – expressed her appreciation for the work that CFI does
 - Kotses – asked whether the percentages mentioned earlier identifying those in Athens County as food insecure hold true, or is there an up or down trend

-Dudding – that trend is holding or getting worse, it is not improving – CFI is working on a grant to see how they can truly measure nutrient density in terms of what CFI does bring to the area being served – such data analysis will be more helpful

-Risner – asked for a definition of food insecurity

-Dudding – essentially, enough food to maintain good health

-Mayor – asked if CFI has any ventures with Ohio University

-Dudding – have a wonderful ComCorps relationship, offer support in terms of the Donation Station food and workshops on campus – they are part of the community

-Grace – pointed out that a couple of years ago Ohio ranked third in the country for the highest number of families who are food insecure, and Athens is the poorest county in the state

- Health Impact Assessment (Richland Passageway Project presentation by Jolie Brochin)

-Grace – introduced Jolie Brochin, an Ohio University student in the Honors Tutorial College, studying Environmental Studies and Urban Planning

-Jolie Brochin – presented a Health Impact Assessment, sharing her results and recommendations (see attached)

-McGee – is concerned about the health and safety of pedestrians entering this crosswalk, but remains highly skeptical of this project – asked for any thoughts to offer for Council's consideration to increase safety at the crossing prior to the building of the passageway

-Brochin – offered that better signage or signalization would be helpful

-Crowl – has received a complaint that the crosswalk is not well illuminated and asked her if she had given thought to that as well

-Brochin – agrees that it is poorly lit

-Crowl – asked if she had any data on use of the blue emergency lights, or if it simply provides a sense of safety

-Brochin – believes it provides more of a sense of safety, as a backup immediate contact

-Risner – asked if security cameras should be considered

-Brochin – would be an added safety feature, along with enhanced lighting of the passageway area

MINUTES
CITY & SAFETY SERVICES COMMITTEE
APRIL 22, 2019
7:00 p.m.

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Chris Fahl, Vice-Chair
Sarah Grace, Member

Administrators and/or
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Mayor Patterson

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- EPW Equipment Disposal
 - Butler – items to be disposed of have a value of greater than \$1000 – items include survey equipment, Kubota zero turn mowers, Ford Gravely two wheel tractors, and a 1990 Vac-truck

- Internet Auction
 - Butler – EPW would like permission to sell items no longer needed through an online auction, similar to e-Bay – this is a way to sell items that are unique and that wouldn't be of interest locally, i.e. an old municipal pool pump, but could be used by another community

 - Mayor – indicated that prior to renovation of the WTP, the City's plant operator went online to locate old parts to maintain our City's services

 - Butler – important to try to repurpose these items

ITEMS NEEDED ON THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:

1. Equipment Disposal
2. Internet Auction