

CITY OF BOULDER, COLORADO
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING MINUTES FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMISSION: UNIVERSITY HILL COMMERCIAL AREA
MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

NAME/TELEPHONE OF PERSON PREPARING SUMMARY: Molly Winter 303-413-7317

NAMES OF MEMBERS, STAFF, AND INVITED GUESTS PRESENT

BOARD MEMBERS: DAHL, GRIFFITH (absent), MILLER (absent), MITCHELL, SHRUM

STAFF: WINTER, LANDRITH, CUNNINGHAM, JOBERT, MATTHEWS, COON

GUEST(S): JANE STOYVA, CASEY MIDLEN, NICOLE EWAYS

TYPE OF MEETING: MINUTES OFF SITE MEETING: July 15, 2009

AGENDA ITEM 1 - Roll Call: Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – Approval of the June 17, 2009 Minutes. (SEE ACTION ITEM BELOW)

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Public Participation: Casey Mindlin, a senior at CU, presented his proposal for starting a nighttime taxi service targeted at CU students in the University Hill area, Wednesday through Saturday, from 7pm to 4am, within an area bounded generally from Baseline to Walnut, 9th to Broadway. He has ten committed drivers, and widespread support: testimonials, petition signatures, and a Facebook page with 400 followers. He has hired a lawyer and is preparing for a hearing in front of the Colorado PUC in September in which he needs to prove to be managerially, operationally and financially fit. He projects 150 rides per night based on feedback from his petition survey, which would cover his start up expenses within one year. The fee would be \$4 per ride on the Hill and \$5 per ride to Downtown. He would use private cars and independent contractors. He believes this is a reasonable solution to late night transportation issues on the Hill and can assure availability based on the narrow area.

Stoyva suggested targeting the senior community on the Hill. Dahl expressed her opinion that it was a great idea. Mitchell suggested becoming familiar with the PUC hearing process and bringing supporters to the hearing. Officer Coon said it could get some people off the streets late at night and asked that the taxi drivers drive safely.

Shrum proposed the motion: UHCAMC support the concept of Mindlin’s community initiative of the late night, long-term taxi service since it would increase safety and provide a needed service for residents and students on University Hill. Dahl seconded the motion. All approved.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Police Update: Coon passed out updated stats comparing 2009 to 2008. The only area with significant change is “suspicious activity” - 10 calls as opposed to two in 2008. He surmised that it was because of the illegal magazine solicitors; several arrested. Shrum asked if there was any added focus on dealing with the homeless and Coon responded that there had not been a directive from the Police Department.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – UHNA Update: Stoyva commented that there were the usual complaints about the fireworks. Stoyva mentioned the “blue bus” on the Hill causing safety issues and added graffiti. Mathews responded that parking enforcement was following the normal procedures but the owner of the vehicle would move the bus at the last minute to avoid any citations.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – Hill Flea Event Update: Eways updated the Commission on the Hill Flea – 10 Sundays August 23 through October 25 on Pennsylvania between 12 and 13th. Have 25 vendors for opening

day, sponsors (CU and city of Boulder) and media sponsors (KGNU, Boulder Weekly). The largest expense is the traffic control and they were looking for ways to reduce that expense. Eways reaching out to Hill businesses to get them involved but it was slow going; she asked the commissioners to reach out to Hill businesses to set their involvement either with a booth (single or shared) or coupons. Stoyva will put out an email to the Hill neighbors about the opportunities to rent a booth for yard sales.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – Matters from the Commissioners: Shrum read the email from Griffith regarding the CU Buff logo on the street at 13th and Penn about the stencil being “art.” Staff explained that the city and businesses had been working with CU to get a CU presence on the Hill for several years and it was not really a part of the neighborhood art in the streets program. The Commission supported moving forward with the logo application and see what feedback was received. Shrum commented that in the CU Student survey, students wanted better maintenance and more parking – things that the Commission could work on. Mitchell said he was continuing to work on a Sanitation District in the area surrounding the Hill Commercial District and would have more information for the workshop on the 29th. Dahl asked about the banners. Staff responded that the banners would be going up that day.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – Matters from Staff: Winter provided an update on the upcoming Hill Revitalization Workshop on July 29 and passed out an agenda. Shrum recommended that the commissioners read the work done by PUMA for other cities, as there was commonality with the Hill. Jobert provided an update on the 2010 budget to be formally presented by the city manager in August. The 2010 budget has no increase in NPE. Current revenues are greater than last year but under budget. Shrum commented that the sales tax revenues for the Hill were holding steady, which was not the case for the downtown.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am. Mitchell moved to adjourn at 10:40pm. Shrum seconded. All in favor.

MOTIONS: Dahl motioned for approval of the June 17, 2009 meeting minutes. Shrum seconded the motion; unanimously approved.

August 19, 2009	FUTURE MEETINGS: Council Chambers 9:00 a.m.	Regular Meeting
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APPROVED BY: _____ UNIVERSITY HILL COMMERCIAL AREA
MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Attest: _____

William Shrum, Chairperson