

Minutes

Student Community Relations Advisory Board

Thomas Center B, Room 105
302 NE 6th AVE, Gainesville, FL

August 25, 2016
Thursday, 8:00 AM

Members Present: Nora Kilroy – UF Advisor (Chair)
James Tyger – Voting Non-Student Member (Vice-chair)
Layne Prebor – Voting Non-Student Member
Thomas Rider – Voting Non-Student Member
Sarah Blanc – Non-voting Advisor
Valery Raymond – Voting Student Member
Clarinda Choice – Non-voting Advisor

Members Absent: Anthony Rychkov – Voting Student Member
Harold Shaw – Voting Student Member
Ricardo Sabater – Voting Student Member

City Staff Present: Pete Backhaus – Code Enforcement Supervisor (Liaison)
Justin Torres – Gainesville Police Department
Ryan Hinote – Code Enforcement Officer
Christopher Cooper – Code Enforcement Manager

Other Guests: Donald Shephard – 2018 Mayoral Candidate

Goal:

The goal of the Student Community Relations Advisory Board (SCRAB) is to strive for a more cohesive non-student and student community; to act as a vehicle for students and non-students to voice their concerns and opinions; to review, discuss and forward recommendations as appropriate, on issues, concerns and initiatives relevant to students and non-students; to assess and address needs of non-students as they pertain to student issues; to be a knowledgeable liaison between the City Commission and the students and nonstudents of Gainesville; to encourage involvement by non-students and students in planning and implementation of improvements; and to ensure that student issues are addressed by providing a link between the students, non-students, and the City Commission.

A. CALL TO ORDER

- * Chair Nora Kilroy called the meeting to order at 8:06 AM.
- * The Minutes of June 16, 2016 were reviewed. Vice-chair Tyger motioned to approve the Minutes; seconded by Mr. Prebor. Minutes were approved as written.
- * An attendance sheet was circulated.

* All members and attendees introduced themselves.

B. STAFF REPORT

Liaison Backhaus turned the floor over to Code Enforcement Officer Hinote. With the student turn, trash, yard parking and overgrown grass have been prominent issues. Code Enforcement and Solid Waste are being proactive and informational through the end of the month.

Liaison Backhaus said the Pavilion has had several issue recently. Solid Waste was directly involved; apartment management is working diligently to resolve the infractions.

Officer Hinote and Liaison Backhaus have been working with Chair Kilroy to plan the annual Neighborhood Walk, which is scheduled for August 31, 2016.

C. GPD REPORT

Officer Torres informed the Board that up-and-coming presentations will be held to discuss safety and the under-age prohibition ordinance, which will soon be presented to the City Commission. A meeting, focusing on student government, has been scheduled for September 19, 2016 at the Gainesville Police Department at 6 PM . The focus of the meeting is a discussion on the under-age prohibition ordinance and mutual positive changes.

Friday evening is a downtown ride-along. Anonymous portable breath tests will be available to those interested; this is to encourage awareness and to gather general data.

Vehicular traffic road closures for UF football games will occur on University Avenue from the 1700 Block to the 2100 Block three hours before kick-off until two hours after the end of the game. Water barriers will be used at each end of University Ave. Emergency vehicles are permitted to pass through.

D. BOARD ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED

Discussion Topics:

Election of new chair and vice-chair -

Nora Kilroy was re-nominated for Chair

James Tyger was re-nominated for Vice-chair

FY 17 Funding Brainstorm (FY is Oct 1 – Sept 30) -

Tabled until next meeting

Rental Welcome on August 31, 2016 from 1 PM to 5 PM -

For the past eight years members of Off Campus Life, Solid Waste, Gainesville Police Department, Code Enforcement proactively go door-to-door to approximately 700 rentals

to welcome and educate students on issues such as garbage pick-up and requirements, yard parking, game day parking, how to be good neighbors, introducing themselves to neighbors, a packet of information with everything they need to know, a yellow overflow bag, GPD info including scooter info, student services, fire safety and other information. No citations are issued. Contact Chair Kilroy if you are interested in participating.

The University Context Area has changed slightly.

Off Campus Wi-Fi Locations Map

Chair Kilroy asked the Board for approval to post a Google map of off campus Wi-Fi locations such as libraries, cafes, restaurants, etc. as information for students. The Board unanimously approved.

Speakers from other locations

Chair Kilroy queried the Board's opinion about continuing to invite guest speakers to discuss various issues of interest and concern. The Board unanimously agreed that guests and speakers should continue to be invited to Board meetings.

A representative from Sorority & Fraternal Affairs will be invited to the next meeting. A discussion topic to explore is housing; ample conveniently located housing is available for students, unfortunately UF faculty and staff have difficulty finding affordable housing close to campus.

Next Month's Discussion Topics:

- Sorority & Fraternal Affairs
- ASO or UF Planning Office
- The Rental Welcome is August 31, 2016 from Noon to 5 PM.
- 2016/2017 Budget information will be available for September's meeting.
- Chair Kilroy will bring a sample map of Wi-Fi off campus locations which will be published on Facebook.

Future suggested topics:

- Guests who impact community relations
- Apartment management representation
- Neighborhood density issues
- UAA
- The Foundation
- Land Acquisition
- IFAS and other agricultural programs
- Alcohol Beverage Tobacco
- Santa Fe College Downtown Campus
- Solid Waste – Sustainability Issues
- GRU Representation
- Commissioner Representation

New Business: No new business was brought to the table

Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting:

- The September meeting will be Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 8:00 AM at Thomas Center "A", Room 105, 302 NE 6th AVE, Gainesville, FL.
- The October meeting will be Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 8:00 AM at Thomas Center

PUBLIC/MEMBER COMMENTS

Meeting adjourned 9:23 AM.