



Prosperity & Livability Committee
Members: Ewing, Hill, Wagner and Williams
Chaired by Council Member Ewing
3rd Floor Lobby Conference Room
March 1, 2017 – 9:00 A.M.

MEETING MINUTES

Present:

Committee Chair Jason Ewing, and Committee Members Alyce Hill, Jay Wagner and Chris Williams

Staff Present:

Randy McCaslin, Deputy City Manager; JoAnne Carlyle, City Attorney; Eric Olmedo, Budget & Administrative Director; Jeron Hollis, Director of Communications & Public Engagement; Lee Tillery, Parks & Recreation Director; and Lisa Vierling, City Clerk

Others Present:

Judy Stalder (TREBIC) and Barry Kitley, HPU

News Media:

Pat Kimbrough, High Point Enterprise

Handouts:

- *HPU- Greenway Ornamental Fencing & Maintenance Site w/ HPU Owned Properties*
- *Encroachment Agreement Exhibit for Fence Encroachment (E. Farris, Fifth St., and Park Areas)*

Note: These handouts will be attached as a permanent part of these proceedings.

Chairman Ewing called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

1) Discussion: Encroachment Agreement Along a Northern Portion of East Farris Avenue

Deputy City Manager Randy McCaslin advised that Barry Kitley with High Point University has approached the City about an encroachment agreement on the southern edge of the northern section of East Farris. The City has an existing Memorandum of Understanding with HPU that already grants an encroachment agreement along the southern portion of East Farris. The current MOU covers the southern portion of East Farris and the area along N. Centennial. HPU is requesting that the City Council also grant them an encroachment agreement along the northern boundary as well. Discussions between HPU and City staff have taken place regarding a number of factors in the area. A map was distributed identifying the properties that HPU owns/controls .

At this time, Barry Kitley with HPU addressed the Committee. He reiterated that HPU would also like to add an encroachment agreement for the northern portion for the purpose of putting HPU's signature fence on the property. He further stated that they would like to "Adopt a Park" and create a garden in this area from N. Centennial to University Parkway. Maintenance of the park will also be a part of the encroachment agreement and HPU has agreed to maintain the actual asphalt, mowing, general maintenance, etc., which they estimate it will cost around \$25,000 a year to maintain. Mr. Kitley stated that he has spoken with the Mays who live on the corner and they are supportive of this project and plan on attending the Council meeting.

It was reported that they are having issues with some of the students using the property as a cut-thru and the fencing would help mitigate some of that.

Chairman Ewing suggested this might be a good opportunity to place some edible plantings alongside the greenway. He asked if the fencing would allow them to control the access better. Mr. Kitley explained that those using the Greenway are supposed to technically stay on the Greenway and this would not change, but pointed out Public Services would have access to do whatever needs to be done. Committee Member Wagner asked if consideration was given to making sure emergency services could get into the area and the case of an emergency. Lee Tillery, Director of Parks & Recreation explained in these types of situations, "gaters" are used which would allow them to access to the Greenway to enable them to respond in the case of an emergency. He felt comfortable this would work because they would have total accessibility. As a matter of clarity, Committee Member Williams wanted to ensure there would still be public access and emergency access to the Greenway. Mr. Tillery replied in the affirmative.

Chairman Ewing asked if HPU plans on putting any extra lighting in for nighttime use. Mr. Kitley noted they could do that. Mr. McCaslin pointed out there is currently no lighting on this part of the Greenway, but lights are on both sides of the road. Mr. Tillery explained the reasoning behind that is due to all the open spaces that are not secured are typically open from dawn to dusk. For safety sake, Mr. Kitley proposed for HPU to add lights.

Chairman Ewing inquired about the City's "Adopt A Park" program and asked if the City has an "Adopt a Greenway" program in place. Mr. Tillery advised that the "Adopt A Park" program has been revised and new standards are now in place. He noted that the City does not currently have an "Adopt a Greenway" program, but could certainly look into adding it. Ms. Carlyle advised the current MOU could be modified to add interests that HPU will be receiving.

Committee Member Wagner made a motion to place this matter on the March 20, 2017 agenda with a favorable recommendation for approval. Committee Member Hill made a second to the motion, which carried unanimously. [4-0 vote]

2) Update: Connect HP Efforts

Chairman Ewing reported this update would be heard in April because both the Chair and Vice Chair for Connect HP were tied up at the CVB's retreat to get input on the CVB's goals for the next few years. He also reminded everyone that the Connect HP Young Professional Party in the Park is scheduled for Saturday, May 27th and asked everyone to spread the word to have the young professionals come out to enjoy the party.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m. upon motion duly made and seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa B. Vierling, MMC
City Clerk

Jason P. Ewing, Chairman