

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING**

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON Monday, September 15, 2014, AT 6:00 p.m. IN THE Second Floor Conference Room.

THE PROPOSED AGENDA IS AS FOLLOWS:

Closed session as provided by Section 2.2-3712 of the Virginia Code

BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR

BY Paige Rice

**SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM – September 15, 2014**

Council met in special session on this date with the following members present: Ms. Smith, Ms. Galvin, Mr. Huja, Ms. Szakos, Mr. Fenwick.

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Ms. Smith, Council voted, (Ayes: Mr. Huja, Ms. Galvin, Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Smith, Ms. Szakos; Noes: None), to meet in closed session for (1) Discussion and consideration of prospective candidates for appointment to City boards and commissions, and a discussion of the performance of a specific public officer, all as authorized by Va. Code sec. 2.2-3711 (A) (1); and, (2) Discussion of the terms and conditions for the sale of City-owned real property on Water Street that is the current location of the City Market, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating strategy of the City, as authorized by Va. Code sec. 2.2-3711 (A) (3).

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Ms. Smith, Council certified by the following vote (Ayes: Ms. Galvin, Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Smith, Ms. Szakos, Mr. Huja; Noes: None), that to the best of each Council Member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and identified in the motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed or considered in the closed session.

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS – September 15, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council met on this date with the following members present: Ms. Smith, Ms. Galvin, Mr. Huja, Ms. Szakos, Mr. Fenwick.

**AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Smith announced the upcoming National Citizen's Survey; postcards will be mailed in October.

Ms. Galvin read the OneVirginia2012: Virginians for Fair Redistricting resolution that Council will vote on as part of the consent agenda. This resolution supports depoliticizing the redistricting process.

Mr. Fenwick thanked the parents and teachers at Burnley-Moran for bringing their students to Council Chambers this past week.

Ms. Szakos said the Charlottesville Sabroso will be this Saturday from 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the McGuffey Arts Center. The Downtown Agriculture Fair will also take place on Saturday at Lee Park. This Sunday, the mid-town Street Fair will take place from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. On Wednesday, September 17, the Immigration Fair will take place at the JMR Library. On October 2, Council will hold a work session on the Strategic Plan at City Space. On Tuesday, Sept. 23 there will be a joint work session with PLACE and the Planning Commission on the code audit at City Space. For more information on these meetings, please go to [www.charlottesville.org](http://www.charlottesville.org).

## **MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC**

Ms. Laura Brown, 911 Nassau St., member of Friends of Rives Park, said tonight is an opportunity to create a vibrant park by approving the amendment to the Rives Park Master Plan. She asked Council to support gardens in the park. She asked those who support the gardens to stand.

Mr. Mike Bissell, president of the Jefferson area Tea Party, said they will hold their second economic summit at Lane Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. He said he would like to see the parkway from McIntire to Charlottesville High School opened as soon as possible.

Ms. Mary Carey, 100 Ridge St., Midway Manor, said she has not heard from anyone about Midway Manor and South Street. She gave Council a copy of petitions and said the new crosswalk does not allow for pedestrian visibility around the curve.

Mr. Louis Shultz, 1809 E. Market St., said this is the 23rd time he has come to Council accusing staff of violating City and state code and civil rights statutes regarding Steephill Street.

Ms. Karen Patterson, 354 11th St. NW, said she does not feel it is fair to have to pay for permit parking at her home.

Mr. Bill Emory, 1604 E. Market St., asked Council to vote to design a paradigmatic neighborhood byway for item six on the agenda regarding Franklin Street. He said wide streets give a dangerous message that drivers can go as fast as they please.

Mr. John Gaines, 214 9th St. NW, said allowing drivers to leave the Coke plant via Albemarle St. will be an issue. He is concerned about how the traffic from this new development will affect the neighborhood. He asked if the rescue squad will be collecting from insurance for transportation, because if so he feels he does not need to continue to donate money.

He said he hopes the permit parking on tonight's agenda will take effect, and he said it will be more effective once it is enforced. Officers seem to pass by 9th St. when enforcing the permits.

Mr. Scott Burns, 514 11th St., NW, said he is against the parking tax on 11th Street. He said based on the background material, the decision is being based on 14 households. He said other neighborhoods with far greater property values are paying the same parking permit fee as their lower income neighborhood. Until a majority of the residents in his neighborhood support it, permit parking should not be approved.

A citizen said the City bus system has been improved, but it still has room for improvement. The bus stop directly across from Lucky 7, just outside the back door near the City Hall Annex, has been taken over by a hostile group. People, especially women, walk several blocks in order to avoid that bus stop. These folks are not using the bus system, and something needs to be done to stop them from congregating.

Ms. Lena Seville, 808 Altavista Ave., President of the Transit Riders Association, said both Route 1 and Route 3 use the stop across from Lucky 7 on Market St. Many people are concerned about this stop. There is no street light here, and the stop is deserted after dark. People loitering here are not using the bus system. The spot that was taken away in front of the parking garage is a safer spot. She said she supports community gardens for Rives Park.

Mr. Don Gaithers, 408 11th St., NW, said he is opposed to the parking permit issue on the agenda. This is a tax and is unfair to him and his neighborhood. This is driven by the University and is not fair to permanent residents.

Mr. Matthew Slaats, 100 Kelsey Ct., Executive Director of the Bridge Arts Initiative, said they recently received the National Endowment for the Arts Our Town Grant, which will be used to foster arts for the area. He invited the community to help with their experience, knowledge and financial support to make this project successful.

## **COUNCIL RESPONSE TO MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Huja said he has visited the site Ms. Carey referred to, and the crosswalk approved by City Council seems safe and is in the best location. He has heard from two Midway Manor residents who like the location and believe it has slowed traffic. He asked staff to look into the problematic bus stop on E. Market St.

Ms. Szakos said what we have come up with at South Street slows traffic, allows people to cross at a safe place, and solves the issue of the blind curve. She said the parking permit process was initiated at the request of residents on Page Street. We will discuss this further later in the agenda. She said the rescue squad will still have costs that are not covered by insurance, and she encouraged citizens to continue to donate. She said the parkway will be open relatively soon, by the end of the year. Mr. Jones said that is the hope. She shared Mr. Gaines' concern about traffic from Albemarle Street. She said she has also been accosted at the bus stop across from Lucky 7, and this needs to be addressed. She has seen ambulances there twice. She thanked Mr. Slaats for being here to speak about the NEA Grant.

Ms. Galvin said she also would like staff to look into the dangerous bus stop. She asked how people can find meeting agendas and minutes for the CAT Advisory Board and said they need to be accessible to the public.

Ms. Smith said we heard a lot about streets tonight, and this is an important time to plan our streets holistically. Ms. Smith said she agrees with Ms. Carey that the South Street solution is not what Council discussed. She said we still need participation from the 10th & Page neighborhood for the CDBG Task Force. Contact the Clerk of Council, or email [clerk@charlottesville.org](mailto:clerk@charlottesville.org) for more information on how to apply. She thanked the Rives Garden supporters for their participation in tonight's meeting.

Mr. Fenwick said he agreed with Ms. Carey that this is not the plan Council voted for. He said people are not using the crosswalks, and none of the parking spaces were removed. He thanked the Rives Garden supporters. He said Mr. Gaines does not want the rear gate opened at the Coke plant. He said there is a problem with alcoholism around town. He asked staff to address the problem with the bus stop on Market Street.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **Minutes for September 2**
- b. **APPROPRIATION: Police Vehicle and Related Equipment Purchase - \$213, 758 (2nd reading)**

### [Police Vehicle and Related Equipment Purchase](#)

- c. **APPROPRIATION: Bama Works Fund of the Dave Matthews Band - Grant for City Swim Program - \$5,000 (2nd reading)**

### [Bama Works Fund of the Dave Matthews Band - Grant for City Swim Program](#)

- d. **APPROPRIATION: Charlottesville/Albemarle Adult Drug Treatment Court Grant Award - \$205,000 (2nd reading)**

### [Charlottesville/Albemarle Adult Drug Treatment Court Grant Award](#)

- e. **APPROPRIATION: Virginia Homelessness Solutions Grant(VHSP) -\$618,552 (2nd reading)**

### [Virginia Homelessness Solutions Grant](#)

- f. **APPROPRIATION: Victim Witness Assistance Program Grant - \$176,001 (2nd reading)**

[Victim Witness Assistance Program Grant](#)

- g. APPROPRIATION: Greenstone on 5th Sponsorship Agreement for Enhanced Police Coverage - \$84,194 (carried)**

[Greenstone on 5th Sponsorship Agreement for Enhanced Police Coverage](#)

- h. APPROPRIATION: State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) Grant for 2014-AP-BX-0215 for \$6,629 (carried)**

[State Criminal Alien Assistance Program \(SCAAP\) Grant](#)

- i. RESOLUTION: OneVirginia2012: Virginians for Fair Redistricting**

[OneVirginia2012: Virginians for Fair Redistricting](#)

- j. RESOLUTION: HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Repayment for 401 Avon St. - \$37,425**

[HOME Investment Partnership \(HOME\) Repayment](#)

- k. ORDINANCE: Permit Parking Zone Ordinance Update (2nd reading)**

[Permit Parking Zone Ordinance Update](#)

- l. ORDINANCE: Delinquent Tax Lists Ordinance Update (2nd reading)**

[Delinquent Tax Lists Ordinance Update](#)

- m. ORDINANCE: Investment Committee Ordinance Change (2nd reading)**

[Investment Committee Ordinance Change](#)

- n. ORDINANCE: Quitclaim Gas Easement to VDOT- Shannon Glen Court (2nd reading)**

[Quitclaim Gas Easement to VDOT- Shannon Glen Court](#)

- o. ORDINANCE: Granting an Easement for Schenks Branch Interceptor (2nd reading)**

[Granting an Easement for Schenks Branch Interceptor](#)

Item m was removed for discussion by Mr. Huja. Mr. Fenwick said he will ask the Police Chief for a list of vehicles being purchased. Ms. Szakos pointed out the large sum of grant

money on the consent agenda. Ms. Smith thanked BAMA Works for supporting many of the Parks and Recreation programs. She said it is a shame children are not taught how to swim in schools anymore.

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Ms. Smith, the consent agenda passed unanimously, excepting item m. (Ayes: Ms. Szakos, Ms. Smith, Mr. Huja, Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Galvin; Noes: None.)

**PUBLIC HEARING / ORDINANCE: Abandon Gas Line Easement - Lochlyn Hills (carried)**

Abandon Gas Line Easement - Lochlyn Hills

Mr. Brown presented to Council regarding a request from the developer to release a portion of an easement due to the encroachment of a free-standing garage upon one of the easements. The City engineer has no objection to releasing it.

The public hearing was opened. Having no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

On motion by Ms. Galvin, seconded by Ms. Szakos, the ordinance carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING / ORDINANCE: Rives Park Boundary Line Adjustment (deferred)**

Rives Park Boundary Line Adjustment

Mr. Gensic presented to Council on the Rives Park boundary line adjustment. The southwest corner has been renovated, and a small south west corner of the park that is unusable has been maintained for years by the adjacent land owner.

The public hearing was opened. Having no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Huja said this property is worth over \$4,000 dollars, and he is opposed to giving the property away for free.

Ms. Smith said we should always sell land and not give it away for free, but she wants to be sure the value reflects that not much can be done with it. The costs associated with selling it should be deducted from the price set.

Ms. Szakos said we need a basic policy about this, but selling this at market value does not reflect the fact that the owner has been maintaining this land for the City for years, and the cost should be made nominal to reflect that.

Mr. Brown said the policy for the sale of City-owned property, in place since 2005, is that the City would charge fair market value. This allows for non-monetary compensation as well.

Mr. Fenwick asked if the intention is to fence the entire park. Mr. Gensic said most of the park is already fenced. Mr. Fenwick said we could come off the policy a bit. Mr. Huja said he would be willing to sell at 50% of fair market value. Ms. Szakos agreed. Mr. Brown said Council can defer action until staff finds out if this offer is acceptable to the landowner.

The landowner was invited to speak. He said he has been cutting the grass on this parcel since 1992, and he thought it was his property. He said it does not matter whether they want to give it to him or not; he will continue to cut the grass either way. He said he would not pay for the land, but he would pay for the transfer, which would cost nearly \$1,000.

Council directed staff to speak with the landowner. The item was deferred.

### **RESOLUTION: Rives Park Master Plan Amendment**

#### [Rives Park Master Plan Amendment](#)

Mr. Daly presented to Council regarding the master plan to Rives Park and reviewed the public engagement process. Staff recommends an amendment to the plan be adopted that includes gardens in the park in lieu of the proposed sand volleyball court.

Ms. Szakos asked if the neighbors gardening there can have rain barrels. Mr. Daly said they can. Ms. Smith asked about the concept of having a community garden. Mr. Daly said this is a management issue; tonight's decision is simply a matter of land use. Ms. Smith asked if there is oversight for people who abandon their garden. Mr. Daly said staff has been more active in managing plots that have been abandoned. He described the priority system. He said 75-85% of renters are City residents. Ms. Smith asked about plot size. Mr. Daly said this location will not allow for plots as big as those at Azalea Park.

Mr. Fenwick asked if the amount of land dedicated to gardens has been determined. Mr. Daly said it has not.

Ms. Szakos moved to adopt the amendment, with priority being given to residents who live within a half mile. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The resolution passed. (Ayes: Ms. Szakos, Ms. Smith, Mr. Huja, Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Galvin; Noes: None.)

### **RESOLUTION: 10th & Page and Fifeville Neighborhood Permit Parking**

#### [10th & Page and Fifeville Neighborhood Permit Parking](#)

Ms. Donovan Branche presented to Council. Only 38% of the ballots distributed regarding permit parking were returned. She asked Council to decide if they want to extend the trial for one year, and whether they wanted to include Anderson Street in the trial. City Code stipulates a petition with a 75% response rate before a decision can be made.

Mr. Huja said he is in favor of expanding the trial to 11th St. and Anderson St. He said the response rate after a year should match the 75% stipulated by code.

Ms. Szakos asked if residents have to pay for their permit. Ms. Branche said during the trial period, they are free. Fees are structured according to need and availability of off street parking.

Ms. Szakos says extending for another year makes sense. She asked if a summer intern could go door-to-door again for signatures. She has heard feedback that 11th Street and Anderson Street do not favor permit parking. She said we need to include enforcement during the trial period.

Ms. Galvin said she wants to make sure this is somehow tied into the Nelson Nygard parking study. She agreed to the extension because staff will have more information from the parking study after the course of one year.

Ms. Smith said she noticed the further away from the University the residents lived, the fewer of them that supported it and believes this is overreaching. This might work better in some neighborhoods than others based on neighborhood demographics. She asked if we can make it a 2 hour limit so that visitors can come, but all day parking would not be permitted.

Ms. Szakos said we may want to examine if this is an overall category we can implement, not just for this neighborhood.

Mr. Fenwick said if you do not implement this, people will be displaced from their parking spots.

Ms. Smith said she would support this if 11th Street and Anderson Street were removed and if the trial were six months instead of a year.

Ms. Galvin moved to extend the trial for six months, excluding Anderson Street and 11th Street NW, but taking into account the pending parking study by Nelson Nygard and pending data collected by staff. Ms. Szakos seconded the motion. The motion passed. (Ayes: Ms. Szakos, Ms. Smith, Mr. Huja, Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Galvin; Noes: None.)

The new six month trial period will begin September 1.

## **RESOLUTION: Franklin Street Project Update**

### [Franklin Street Project Update](#)

Ms. Branche gave Council an overview of the history of this request. Staff evaluated that the recommended solution by Council earlier in the summer and determined that it created an unsafe condition.

Ms. Galvin said it is difficult to determine whether trucks are through trucks or not. She asked if staff could look at the sidewalk in conjunction with identifying where pinch points can occur to figure out how they can fit together well. This would slow traffic and provide safe

pedestrian access. Look at the entire street from E. Market to Carlton, and make it look like a real thoroughfare with its own character.

Ms. Carrie Rainey said sidewalks were to be implemented immediately because of the long-standing request and concern for safety. A yield street design would require a sidewalk either way.

Ms. Galvin said she would like this implemented in conjunction with a prohibition on through truck traffic.

In response to an inquiry from Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Rainey explained why a guard rail would not be a feasible solution.

Ms. Smith asked about the historic wall. Ms. Branche said the wall would have to be dismantled and moved back.

Mr. Huja said he supports two-way traffic here.

Ms. Galvin made a motion that no physical action will be taken until such time as a plan and section design of a two way street the entire length of the street from E. Market to Carlton is completed and reviewed by Council at a future date, to include integrated sidewalks with pinch points, moving the retaining wall to accommodate the sidewalk but with a rock face design that the community has the opportunity to review and comment on, public review of the overall design by neighborhood associations, and prohibition of through truck traffic.

Ms. Szakos said her real concern is delaying pedestrian safety. The only way she can see to improve pedestrian safety in the short term is to install a sidewalk.

Mr. Huja said installing a sidewalk now does not preclude Ms. Galvin's motion. Ms. Galvin said she could not support installing a sidewalk without a comprehensive look at the street design.

Ms. Smith moved to prohibit through trucks. Ms. Szakos seconded the motion. (Ayes: Ms. Szakos, Ms. Smith, Mr. Huja, Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Galvin; Noes: None.)

Ms. Smith seconded Ms. Galvin's motion. Mr. Huja said there would be a cost for this study.

Ms. Szakos moved to amend the motion to move the wall now and wait to install sidewalks until a study is done. Ms. Galvin did not accept the amendment to the motion.

Ms. Smith said she would be amendable to going forward, but she wanted to know the costs first. Mr. Jones said staff can return to Council with a figure.

Mr. Jones asked how long it would take to install sidewalks. Ms. Branche said sidewalks could be installed around spring 2015. Ms. Szakos asked about the timeframe for the rock wall. Ms. Branche said she would check to see if it could be moved this fall.

A vote was called for Ms. Galvin's motion. (Ayes: Ms. Galvin, Ms. Smith; Noes: Mr. Huja, Ms. Szakos, Mr. Fenwick.) The motion failed.

Ms. Szakos asked to defer a decision to the next meeting to see how long would be needed to get the study Ms. Galvin suggested completed.

Ms. Szakos moved to relocate the stone wall and wait until the next Council meeting to make a decision with further information. The motion died for lack of second.

Council took a brief recess.

### **RESOLUTION: Red Pump Kitchen - 401 E. Main St. BAR Appeal**

#### [Red Pump Kitchen - 401 E. Main St. BAR Appeal](#)

Ms. Scala presented the staff report to Council. Applicants are appealing an August 19 decision by the BAR to deny their application at 401 Main St., the Red Pump restaurant. She reviewed the history of the application and the BAR decision.

Ms. Molly Lapekis, who submitted the appeal on behalf of owners Dean and Lynn Andrews, addressed Council. Applicants would like to keep the chocolate noir finish on their patio fence and furniture. She said the high quality and beauty of the materials, the ironwork and other design elements are consistent with what the BAR asked for.

Ms. Melanie Miller, Chair of the BAR, said the patio has been discussed at length at three different meetings. There are opportunities for great flexibility among the Downtown Mall's outdoor cafes, and flexibility has already been permitted on this property. She said the color black provides continuity on the Downtown Mall and is in keeping with the Halprin design.

Ms. Galvin asked the applicants if they got samples before ordering the materials. Ms. Lapekis said the owners believed the materials were close enough to what was required when they viewed it in person.

Ms. Szakos moved to uphold the BAR's decision. Ms. Galvin seconded the motion. Ms. Smith said the restaurant is incredibly good and beautiful. Ms. Galvin said a sample should have been obtained and brought to the BAR for approval. The motion to uphold the BAR decision passed. (Ayes: Ms. Szakos, Ms. Smith, Mr. Huja, Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Galvin; Noes: None.)

### **REPORT: Community Action on Obesity (CAO) Update**

#### [Community Action on Obesity Update](#)

Ms. Barbara Yager with the Health Department, and past chair of the CAO, presented to Council. Dr. Diane Whaley and Ms. Jackie Martin, Director of Community Benefit at Martha Jefferson were also present. Dr. Diane Whaley gave a power point presentation. Ms. Jackie Martin reviewed CAO's recommendations to combat obesity, including access to healthy childcare, support for nutrition and exercise programs in schools, community programming and education, promotion of healthy work place environments, and support for local government infrastructure and systems that support healthy foods and active lifestyles. Ms. Yager said CAO is retiring and leaving their good work in the hands of their partners and the City. Councilors thanked Ms. Yager for her hard work and commitment to this project.

Ms. Szakos asked if they have collective impact data for the City's children. Ms. Yager said the data for children in the area is pretty level, which is positive since the national average is going up. There is a huge discrepancy according to race. Ms. Szakos asked if there was a socioeconomic breakdown. Ms. Yager said they choose not to do this because of political implications. Ms. Szakos said she hopes we will continue the after school meal program. Ms. Galvin said this should be mapped to the census tract.

**RESOLUTION: Critical Slopes Waiver for St. Anne's Belfield**

[Critical Slopes Waiver for St. Anne's Belfield](#)

Mr. Haluska presented to Council on the critical slopes waiver request from St. Anne's Belfield school and reviewed staff recommendations and conditions.

Ms. Smith asked to clarify the overriding public good of this waiver request. Mr. Haluska reviewed the options considered by staff and said the opportunity to get rid of the invasive species on the slopes was the overriding factor. Ms. Smith said she disagreed with using an invasive species argument to justify a critical slopes waiver, especially in light of the fact that kudzu is actually very good at stabilizing soil. She asked if the bio-retention facility is on the critical slope as well. Mr. Haluska said a portion of it is. Ms. Smith said we are giving a waiver for two elements.

Mr. Dan Sutton, Civil Engineer for the STAB project, said all existing stormwater on the pervious area is currently going to the slope unchanged. They have performed more pollutant removal than is required by stormwater regulations.

Ms. Szakos moved to support the Planning Commission's recommendation. Mr. Fenwick seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith said she does not know why we have a critical slopes ordinance if we are not going to abide by it. Ms. Szakos said the ordinance provides space to consider slopes that are by definition critical slopes, but less critical than others. The resolution passed. (Ayes: Ms. Szakos, Mr. Huja, Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Galvin; Noes: Ms. Smith.)

**OTHER BUSINESS: NEA Grant**

Ms. Galvin commented on the NEA Grant Report. She said it is early in the process, and she would like to see a presentation at a later date with pictures.

Ms. Smith said she hopes they will use part of the report that to extensively explore the history of the SIA and how to invoke that history with art.

Mr. Huja said he supports the NEA Grant and looks forward to hearing from them in a few months.

**OTHER BUSINESS: Investment Committee Ordinance Change**

Mr. Huja said he would like to leave the mayor as part of the committee so there is outside representation other than staff.

Mr. Brown said it is his understanding that this investment committee has not met since anyone currently on staff can remember.

Ms. Szakos moved to amend the first reading to keep the mayor on the committee. The amendment to the first reading was accepted. (Ayes: Ms. Szakos, Ms. Smith, Mr. Huja, Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Galvin; Noes: None.)

The amended ordinance passed. (Ayes: Ms. Szakos, Ms. Smith, Mr. Huja, Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Galvin; Noes: None.)

**MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC**

Ms. Rebecca Quinn, 104 4th St., said the RWSA Quarterly Report was not on the agenda as a verbal report and will now be biannual. She asked who chooses which two reports Mr. Frederick gives. She said most of her bus travel is on the trolley, but she is concerned about the stop in front of the parking garage, as sometimes the busses would pass by without stopping because they could not see people waiting. Also, relocating the problematic stop would move it directly in front of a business. She thanked Mr. Fenwick for asking for a list of materials from the police department; many people would like to know what we are spending our money for.

Mr. Scott Bandy, 1639 Cherry Ave., said police presence to deter loitering and soliciting is only vehicular. He asked Councilors to consider asking for a charter amendment for a ward system in the City and a mayor at-large on their upcoming legislative agenda. He said he hopes registration to vote on Saturday at the Pride Festival was note specific to a party.

Mr. Matthew Slaats thanked Council for their support of the NEA grant. He said they are trying to convene a community group to think about art as a function.

Meeting adjourned.