

**Meeting Minutes**  
**State College Borough Council**  
**October 4, 2010**

The State College Borough Council met on Monday, October 4, 2010, in the State College Municipal Building, 243 South Allen Street, Room 304, State College, PA. Mayor Goreham called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Elizabeth Goreham, Mayor  
Ronald L. Filippelli, President of Council  
Thomas E. Daubert  
Donald M. Hahn  
Theresa D. Lafer  
Silvi Lawrence  
Peter Morris

Also present: Terry J. Williams, Borough Solicitor; Thomas J. Fountaine, II, Borough Manager; Roger A. Dunlap, Assistant Manager; Thomas R. King, Chief of Police; Mark A. Whitfield, Director of Public Works; Carl R. Hess, Director of Planning; Sharon K. Ergler, Assistant Borough Secretary; Charley DeBow, Parking Manager; members of the media; and other interested observers.

Ms. Goreham began with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Special Presentations and Reports**

Bike Share – Lienard Chang provided information to Council on his proposal for Bike Share. This program would provide kiosks of bicycles throughout downtown and on the Penn State Campus where people could go to check out a bicycle. They could ride it to their destination and check it back in elsewhere. Bike Share could also be utilized by Borough residents. He said this program creates a giant step forward towards the Borough's carbon footprint with a new green initiative.

Mr. Chang's goal is to make Bike Share stations available at the HUB, Penn State's commuter parking lot, and several immediate off-campus locations. His bigger goal is to have this throughout the Centre Region.

Mr. Chang said there are many successful bike share programs around the country, include Carnegie Mellon, Michigan State, and at Northwestern University. He said Bike Share is also very popular in Europe.

Mr. Morris said he thought it was a great idea. He said if it worked in Europe, it should work here. He added that the GPS and swiping card ideas are great.

Ms. Lafer said if you charge a membership fee for such a service people would tend to take better care of the bicycles.

Community Arts Collective – Natalia Pilato and Elody Gyekis provided Council with an update on the Community Arts Collective mural which is underway for West Calder Way on the side of the McLanahan's store. Ms. Gyekis said over 200 people from age 4 – 88 participated in the design process.

Ms. Pilato said the mural's unveiling will take place on November 13 at ceremony, which will include speakers, dance and musical performances, hot chocolate and cider.

Ms. Pilato and Ms. Gyekis thanked Borough Council for their support of the project.

### **Public Hour – Hearing of Citizens**

Mr. Jordan Drayton, 130 Ridge Avenue, spoke in support of Mr. Chang's Bike Share proposal. Mr. Drayton said the Bike Share Program could save the Borough money, provide healthier forms of transportation, and the overall well being of our citizens.

Mr. Sage Perisse, a member of Delta Upsilon at 229 Locust Lane, thanked Borough Council for their input about their public concert that benefitted THON.

Ms. Lafer said she had the pleasure of listening to the concert from her own kitchen. She applauded the fraternity for sticking to the rules and as promised, the event was over by 9:30 p.m.

### **Public Hearing**

2011 Consolidated Plan - Ms. Goreham asked the audience if anyone was present to provide comments on the Consolidated Plan; There was no public comment. The public hearing closed at 7:59 p.m.

### **ABC Reports**

Mr. Evan Myers, Planning Commission Chair, reported to Council on the Planning Commission's recent activities.

Mr. Myers said the Planning Commission has spent time reviewing the rezoning request for the 200 block of East Beaver Avenue and discussing the Student Overlay District.

### **Consent Items**

Mr. Hahn made a motion to approve the consent items. Ms. Lafer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously:

- Appointed Theresa Lafer as the Borough's voting delegate for the National League of Cities and Municipalities 2010 Congress of Cities Conference being held in December, and appointed Tom Fontaine as the alternate voting delegate.

- Approved the closing of 100 block of South Allen Street (College to Beaver), the 100 blocks of East and West Calder Way (Calder to Kelly Alley), and Humes Alley, for the Community Arts Collective's celebration, dedication, and unveiling

### **General Policy and Administration**

Request to Install No Parking 2 a.m. – 6 a.m. signs on Westerly Parkway between Corl Street and Hedgerow Drive - Mr. Fountaine said the majority of residents polled are in favor of the posting.

Mr. Filippelli made a motion to approve the posting. Ms. Lafer seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously to approve the posting.

Art in Public Places - Ms. Lafer made a motion to approve Art in Public Places recommendation to approve the transfer of \$1,428.80 to the Central PA Festival of the Arts for the inventory of the existing public artwork, providing the maintenance to the artwork already in place, and to put any remaining funds towards the future purchase of artwork. Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

Ms. Goreham said the AIPP Committee also wanted Rick Bryant and the CPRA to establish a committee to go forward and seek locations and artwork for the Borough.

Mr. Filippelli said the Borough cannot require the CPRA to establishment this committee, however, we can encourage them to do so.

Mr. Morris amended the motion to further request the CPFA establish a committee to raise funds for the future purchase of artwork. Mr. Filippelli seconded the amendment. The amendment passed unanimously.

Mr. Daubert said while the CPFA can purchase and select the public art, they should not be able to just place it anywhere in the Borough they want.

Mr. Fountaine said no art could be placed without the permission of the property owner.

The motion passed 4-1 with Mr. Daubert voting against the original motion.

### **Resolution to Distribute State Aid for Pensions**

Ms. Lafer made a motion to enact Resolution #1028 to distribute state aid to the Borough's Police Pension Fund and the Borough's General Government Employees' Pension Fund. Mr. Filippelli seconded the motion.

Mr. Hahn asked if there was an option, which would permit the Borough to pay this off over several years. Mr. Fountaine said no, this is for the 2010 Budget only. He noted that Borough Council voted in September to decline the 25% reduction of the minimum obligation.

The motion passed unanimously.

### **Regional Issue**

Centre County 2010 Hazard Mitigation Plan - Emergency Management Coordinator, Shawn Kauffman, said in accordance with Section 322 of the District Mitigation Act of 2000, state and local governments are required to develop and submit for approval a mitigation plan that outlines processes for identifying their respective natural hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities. He added that the final step in the adoption of this plan is the approval of a resolution by each municipality within the Centre Region.

Mr. Filippelli made a motion to enact Resolution #1029, which adopts the Centre County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Ms. Lafer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **Official Reports and Correspondence**

Mayor's Report - Ms. Goreham reported that she attended the Community Resource Fair last Saturday. She said Ed Holmes and other Borough staff put in a lot of effort to make this happen. She said also going on downtown at the same time was the DSCID's Fall Festival and America's Day for Kids. Ms. Goreham said she also participated in judging the DSCID's Chili Cook off.

### **Regional Liaison Reports**

Ms. Lafer reported that the Community Land Trust will have a closing on a house this week and they are in the process of purchasing a new home.

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sharon K. Ergler  
Assistant Borough Secretary