

# University Park Town Council Committee on Policy, Rules & Municipal Structure

Wednesday, January 31, 2018  
Town Hall Conference Room  
6724 Baltimore Avenue

## Minutes

**A CLOSED SESSION WAS CALLED AT 7 P.M. TO; CONSULT WITH COUNSEL TO OBTAIN LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING FENCE RESTRICTIONS AND WELCOMING TOWN/CITY POLICY. (Only the Welcoming Town/City Policy was discussed.)**

### **THE MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC AT 7:50 P.M.**

Attendees: Linda Verrill (Chair); Bradlee Hess, Joe Schultz, & Joe Thompson (Members); Ed Wells, Jacqueline Chacon, Julio Murillo, and Sarah Starrett

A vote was taken to amend the agenda. The fence height discussion was tabled for a later meeting.

#### 1. Welcoming City Ordinance

The committee and town residents discussed the need to know current town policy related to 1) the concepts identified as contributing to a “Welcoming City” - as listed in the 11-6-17 committee report to council and 2) any nondiscrimination policy in general. The committee chair volunteered to review the town policy documents (Town Charter, Town Code, Police General Orders Manual, UP Employees Manual) and to provide the results of that review to the committee at the next committee meeting.

Under the assumption that the Town Charter does not contain any nondiscrimination language, the committee and town residents reached a consensus on a three-stage approach for University Park becoming a “Welcoming Community:”

1. pursue a nondiscrimination statement in the Town Charter, if none are contained therein;
2. amend the UP Police General Orders Manual to reflect the relevant police-related concerns laid out in the draft ordinance provided by the community working group; and
3. amend other appropriate town policies through, resolution or ordinance, to address still unaddressed components of the draft ordinance mentioned above.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

The next meeting of the committee will be March 7, 2018, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Town Hall