

University Park Town Council Committee on Policy, Rules & Municipal Structure
Wednesday, March 7, 2018
Town Hall Conference Room, 6724 Baltimore Avenue

Minutes

The meeting began at 7:03 p.m.

Attendees: Linda Verrill (Chair); Bradley Hess, Joe Schultz, and Joe Thompson [arrived 7:25 pm] (Members); Ed Wells, Jacqueline Chacon, Julio Murillo, Dylan de Kervor, and Sandy James

1. Welcoming City

The committee reviewed the information it gathered comparing current town policy related to:

1. a town nondiscrimination statement; and
2. the concepts identified as contributing to a “Welcoming City” - as listed in the 11-6-17 committee report to council.

The committee discussed a 3-stage approach to:

1. pursuing a nondiscrimination statement in the Town Charter;
2. amending the UP Police General Orders Manual to reflect the relevant, police-related concerns laid out in the draft “Welcoming City” ordinance provided by the community working group; and
3. amending other appropriate town policies through, resolution or ordinance, to address still unaddressed components of the draft “Welcoming City” ordinance mentioned above.

Committee members voted on the following motion:

The Policy, Rules, and Municipal Structure Committee recommends the UP Town Council revise the town charter by including the non-discrimination statement shown below, placed in the charter section advised by the town attorney.

Aye – 3 Nay - 0

Joe Thompson had not yet arrived

Nondiscrimination Statement: Town officials, employees, or agents, in carrying out their official duties, shall not discriminate based on age, ancestry, citizenship, color, creed, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, immigration status, marital or family status, nationality, national origin, physical characteristic, pregnancy, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation or socio-economic status.

Committee members instructed the chair to request that a motion to amend the charter as described above be placed on the agenda for the next town council meeting for 1st reading.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

The next meeting of the committee to be determined.