

UNIVERSITY PARK ETHICS COMMISSION

Constance L. Belfiore, Esq., Chair Melanie Aclander, Esq. David Crocker, Ph.D.

Wednesday, April 12, 7:00 pm, UP Town Hall and Virtual

MINUTES & REPORT TO UP MAYOR & TOWN COUNCIL

I. **Call to Order** at 7:15 pm.

Commissioners Belfiore and Aclander in attendance, one resident attended virtually. Later obtained input from Commissioner Crocker, which accorded with decisions made during the meeting.

II. **Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting** was postponed until the next Meeting.

III. **Reviewed Financial Disclosure Statements** from Town Council and Mayoral Candidates

The Commissioners reviewed the Financial Disclosure Statements submitted by: Mary Gathercole (incumbent Ward 2); Nathaniel Morgan (incumbent Ward 4); David McGaughey (incumbent Ward 5); Martha Wells (incumbent Ward 6); Gram Godfrey (candidate Ward 6); William Sweet (candidate Ward 7).

We discussed the details of each Statement, and noted minor errors and omissions in most of them. A common error was not coordinating the Schedules block checklist on page 2 with the Schedules actually completed. The commissioners decided to reinforce the need to coordinate the two by inserting additional language in the form next year.

Other minor omissions and errors were noted, but they did not disqualify any of the Statements. Commissioner Connie Belfiore agreed to contact those who submitted the Statements with minor omissions and errors and ask them to correct their Statements.

All of the Statements submitted were accepted and are recommended to the Mayor and Town Council.

IV. **Reviewed Gift Disclosure Forms** from the following appointed Town officials and designated Town employees: Daniel Baden (Treasurer); T'Alicandra (TC) Hegeman (Clerk); David Deutsch (Administrator); Michael Beall (Director, Public Works); Suellen Ferguson (Attorney); Harvey Baker (Chief of Police); Stephanie Herold (Supervisor of Elections); Michelle Wedge (Supervisor of Elections); Melanie Aclander (Ethics Commissioner); David Crocker (Ethics Commissioner); Constance Belfiore (Chair, Ethics Commission). All disclosed no gifts.

- V. **Other Business** – The Commission decided to consult the Town Attorney to clarify the need, if any, to report a home mortgage twice on the form, and the detail needed for reporting investments in Schedule B.
- VI. The meeting **adjourned** at about 8:00 pm, after the resident who attended virtually said that he was impressed with the Commission’s work.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance L. Belfiore, Chair, UP Ethics Commission

On behalf of the UP Ethics Commission

April 13, 2023