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Oxford Planning Commission Minutes for Meeting on August 9, 2011

Attendance: Jackie Ellis, Vivian Harris, Ron Manson, Erik Oliver, Jim Patrick, and Hoyt Oliver (liaison)

Guests: Margaret Dugan, Oxford College, David Eady(City Council), and Osman Erain, Robert & Co.

Chairman Erik Oliver opened the meeting at 7:02 PM.

Old Business:

1. Minutes for the July 12, 2011 meeting of the Oxford Planning Commission were reviewed and unanimously approved as submitted.
2. Subsequent to the July meeting, Oxford College revised their plans for changes at the college to make the campus more pedestrian friendly and to improve the safety for pedestrians and vehicular traffic on Haygood Avenue. The revisions include:
 - Move the shuttle stop location further north 35 feet south of the intersection.
 - Eliminate the proposed sidewalk west of Haygood Avenue, north of its intersection with Hamill Street. Add concrete walks on the west side of Haygood Avenue to fill the current break in the partial sidewalk on the west side of Haygood Avenue near Pierce Street to provide continuity with the Pierce Street sidewalk.
 - Restripe the existing shuttle stop for student drop-off and pick-up.
 - Add a handicap assessable curb ramp at the intersection.

The primary area of discussion was the relocation of the shuttle stop. Several Planning Commission members felt the new proposed location nearer the intersection was still unsatisfactory due its location on Haygood Avenue. City Council member David Eady presented an alternative location within the parking lot south of Sealy Hall. Two locations were suggested along the one-way access around the lot. One location was west of Seney Hall where parking spaces for visitors had been proposed. The second location was near the exit to the lot east of Williams Gymnasium. Most Planning Commission members felt that either of these locations, interior to the college and off city streets, were preferable to the location on Haygood Avenue. Margaret Dugan of Oxford College expressed the college's opposition to the idea.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 4 to 1 to recommend approval of the revised application for pre-development with the exception of the relocation of the shuttle stop. Therefore the college can appeal the matter to the Oxford City Council, leave the shuttle stop in its existing location, or propose an alternative location interior to campus and off city streets.

New Business:

1. Oxford College presented an application for pre-development approval for the addition of a pavilion(twenty by twenty square feet with a sidewalk an electricity for a fan and light) for its property at 406 Dowman Street. It was noted that the plans were in agreement with requirements of the new zoning ordinance. The Planning Commission unanimously approved this application.
2. The Planning Commission then discussed changes made to the new subdivision ordinances with Mr. Erain of Robert& Co. Since there had been insufficient time to completely review the changes, a work session was planned for August 26, 2011 to discuss the revised ordinances.

Mr Oliver adjourned the meeting at 8:29 PM

Respectively submitted by Jim Patrick, Secretary