

CITY OF CROSSGATE MEETING
THOMAS JEFFERSON UNITARIAN CHURCH ANNEX
MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2012

The meeting came to order at 7:02 p.m. Present at the meeting were Mayor Pro-tem Larry Kirschenbaum, Commissioners Bobby Hazen, John Lepping and Anne Stanley Hoffman. Mayor Dan Grimm was available via conference call. The City Clerk Susan Dotson was also present along with 35 residents from the City of Crossgate and other area residents interested in obtaining information concerning the proposed VA Medical Center slated to be built at the Midlands project site.

NEW BUSINESS

Crossgate resident Irene Yeager addressed the Commission and residents in attendance. Speaking on behalf of several others in attendance, she expressed strong disapproval for the Midlands site as the preferred location for the VA. She also thought the March 12th City Board meeting, in which representatives of the VA addressed residents' concerns, was lacking in information. She and others expressed many concerns about the proposed project, including negative impact on traffic for the immediate area, the overall size of the project and lack of appropriate scale, parking concerns, particularly in the City of Crossgate, and possible negative affect on property values.

Ms Yeager, along with several other residents, requested the commission contact a zoning attorney concerning representing the City of Crossgate in dealings with the VA regarding the project.

Crossgate resident Kirk Hilbrecht also addressed the Commission and residents and also expressed his disapproval for the project at the Midlands site. He stated he was in the process of creating web sites to promote the City of Crossgate from a resident's perspective, as well as to organize a grass root type of resistance to the VA Medical Center being built at the Midlands site.

Crossgate Resident Marsha Hicks also spoke to the Commission. She also stated her opposition to the VA's selection of the Midlands site, and requested the Commission retain an attorney to represent the City.

A discussion of all these issues then followed. The Commission agreed that Commissioner Hoffman would contact an attorney to explore possible interest and expertise along with possible fee structures for representation.

It was noted that the VA will hold a public meeting to disclose results of their internal Environmental Review of the Midlands and Factory Lane sites, on April 18th, 2012.

OLD/ OTHER BUSINESS

The March minutes were approved with amendments, first by Commissioner Hazen and second by Commissioner Lepping.

The Treasurer's report was tabled.

Commissioner's reports were also tabled

Adjourned at 8:15p.m. First by Commissioner Hazen and second by Commissioner Hoffman.

City Clerk

Susan Dotson