

## University Area Commission | Governance Committee Report

Meeting Details: Wednesday April 5, 2017, Northwood and High Building, Started 6:11 PM and Ended 7:01 PM

Attendance: (P: Present, A: Absent, E: Excused, G: Guest, R: Resigned) Doreen Uhas-Sauer(P), Lauren Squires (P), Steve Volkmann (P), Alex Wesaw (E), Omar Elhagmusa (A) and David Hegley (P)

1. Discussed proposed change to by laws and election rules proposed by the elections committee to change UAC Elections from 2 days to 1 day
  - Proposed changes impact By Law Article VI Section 1 and Election Rule 7.1
  - Reason for the change was to ensure the Commission is able to fully staff a full day of voting. This has been difficult since we adopted the two day voting model.
  - The Committee decided there should be one day of voting and 2 locations at the North and South ends of the Commission boundary should be considered.
    - There was a request to have a polling location in the So Hud area and one request to have the polls located at the same place that Federal, State and other local elections are held.
  - Goal of changes to the elections should be to set the date on an annual basis and consider the home football schedule when setting a Saturday date for the elections.
    - Note: This year the Election will happen on November 4 (Which is a road game)
    - Proposed idea for setting the election date is to have the election committee set the upcoming election date at the time they provide their annual report at the January meeting.
      - This would allow enough time to get all the proper notifications out early enough that possible candidates have time to plan out their election strategy.
      - It was also discussed that we should have a rule stating the window of the elections must be within a 3 week window from the last week of October through the first 2 weeks in November. This would provide at least 3 Saturday dates where elections can be held with the hope that at least one weekend is a road football game.
  - For 2017 if any changes to the elections are passed the Committee recommends inserting a Standing Rule into the by laws stating we will keep the Saturday November 4, 2017 election date this year and only eliminate the last Wednesday in October voting.
  - Additional rule changes identified that could be impacted by the changes we discussed:
    - Election Rule: Section 2 Calendar
    - By Laws Article VI, Section 8
2. Discuss if there are any other topics the Committee should cover this year before the final goals for the Committee are set for the year
  - Improve the efficiency of Zoning Presentations
  - Fix the By Laws to correct the name for Code enforcement and Environment Committee
  - Add a by law which requires Commissioners to walk the University Area looking for Code Violations

Next meeting is May 3, 2017 @ 6:00 PM in Room 100 of the Northwood and High Building