

Southwest Area Commission

Minutes

Wednesday, August 18, 2004

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

New Horizons UMC, 1665 Harrisburg Pike

Called to order: The interim chairperson, Aurelie Petrarca, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Due to the lack of a Flag, the members decided to forego the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Commissioners: Roy Bertossi, Bill Collignon, Myrna Hammonds, Elizabeth Krick, Ed McCleaf, Clyde Miller, Aurelie Petrarca, and Kathy Wilkins- At Large Commissioner: Juanita Coffman- Liaison Bonita Lee.

Minutes: The commission reviewed the minutes from the July 21st Task Force meeting. At this time the commissioners were introduced and brought to active status.

Zoning Business: Presentation of zoning application presented by Attorney Jackson B. Reynolds, III on behalf of Meadowood Development Inc., Lake Forest, Illinois. Development of land located at 1150 Harrisburg Pike. Zoning request to consolidate one parcel, CPD, Commercial Planned Development, Z04-063. Intention to build Walgreen's. Representation for Meadowood Development, Robbie Columbo.

After the presentation, a question and answer session by the commissioners to the representatives was held. At this point, the floor was opened to the audience for questions. After much discussion, Aurelie Petrarca made the motion to accept the zoning application. Roy Bertossi 2nd the motion. After roll call, the vote was unanimous.

With the absence of any representation from Darby Homes on the BZA application for 1313 Costigan Road in Langford Meadow subdivision, Kathy Wilkins made the motion to table this business until the September meeting. Roy Bertossi 2nd the motion. After roll call, the vote was unanimous.

Commission Business: Roy Bertossi made the motion that the determination of terms for the elected officials be decided by lottery style. The motion was seconded by Clyde Miller. The vote was unanimous. By drawing, the results were: 3 year terms- Kathy Wilkins, Clyde Miller and Aurelie Petrarca, 2 year terms- Bill Collignon, Ed McCleaf and Eve Crego, 1 year term- Elizabeth Krick, Roy Bertossi, and Myrna Hammonds.

With a nomination made by Bill Collignon and 2nd by Elizabeth Krick, Aurelie Petrarca was voted in as Chairperson of the Commission. The vote was unanimous.

Aurelie Petrarca nominated Clyde Miller as Vice Chairperson. 2nd by Roy Bertossi. The vote was unanimous.

Clyde Miller nominated Kathy Wilkins as Secretary. 2nd by Roy Bertossi. The vote was unanimous.

After much discussion on the wording of the by-laws, and some clarification by Richard Pfeiffer, City Attorney, it was decided that since the South West Business Association was now defunct, that a member of Franklin Township should be nominated as an at-large commissioner. Aurelie Petrarca nominated Juanita Coffman to be the at large commissioner from Franklin Township. This was 2nd by Elizabeth Krick. The vote was unanimous.

Aurelie Petrarca submitted the following changes to the by-laws be considered for vote at the September meeting:

Regarding appointment of at-large commissioners:

Commission recommends that the wording of Article IV 2 b change from “shall be” to “may be from, but not limited to, the following . . .”

Article IV Section 3 Add the following: Term of at-large commissioners shall be for one (1) year.

Roy Bertossi made the motion to have a special meeting in the future specifically to discuss the By-laws. Many of them do not apply to this Commission and need amended. Kathy Wilkins 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Fiscal 2004 Memorandum of Agreements were passed out to the Commission by Bonita Lee, Liaison from the City of Columbus and discussed.

Old Business:

Future Meetings: Ralph Horn stated that for a time, the church will be available to the Commission.

New Business:

Don Parsons spoke to us about a possible problem with Zoning with the Dana Suttles Truck Leasing and NES Rentals. It is believed that both companies are guilty of mis-use of the properties at 1795 & 1760 Feddern Avenue. It is believed that both companies might be putting Hazardous Waste Carcenogenic Pollutants in the air. He stated that both companies have business with transporting Hazardous Waste from out of state and are possibly cleaning out their equipment (tanks) into the ground and streams. Mr. Parsons stated that Mr. Butler, the EPA SW agent says that the law in Ohio is very broad when it comes to Hazardous Waste Pollutants. Kathy Wilkins made the motion to invite the SW agent of the EPA, a rep from Dana Suttles Truck Leasing, a rep from NES Rentals, a rep from City of Columbus Code Enforcement Office, a rep from City of Columbus Zoning Office and City Attorney, Richard Pfeiffer to an upcoming meeting for discussion on possible zoning misuse and the possible hazards from the companies to the Southwest Columbus area. Aurelie Petrarca 2nd this motion. The vote was unanimous.

Bonita Lee passed out an announcement of The Columbus Association Meeting and suggested that if we could, each of us should attend.

Roy Bertossi spoke for the record: The Southwest Commission to say thank you to Juanita Coffman and Ralph Horn for allowing us to have the elections at the National Night Out. It was very much appreciated.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 15, 2004.

Adjournment: As the business before the Commission was concluded, Aurelie Petrarca made motion to adjourn. Clyde Miller 2nd the motion. The Commission accepted and the meeting was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Wilkins
Secretary