

Southwest Area Commission
Minutes
Wednesday, October 20, 2004
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
New Horizons UMC, 1665 Harrisburg Pike

Called to order: The chairperson, Aurelie Petrarca, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Attendance: Commissioners: Roy Bertossi, Bill Collignon, Eve Crego, Elizabeth Krick, Ed McCleaf, Clyde Miller, Aurelie Petrarca. At Large Commissioners: Ralph Horn, Juanita Kaufman. Liaison - Bonita Lee. Not present: Myrna Hammonds for an unknown reason, Kathy Wilkins due to illness

Introduction of Guest: Tom Savage from the City of Columbus Department of Technology presented information on the upcoming City of Columbus ballot issues 4 thru 11. The presentation included information on projects slated for the commission's area.

Routine Commission Business:

Minutes: The commission reviewed the minutes from the September 15 meeting. A correction from Roy to Ralph for commission member Ralph Horn's name was requested. The date for the next meeting also needed to be changed to October 20, 2004. Clyde Miller made the motion to accept the minutes with the noted corrections and Juanita Kaufman seconded.

Agenda: Ralph Horn made the motion to approve the agenda as it was presented and Elizabeth Krick seconded.

Correspondence: Aurelie Petrarca reported that Dana Suttles replied that a company representative would attend the information session at the November meeting. No other replies have been received.

Roy Bertossi reported that the commission had received \$1000 from the city to handle commission expenses.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion was held on how the commission was going to handle the information session on the Dana Suttles/NES concerns. Items discussed included time limits on presentations and question and answer period and public notice of the information session. Heather Truesdell, Columbus code enforcement supervisor, indicated that she and some of her staff would be attending the November meeting. Ralph Horn made the motion to allow each presenter up to 15 minutes and that a 15 minute with a possible 15 minute extension at the commission's discretion be allowed for the question and answer period. Elizabeth Krick seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

New Business:

Bylaw change: Discussion was held about spreading duties and responsibilities out to more people. One area discussed was creating the fiscal officer position. The commission recommends

that the following changes be made to our bylaws

- in Article V Section 1, change 'and Secretary' to ', Secretary and Fiscal Officer'
- in Article V Section 4, remove 'receive and disburse all funds of the Commission;'
- in Article V, existing Section 5 is to become Section 6
- in Article V, a new Section 5 will read 'The Fiscal Officer shall receive all funds and disburse all funds with the commission's approval'

Clyde Miller made the motion to propose the change and Eve Crego seconded the motion.

Commission checking account: Ralph Horn made a motion and the motion was seconded by Clyde Miller to direct Roy Bertossi to at least find out what the requirements to open a checking account for the commission would be and to open the account if possible. If it was possible to open the account without have the first set of check to be ordered at that time, Roy Bertossi was to open the account. There was also some discussion with Bonita Lee about whether we are supposed to use the tax exempt id for the account that she had given to Aurelie Petrarca previously. Bonita Lee was going to check into that and also was going to get the name of the person who handles the finances for the Hilltop commission so that Roy Bertossi could get advice on setting up the account. The vote was unanimous

Commission web page: Discussion was held about someone taking responsibility for maintaining the web pages. Roy Bertossi volunteered to maintain web pages. A motion was made by Elizabeth Krick and the motion was seconded by Bill Collignon to have Roy Bertossi maintain the web pages. The vote was unanimous.

Resignation: A letter of resignation was received from Eve Crego. Clyde Miller made a motion and the motion was seconded by Bill Collignon to grant Eve Crego an extended leave of absence due to extenuating circumstances. The vote was unanimous.

Clyde Miller presented a draft letter to Chris Jones, Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency requesting that an air monitor be installed in the commission's area. The contents of the letter were discussed. Ralph Horn made the motion and the motion was seconded by Elizabeth Krick that everyone is to review the letter and have changes and suggestions for the letter ready for the November meeting.

Ralph Horn gave a summary of what he and Juanita Kaufman learned at the September leadership meeting. Several council members were invited to attend our meetings.

Discussion was held on alternative meeting sites for when the New Horizons UMC moves to their new building which could be very soon. No definite alternative meeting sites were picked.

Bonita Lee informed us that the Development Department's monthly session for October would be on October 27 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This month's topic is to be Understanding Code Enforcement.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17, 2004.

Adjournment: As the business before the Commission was concluded, Roy Bertossi made motion to adjourn. Ralph Horn seconded the motion. The Commission accepted and the meeting was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Bertossi
Temporary Secretary