

## Southwest Area Commission

### Minutes

Wednesday, November 17 , 2004

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

New Horizons UMC, 1665 Harrisburg Pike

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

**Attendance:** Commissioners: Roy Bertossi, Bill Collignon, Eve Crego, Elizabeth Krick, Ed McCleaf, Clyde Miller, Aurelie Petrarca, and Kathy Wilkins- At Large Commissioners: Juanita Kaufman and Roy Horne - Liaison Bonita Lee. Not present: Myrna Hammond

**Introduction of Guests:** Tom Ledzettler - General Manager of the Dana Suttles Company; Craig Butler of the Ohio EPA; Richard Pfeiffer, City Attorney; Wesley Phillips, City Attorneys Office; Heather Truesdale, City Development Office; and Dana Rose, City Zoning Enforcement.

We suspended the rules of the meeting and allowed the first hour for a public forum in regards to the Dana Suttles Company and N.E.S. Corp. business at hand.

Aurelie Petrarca introduced Tom Ledzettler, General Manager of the Dana Suttles Company to speak on his companies behalf. Mr. Ledzettler stated that Dana Suttles had been in our neighborhood for nearly 18 years. They are constantly under the scrutiny of the EPA and the City of Columbus' watchful eye in regards to hazardous waste and land use. They have unannounced visits approximately 2-3 times per month from the city. They are concerned about the neighbors around them and periodically check with the neighbors for noise and smells. He thanked us for allowing him to come and talk and at that time the floor was open to questions from the Commission.

Craig Butler, of the Ohio EPA, then spoke in regards to their inspections of Dana Suttles and N.E.S. Of the complaints they have had, most of them were Air Emissions. When tested, they are below the 5.0 VOC limit. That the only problem they noted was the Labeling.

Dana Rose of the City of Columbus- Zoning Office stated that they were ok with the permitted use of the property to this point for both companies.

Richard Pfeiffer, City Attorney, stated that the complaints that have been filed with his office have been forwarded to the correct departments within the City. He gave some guidance as to what scope the commission has in these matters.

Heather Truesdale of the City of Columbus Code Enforcement Office stated that their have been complaints filed with their office and more are being filed, but they are working with both companies to keep them in compliance with all codes.

At this time the floor was open to the audience for questions. Many complained of a paint like odor at Frank Road and Hardy Parkway. The EPA is aware of this and has been testing the area, but has no results at this time, as they have not been able to track it down.

At this time, the guests and audience were thanked by the commission for their attendance and lively discussion. The results of this forum will be brought up at our next meeting.

### **Routine Commission Business:**

Agenda: Clyde Miller made the motion to approve the agenda as it was presented. Ralph Horn seconded it.

Minutes: The commission reviewed the minutes from the October 20, 2004 meeting. Clyde Miller made the motion to accept the minutes as read and Ralph Horn seconded.

Reports: As we have no official committees at this time, reports were dispensed with.

**Unfinished Commission Business:**

1. Bylaw Changes: creating the position of Fiscal Officer. The commission recommended that the following changes were to be made to the by-laws:

- 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 be come Section 6
- in Article V, a new Section 5 will read “The Fiscal Officer will receive all funds and disburse funds with the commissions approval”

The motion was made to accept these changes by Elizabeth Krick and seconded by Clyde Miller. Vote was Unanimous.

2. Ralph Horn nominated Roy Bertossi as the Fiscal Officer. This was seconded by Clyde Miller.

3. Report by the new Fiscal Officer- Roy Bertossi

The Commission now has it’s own P.O. Box 1364 at the Grove City Post Office. A checking account was set up at National City Bank. \$1,000.00 was deposited and they gave us 8 starter checks. Elizabeth Krick made the motion to disburse funds to purchase 150 checks for \$17.85. This was seconded by Ralph Horn.

4. Roy Bertossi stated that the commission web page is up and running.

5. Ralph Horn made the motion for the Secretary to draft a letter to Chris Jones of the Ohio EPA in support of the placement of Air Monitors in the South West Commission area. The motion was seconded by Roy Bertossi. Clyde Miller offered his help in drafting the letter.

6. Ralph Horn is going to check on alternative meeting sites. Juanita Kaufman made a motion to disburse \$30.00 per month to the church for the current meeting site. This was seconded by Elizabeth Krick. The vote was unanimous.

7. Discussion was continued on the Committees for the Commission.

8. Clyde Miller made the motion to Table the Discussion on the Information Session Forum on Dana Suttles and N.E.S., inc. until the next meeting. Bill Collignon seconded this motion. All in favor.

**New Business:**

1. Bonita Lee lead the discussion of the Columbus City Council Area Commission Presentations to be done in October, 2005. It was unanimous that Ralph Horn should represent the commission.

2. Bonita also told the Commission of an OSU intern that is working on resources and statistics for this area, which was very interesting.

3. Kathy Wilkins brought up the Article IV Section 6 in our by-laws on Attendance. It had been brought to her attention that Myrna Hammond had missed 3 consecutive meetings and the by-laws state that “A members absence from three (3) consecutive regular meetings . . . shall be deemed a resignation from the Commission. . .”. Aurelie Petrarca requested that Kathy call or e-mail Myrna to see if there were any extenuating circumstances.

4. Bonita Lee also led the discussion on the GHAC proposal for regular meeting of all Area Commissions.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December, 15, 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,

Kathy Wilkins, Secretary