

Southwest Area Commission

Minutes

Wednesday, March 16, 2005

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 recited.

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

Routine Commission Business:

Agenda: Kathy Wilkins made the motion to approve the agenda as it was presented. Roy Bertossi seconded it.

Minutes: The commission reviewed the minutes from the February 16th 2005, meeting. They were accepted with changes made. Ralph Horne made the motion and Clyde Miller seconded it.

Correspondence: None of record.

Reports: Fiscal report from Roy Bertossi. A check to the City of Columbus for the refund of what was left in our account for FY2004 is missing. They did receive the report with no check attached. After much discussion, Kathy Wilkins made the motion to amend the report that was sent by subtracting the stop payment fee and send a check for the new report amount. And to send it by certified mail. Clyde Miller seconded this motion. The vote was unanimous.

Unfinished Commission Business:

1. Bylaw Changes voting as proposed February 16, 2005: Article VIII Section 5 "The Election Board shall adopt Election Rules for governing the elections by majority vote of its members provided such rules shall conform with these Bylaws and Selection Procedure. Such rules shall not be changed during the ninety (90) days before an election nor thirty (30) days after an election. The adoption of amendment of such rules shall be presented to the Commission at the beginning of a regular meeting. Should the Commission not disapprove of them prior to adjournment, such rules shall take effect. The Commission may amend the Election Rules without action by the Election Board in the same manner as an amendment of these Bylaws." Roy Bertossi made the motion to accept the change of the bylaw and Clyde Miller seconded it. The vote was unanimous.

2. Motion was made to table Shelly Asphalt Portable Facility to next meeting. Moving to 711 Frank Road from Westerville.

3. Election Committee: There was much discussion on the upcoming Election Committee. It was decided that anyone that was not running for re-election and did not have a connection with someone running for re-election, would be on the Election Committee. Those Commission seats available this year will be: Roy Bertossi, Elizabeth Krick and Myrna Hammond. Karen Whittman, from GHAC, loaned us their Election Committee Selection Rules, to model our Election Rules by.

New Business:

1. Leadership and the need for Community Involvement - Discussion evolved around trying to

make the National Night Out a time that we could have a booth and try to attract new members, possibly creating an educational brochure to pass out in the community about the Commission, etc.

2. Alisia Clark, candidate for Columbus City Council will be attending our next meeting. At this time we had a discussion on endorsing candidates or issues. We feel it is best as a Commission not to endorse an issue that is not unique to our Commission area at this time.

3. Bylaw Proposals: Kathy Wilkins made the motion to make the following changes in Article IV Membership, Section 2. Members - strike "City of Columbus and the"
Article IV Membership, Section 2 a.: Add after the words (his or her) " work or" residence in the Southwest Area. . .

Article IV Membership, Section 2 b: Strike the words " who need not be residents of the Southwest Area,"

Article IV Membership, Section 2: Add a section 2c: The commission must maintain a majority of the members to be residents of the Southwest Area boundaries.

These changes were seconded by Ralph Horne.

4. Kathy Wilkins requested to be excused from the next two months meetings, as she has to attend classes at Columbus State University for her continuing education for Real Estate. This is the only time this year that they are going to have this class and she has to have it by December 31, 2005.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, 2005.

Adjournment: As the business before the Commission was concluded, Clyde Miller made motion to adjourn. Eve Crego seconded the motion. The Commission accepted and the meeting was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Wilkins, Secretary