

Southwest Area Commission
Minutes
Wednesday, September 21, 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.

Attendance: Commissioners: Eve Crego, Kathy Wilkins, Aurelie Petrarca, Lisa Krick, Roy Bertossi, Clyde Miller, Ed McCleaf, Bill Collignon. At-large Commissioners: Juanita Kaufman, Ralph Horn. Liaison: Bonita Lee. Not present: Myrna Hammonds

Routine Commission Business:

Agenda: Aurelie Petrarca informed the commission that zoning request Z05-069 had been cancelled and that Anthony Penn from the Columbus Housing Network was not present. After reviewing the agenda, Roy Bertossi made the motion to approve the agenda. Juanita Kaufman seconded.

Minutes: After reviewing the minutes and correcting two typographical errors, Clyde Miller made the motion to approve the minutes and Kathy Wilkins seconded.

Correspondence:

- The August 30th letter about liquor license renewals was discussed but no action taken.
- The Hilltop Commission contacted the commission about their 'Meet the Candidates' night on Thursday, November 3 at the J. Ashburn Jr. Youth Center, 85 Clarendon Ave at 7:00 p.m.
- Attending the upcoming Ohio Vacant Properties Forum was discussed. Ralph Horn made the motion and Eve Crego seconded sending 2 participants to the meeting at \$125.00 each. The vote was unanimous. Kathy Wilkins and Bill Collignon are planning on attending.
- Additional training: Ralph Horn made the motion and Bill Collignon seconded sending Eve Crego to the Effective Marketing and PR session on October 18 at the United Way of Central Ohio building. The cost of the class is \$15.00.
- The Columbus Housing Network's good neighbor agreement was read and discussed. Clyde Miller made the motion and Lisa Krick seconded approving Eve Crego to sign the agreement on behalf of the commission.

Unfinished Business:

Inland Products: Discussion was held on the ongoing issues with Inland Products. A copy of the

September 13, 2005 letter from Ohio EPA to Inland Products which included pictures of various possible violations was distributed to the commission members. A copy of the verified complaint created by Teresa Mills that covered the odors coming from the plant was given to each commission member so that each member could file one if they so choose. Teresa Mills offered to send the commission an expanded verified complaint that she had created that covered additional possible ground and surface water violations. The commission will discuss at the October meeting filing the expanded verified complaint. Kathy Wilkins offered to notarize the complaint for the commission. It was suggested that copies of the verified complaint be sent to the Ohio Department of Agriculture, the city of Columbus, Franklin and Jackson townships, the Franklin County Board of Health, the US FDA, the US EPA and Spencer Hunt (the Columbus Dispatch reporter who has been covering this issue).

City Council presentation: Ralph Horn will be making our presentation to city council. Ralph needs suggestions for the presentation by October 10. The presentation is tentatively scheduled for October 24.

Bylaw change: Roy Bertossi made the motion and Clyde Miller seconded approving the change to Article VI Section 2. The vote was unanimous. Article VI Section 2 will now read

The annual meeting shall be the first regular meeting in September at which time new members will be seated, new officers elected, and annual reports received from officers and committees.

December meeting: Discussions were held on how the commission would handle scheduling an emergency meeting in December. If an emergency meeting is needed, the chairperson will contact Clyde Miller who will contact the other commission members and Bonita Lee.

New Business:

Neighborhood Pride: After some discussion, it was felt that it would be best to discuss neighborhood pride again in a couple of years.

Trash Plant site: Discussion was held about the possibility the Shelly Asphalt company would be moving a corporate headquarters office and quarry operation onto the site of the now demolished trash plant site. No one from the city has brought this to the commission for our input.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19, 2005.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Bertossi
Temporary Secretary