

Southwest Area Commission
Minutes
Wednesday January 18, 2006
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
New Horizons United Methodist Church, 1665 Harrisburg Pike *

***Emergency Relocation: 109 N. Front Street.** Representative from New Horizons Church failed to unlock the church as promised at 6:15 p.m.

Called to order: Chairperson, Roy Bertossi, called the meeting to order at 7:49 p.m.

Attendance: Commissioners: Clyde Miller, Roy Bertossi, Lisa Krick, Bill Collignon, Aurelie Petrarca. At-Large Commissioners: Ralph Horn, Juanita Kaufman. Liaison: Bonita Lee. Absent: Ed McCleaf, Myrna Hammonds, Kathy Wilkins, Eve Crego (extended absence). Quorum present.

Members of public also in attendance: Neighbors concerned with rezoning of 1836 Frank Rd; neighbors concerned with Creek View Commons construction project; neighbors concerned with proposal for site of the former Trash Burning Power Plant.

Routine Commission Business:

Agenda: Bill Collignon made motion to approve agenda, Clyde Miller seconded.

Minutes: Clyde Miller made motion to approve minutes from November meeting, Aurelie Petrarca seconded.

Correspondence:

Verified complaint on Inland Products: Roy Bertossi reported that a letter was received from Ohio EPA indicating a notice of violation has been filed and they are waiting for action on that notice.

Reports:

Regarding final payments and authorization of final invoice for 2005: Due to time constraints forced by the emergency relocation Aurelie Petrarca made the motion that Clyde Miller, Fiscal Officer and Roy Bertossi, Chair, finalize the paperwork, send it to the city and complete the report at the February meeting. Motion was seconded by Bill Collignon and unanimously approved.

Zoning Request: 1386 Frank Road. Residents from the area expressed concerns regarding the parcel along Marsdale. Brad Kennan stated that a revised set of limitations would be presented to the city indicating a 60-ft. "no build zone" and that the back parcel would remain residential. Motion made (Aurelie Petrarca), seconded (Juanita Kaufman), and approved by unanimous voice tally to allow Chair to accept new limitations regarding rezoning of 1386 Frank Rd pending approval of the neighbors in attendance. If parties are in agreement, paperwork will be

sent to Zoning giving such approval.

Presentations: Creek View Commons Creekview, 2200 Place. Request for support for this development for finance applications with the City of Columbus and the Ohio Housing Finance Agency. Zoning L-AR-12, was approved for this parcel June 11, 1999.

Residents from Willow Run in attendance expressed concern as the backs of their properties will share boundaries with this project. Requests to clarify and perhaps improve the buffering were made.

Mr. French, Herman & Kittle Properties, indicated willingness to work with the neighbors to provide as green a buffer as possible, adding tall spruce pines along the property line.

Motion made (Aurelie Petrarca), seconded (Clyde Miller), approved unanimous voice vote, to send letter of endorsement for the project based upon the willingness to work with the neighbors to provide reasonable buffering. Letter to be written by Aurelie Petrarca, signed and sent by Roy Bertossi.

City of Columbus and Shelly Asphalt Re: Property Swap Boyce Safford, Deputy Director, City of Columbus
Laura MacGregor Comek, Attorney, Crabbe, Brown and James, LLP.
Representing Shelly and Sands.

Shelly and Sands wants the property that the former Trash Burning Power Plant (TBPP) sits on. The City of Columbus needs a new impound lot: the new lot must be 3 miles from the center of the city, on the bus line.

Shelly has property located across the river (not in SWAC area) that fits the criteria and Columbus owns the land at the old TBPP (located in SWAC area).

Mr. Safford and Ms. Comek are paying courtesy calls to SWAC, SOS (Save our Southside), and the Council of Southside Organizations to inform us of the “informational” talks that have been occurring between the City and Shelly.

They assure us that we will be kept informed.

Questions were raised regarding the operation of a quarry on the land behind TBPP, it is already zoned industrial. Reply indicated that blasting is done in a manner that doesn't create a lot of air born particles and it happens only on Wednesdays at noon. Question raised regarding the explosion that currently shakes foundations in Willow Creek Subdivision at 1:15.

Unfinished Business

1. Business Card Samples
2. Inland Products --Update

Due to the relocation and late start motion made (Clyde Miller), seconded (Aurelie Petrarca), unanimous approval to postpone unfinished business until next meeting.

New Business

1. Letter to Columbus Metropolitan Library System: Long Range plan will be discussed in 2006. SWAC will write letter asking that our area be considered for new library location. Letter to be written by Aurelie Petrarca, signed and sent by Roy Bertossi.
2. City Council tour results and impressions
3. Election Board and Election by-laws

Due to the relocation and late start motion made (Clyde Miller), seconded (Aurelie Petrarca),

unanimous approval to postpone items 2 and 3 of new business until next meeting.

Motion made to adjourn meeting, seconded.

Meeting adjourned 9:55pm.