

Southwest Area Commission
Minutes
Wednesday February 15, 2006
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
New Horizons United Methodist Church, 1665 Harrisburg Pike

Called to order: Chairperson, Roy Bertossi, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Routine Commission Business:

Agenda: Clyde Miller made motion to approve agenda, Kathy Wilkins seconded, Agenda for 02/15/06 approved.

Minutes: Clyde Miller made motion to approve minutes from November meeting, Ed McCleaf seconded, Minutes for 01/18/06 approved.

Correspondence:

Letter was sent to Herman & Kittle Properties, update discussed in Old Business.

Letter sent to Columbus Metropolitan Library regarding consideration for new library: No reply as yet.

Information received regarding Regional Neighborhood Network Conference: Meeting 02/22/06.

Reports:

Financial: Clyde Miller, Fiscal Officer, indicated that all reports had been hand delivered to the city in order to avoid any of the confusion that occurred last year. Commission is allocated \$2000.00 per year, given in \$1000.00 increments. SWAC spent \$1006.97; city sent check for \$6.97. SWAC waiting for 2006 funding.

Updates on Old Business:

Creekview Commons Proposal, Herman Kittle Properties. SWAC letter of endorsement was received , and HK filed application for tax credit, etc. Application was 1 point short of receiving credit. Project will not go forward. HK indicated desire to hold on to property and “try again next year.”

Unfinished Business

1. Business Card Samples, carried forward from January meeting. Design was approved .
2. City Council Tour Update: January 9, 2006 tour attended by City Council Member Charletta Tavares, members of council staff, SWAC members Roy Bertossi, Clyde Miller, Juanita Kaufman, Kathy Wilkins, City Liason Bonita Lee.
Covered a lot of the commission area, disappointed in turnout of “officials”. Suggestion was made to try and schedule another tour, involving as many agency officials as possible: City of Columbus, Franklin County, Franklin Township, Jackson Township, etc. Bonita Lee will find out about potential for Saturday tour. Target date April or May, ideally with at least 3 city council members. Invite others after date is set.
3. Election Board and Election By-Laws: must be in place 60 days before election (May 2006). Roy Bertossi requested copies of election by-laws from other commissions to help establish rules. Bonita Lee will send to Roy. Any sub-committee meeting will have to be public. Motion made by Aurelie Petrarca to set up simple, straightforward election process to be approved by April meeting, seconded by Clyde Miller, unanimously approved.

Presentation:

Donna Woods, Gladden Community House. Serves 43223, part of commission area. Access Health Columbus receives money from Franklin County to help provide medical care to underserved areas.

Bill Collignon raised question about how to find out how medically underserved the entire southwest area might be. Who do we get the big picture from regarding area demographics, etc.

Ralph Horn volunteered to meet with Donna, perhaps attend meetings as a representative, 2nd Friday of the month, 9-11 a.m. Donna will e-mail Roy next week with information.

Motion made by Clyde Miller to adjourn meeting, seconded by Ed McCleaf, unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned 8:25 p.m.