

Subject: November minutes

Southwest Area Commission Minutes

Wednesday November 15, 2006

New Horizons United Methodist Church, 1665 Harrisburg Pike

Called to Order: Chairperson, Ralph Horn, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present: Clyde Miller, Rita Miller, Ralph Horn, Lisa Krick, Aurelie Petrarca

Juanita Kaufman, Eve Crego, Bill Collignon, Ed McCleaf, Kathy Wilkins. Liaison:

Bonita Lee. Absent: Roy Bertossi, Myrna Hammonds

Quorum Present

Presentation: Ron Hammond, Executive Director of Columbus Cancer Clinic.

1. Mission: Care for those with low income; no health insurance; under insured.

Sliding scale for fees.

2. Screening Programs include a mobile clinic and services at 65 Ceramic Dr.

3. Home Care Support: for those with income no higher than 150% above poverty level and with active cancer. These services are free.

4. The Cancer Society merged with Life Care Alliance to provide services: transportation for appointments involving cancer; assistance with payment for medication; food pantry; emergency financial assistance; wigs and prostheses.

5. Goal: Larger presence in the Southwest area. Would like locations to set up the mobile clinic. Location needs to be handicapped accessible. Contacts for the locations are also needed.

Zoning: Mr and Mrs Robinson, 1546 Marsdale Avenue requested a variance to

build an addition to their home. A variance is required because the addition

would be on two parcels of land. Motion to approve the variance made by B. Collignon.

Seconded by K. Wilkins. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Presentation: Chris Vogel, Duffy McSweeney, Miha Orbocea from Columbus Division

of electricity made presentation about street lights.

1. Due to passage of 2004 bond issue, Willow Creek is scheduled for street lights. If bond issue passes in 2009, Stoneridge will then be scheduled.
2. In February, 2007, notices will be sent to the residents in the area that will receive lights.
3. Wood pole lights with overhead wiring is provided by the City. An upgrade can be made if 60% of the residents want the upgrade. This is determined by petition. If upgraded, the homeowners are then assessed for the additional cost. Assessment is done by: 1. Assess per lot or 2. Assess per front footage. The homeowner is given 30 days to pay the assessment in full. If it is not paid, it is applied, with interest to the property tax.
4. Prior to 1990, developers were not required to provide street lights. Columbus goal: by 2020, have lights on every street.
5. During discussion regarding lack of lights on Frank Rd., it was suggested that a letter be submitted, requesting lights and list reasons why we want them. A petition with 50 or more signatures is needed. Send to: Division of Power and Water, 3500 Indianola Ave, Columbus, Oh 43214. Attention: Chris or Duffy.

Routine Business:

1. Agenda approved. Motion made by R. Horn. Seconded by L. Krick Motion approved.
2. Minutes approved with type corrections . Motion made by E. Crego. Seconded by L. Krick..Motion approved.
3. Report by E.Crego: E.Crego, J. Kaufman and R. Miller met with Mt. Carmel representatives. Topic: the feasibility of Mt Carmel bringing the mobile health van to our area. Mt Carmel provides this health service primarily for low income, under insured or those without insurance. Several possible sites were named. The site needs to be large for the van and have access to a building. Mt Carmel representatives will further research our area and inform us of the decision at a later date.
4. C. Miller, fiscal officer reported:
 - A. \$517.67 in account
 - B. \$150. Allocated for phone card
 - C. \$60. will be paid to the Church for rent for Nov. and Dec.
 - D. \$20 needs to be paid for supplies and printing. A. Petrarca made motion to pay the \$20. E. McCleaf seconded..Motion approved
 - E. \$287 left in account. Motion made by E.Crego and seconded by E. McCleaf to pay \$150 to the Church for rent for through March, 2007. Bonita Lee will inform C.Miller if

there is any problem with paying in advance.

F. Postage stamps will be needed. Motion made by B. Collignon and seconded by K. Wilkins to spend \$43. for postage stamps. Motion approved.

5. R. Horn reviewed several mail notices that were outdated. No action required.

There was also notice of a demolition of property on 1450 Harrisburg Pike. R. Horn and C. Miller will make a recommendation concerning demolition. A. Petrarca made motion. Seconded by E. McCleaf. Motion approved for the recommendation.

6. R. Miller reported the notice for this meeting was published for the first time in the Westside Messenger. The notice was submitted for publication in the Southwest Messenger but it was not published. R. Horn suggested the meeting notice also be given to the Gladden Community House for publication in their news report.

7. R. Miller reported attending an environmental meeting about environmental justice. Environmentalists will encourage the new Governor to support environmental justice and explore possible injustices in the State. Parts of our area may qualify for consideration.

8. E. Crego requested a leave of absence. Motion to approve made by K. Wilkins. Seconded by L. Krick. Motion approved.

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Unfinished Business

1. L. Krick suggested that in Jan., we become active in getting the County Commissioners involved in our area.

2. Juana Sandoval, graduate student, made a map of our area with the jurisdictions indicated by color. Discussion took place about further details to be included.

3. J. Kaufman stated that Fire Chief Howard, Franklin Township Fire Dept. Wants to be informed of any area that is without tornado sirens.

4. Discussion about the need for additional Commissioners.

Adjournment motion 9:06 p.m. made by C. Miller. Seconded by L. Krick.

Next meeting: January 17, 2006

Submitted by: Rita Miller

