

Southwest Area Commission  
Minutes  
Wednesday February 21, 2007  
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: Bill Collignon, Juanita Kaufman, Kathy Wilkins, Roy Bertossi, Clyde Miller, Rita Miller, Ralph Horn, Lisa Krick, Ed McCleaf, Aurelie Petrarca.

Liaison: Bonita Lee, Code enforcement: Cliff Browning . Absent: Myrna Hammonds.

Leave of Absence: Eve Crego.

Quorum Present. Members of the audience introduced themselves.

**Zoning:**

1. Representation for Pilot Dogs requested variance to allow an illuminated sign 45 feet in height that is within 50 feet of residential property. The web site address would be included in the sign. The sign would be visible from both directions on I-71. The sign is on the kennel facility property on Stimmel Road. The previous sign is no longer visible due to the flood wall installation.

2. Readdress the request made by Mr. Conway for variances on his property. After discussion, A. Petrarca made the motion to vote for approval of the variances. L.Krick seconded. Vote: Yes: 6 No: 2 Abstained: 2. Motion passed with the statement that: In the interest of helping our neighbor, the variance is approved. This approval does not condone the manner in which it was handled. The Commission recommends that all future changes to the property follow the procedures outlined by the Code of the City of Columbus.

3. Readdress the request made by Sprint/Nextel for installation of new 160 foot antenna at 1999 Longwood Avenue. After discussion, A. Petrarca motioned to vote for approval on the variance. No: unanimous. Motion failed. The common interruption of electrical services in this area and the location were among the concerns.

4. Motion made by R. Bertossi to vote for the variance requested by Pilot Dogs. C. Miller seconded. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

**Routine Business:**

1. Minutes reviewed. C. Miller made motion for approval. R. Bertossi seconded. Motion approved.

2. Agenda reviewed. R. Bertossi submitted addition that a thank you letter be sent to the City of Columbus for addressing the drainage ditches on Hardy Parkway. He will send the letter.

### 3. Reports:

1. K. Wilkins made presentation in Florida, topic: foreclosures. Florida is now Number 1 in foreclosures. Ohio is Number 2.
2. C. Miller has not heard from the City regarding this year's contract. B Lee stated that the contracts with the City will probably arrive after March 5.
3. R. Miller reported that there are now 4 press releases submitted prior to Commission meetings. Two to the Messenger ( Southwest and West editions) and two to This Week (Grove City and West editions).

### Unfinished Business:

1. C. Miller reported the petition for lights on Frank Rd. was completed. The petition and a letter were submitted on 2/1/07.
2. R. Miller reported the letter to residents in Willow Creek concerning the installation of lights should be sent in about 2 weeks. Confirmation of an informative meeting for the residents has not been received. B.Lee will contact the Dept. of Electricity.
3. R Miller reported a letter was sent 1/31/07 to the Franklin County Commissioners requesting information about the development of the land at the former site of Children's Services. There has been no response. A second letter, requesting a response will be sent.
4. C. Miller asked if the meeting day of the Commission could be changed. The day will remain the same due to conflicts on other days.

### New Business:

1. R. Horn read a letter of support from Representative Pryce . A thank you letter will be sent.
2. B.Lee discussed the Neighborhood Training Academy. Participation was suggested.
3. Private citizen, D. Parson discussed disappointment with lack of response to zoning violations he has noted.

Adjournment motion: 8:30 p.m. made by R. Bertossi, seconded by L Krick.  
Next meeting: March 21, 2007

Submitted by: Rita Miller

