

Southwest Area Commission
Minutes
Wednesday, April 18, 2007
New Horizons United Methodist Church, 1665 Harrisbug Pike

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for persons who died at Virginia Tech.

Roll Call: Present: Bill Collignon, Clyde Miller, Rita Miller, Ralph Horn, Lisa Krick, Aurelie Petrarca, Ed McCleaf, Roy Bertossi, Juanita Kaufman, Eve Crego. City Code Enforcement: Cliff Browning. City Liaison Department : Mike Puckett Absent: Myrna Hammonds, Kathy Wilkins. Quorum Present.

Zoning:

1. Request demolition of building at 1271 Harmon Avenue due to fire damage. Owner, Charles Oharra, was present and stated a replacement building will be constructed. It will house pallet and mulch machinery.
2. Presentation was made for the land at 2200 Creekview Place. Aaron Bailey represented Herman and Kittle Properties (based in Ind.) Senior housing, 110 unit building is proposed for the site. There will be a 50/50 mix of 1 and 2 bedroom units. The building site will be on one half of the parcel of land. Changes from previous presentation made in 2006 are: the mix of units (number of bedrooms and bathrooms) and the size of the building. The funding is being determined. By the end of summer, they should know if funding has been approved. When approval is received, the company will make additional presentations to the Commission.
3. Representation for 3C body shop, 1469 Harrisburg Pike were scheduled; but they were not present during this meeting.
4. Mr. Russell Case requested a variance for expansion to site at 994 Frank Rd. Mr. Case stated that the City had already approved the variance and requesting the Commission's approval is a formality.

Guest Speakers:

1. State Representative Dan Stewart had to cancel his presentation. Rescheduled for May meeting.
2. Teresa Mills, environmentalist, spoke about:
 - A. Environmental justice. Low income and minority groups have an overburden of pollution. . There have been group meetings throughout Ohio to discuss this . In December, 2007, all the groups will meet together to determine an environmental policy. The policy will be presented to the Governor. His support and a law for environmental justice will be requested.

B. Anamax (formerly Inland Products). When odors are noted, the public is urged to call the EPA. There have been complaints due to the odors. A meeting is scheduled with the Attorney General.

3. Mike Puckett, City of Columbus substituted for City Liaison

B. Lee. He stated:

A. Chris Vogel would like to know the dates for our Community meeting regarding the lights in Willow Creek. He will include information about the meeting in the letter he sends to the residents in Willow Creek.

B. Mr. Boyce Safford has been appointed the Director of Development. He would like to attend a Commission meeting.

C. City is going to request volunteers for committees for the Blue Print for Bicentennial. 2012 the City will be 200 years old.

4. E. Kirk and D. Miller of West Meadows subdivision spoke of problems in their neighborhood.

Routine Business:

1. Minutes for March meeting approved. Motion for approval made by C. Miller. Seconded by R. Horn.

2. Juanita Kaufman stated the BlockWatch is developing a newsletter. The National Night Out will be held August 7.

3. C. Miller questioned our bylaws. Currently a position can be held for 2 yrs. Since we do not have all the positions on the Commission filled, he suggested the bylaws be changed so a person chooses to, they can remain in a position beyond the 2 year limit. C. Miller made the motion to change the bylaws. E. Crego seconded.

4. R. Miller suggested the Church be contacted for the Willow Creek Community meeting regarding the lights. J. Kaufman will discuss the issue with the Church.

5. R. Bertossi stated that elections will be held in August. He will help organize what needs to be done.

Zoning:

1. Motion to approve the Demolition request at 1271 Harmon Avenue. made by R. Bertossi and seconded by B. Collignon. Motion passed with all in favor.

2. Motion to approve the permit for 994 Frank Road was made by R. Bertossi and seconded by C. Miller. Discussion included: the EPA has received complaints about the property due to the high level of dust; the City had not approved the permit request as stated during presentation to the Commission and variances have previously been disapproved by the City. Vote taken: all in favor :0 Against: 10. Motion failed.

Old Business:

1. Motion to support Environmental Justice delayed until next meeting.

2. C.Miller reported receiving the contract with the City. M. Puckett stated the check will be forthcoming.

Adjournment motion: 8:50 p.m. made by R. Horn. Seconded by J. Kaufman

Next meeting: May 16, 2007

Submitted by: R.Miller