

Southwest Area Commission Minutes

Wednesday, October 17, 2007

New Horizons United Methodist Church, 1665 Harrisburg Pike

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Roy Bertossi, Bill Collignon, Eve Crego, Ralph Horn, Juanita Kaufman, Everett Kirk, Ed McCleaf, Clyde Miller, Rita Miller.

Quorum Present. Myrna Hammonds arrived after the roll call. Absent: Lisa Krick, Kathleen Williamson-Thacker, Ed Walters.

Also Present: Neighborhood Liaison: Bonita Lee; Intern: Amber Crackler.

Code enforcement :Cliff Browning. Police Liaison: Brian Smith .

Guest Speaker:

1. Sergeant Joe Horton, Columbus Police Dept., Precinct 10. Discussed crime during the 3rd shift on the westside. In 2006, the westside had the highest number of calls for police service in the City during the 3rd shift. Currently, an additional cruiser and police officer have been added on a temporary basis. A study is currently underway to determine if the cruiser will be a permanent addition. He stated the police are involved in proactive policing and the police are very committed to their jobs. There is much information sharing between the jurisdictions. He is available for comments, concerns.

2. Franklin County Commission, Paula Brooks stated the County has a Planning Dept and they plan to work with us. There are currently 2 proposals to be evaluated for Cooper Stadium. The public will be informed about these in 30 to 60 days. She indicated the Commissioners are optimistic about the development of our area.

3. Paving the Way Representative, Melanie Crabill, explained that they provide information about road construction, road closures, traffic congestion. The information includes the City of Columbus and the various jurisdictions surrounding the City.

4. J.C. Blackwood discussed recycling. Additional recycling bins are provided at nearly every Columbus Public School. Drop off location information was also provided for locations near Southwest Columbus.

5. Belinda Taylor, Community Relations Manager for COTA , discussed route improvements that will be made as a result of the levy that was passed. They will start to receive the levy money in 2008.

There will be route expansions, improvements and reinstatements.

6. Adrienne Joly, Senior Planner, Planning Division, Columbus discussed the area planning program: 1. A working committee needs to be formed. 2. Interviews need to start. She would like suggestions about who they should interview or who should be on the working committee. A draft Planning Services Agreement will be presented next month.

7. Mark Hensley, from the office of Columbus Council Member Hearcel Craig encouraged voting in the election. He stated if anyone has questions about the funding spent in our area, we should call him.

RoutineBusiness:

1. Review of the Agenda. Additions to be made: Commissioner Paula Brooks and Mark Hensley's presentations as guest speakers.

2. Review of September minutes. Motion to approve made by C. Miller, seconded by R. Bertossi. Vote: unanimous approval.

New Business:

1. E. Crego reported that communication continues with Mt. Carmel regarding the mobile van.

She also submitted a letter of resignation from the commission. During discussion, there was agreement that she take a leave of absence instead of resigning at this time. The topic will be readdressed during the Nov. meeting.

2. J. Kaufman reported the Church did OK, at this time, the use of the building for our Commission meeting on Nov. 14 and Dec. 12.

3. E.Kirk asked about advertising for the Commission. He said he would help.

4. R. Bertossi reported spending \$194.49 for our website, email and name renewal. This was approved during the Sept. meeting.

5. C. Miller, fiscal officer reported receiving \$362 from the City. A check was written to R.Miller for \$29.10 for printing expenses. A motion to spend \$56 for the Post Office Box was made by R. Bertossi, seconded by E. Crego.

C. Miller also reported that the Work Group Report is available.

C. Miller reported that a Court hearing was held for the Boehm property, 1075 Frank Rd. The company pleaded guilty and was ordered to comply with zoning corrections by Dec, 2007.

6. R. Horn reported he attended the State of the City meeting and a Franklin County Commission meeting.

Motion to adjourn made at 9:15 by E. Crego, seconded by E. Kirk.

Next meeting November 14, 2007

Submitted by: R. Miller

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