

Southwest Area Commission Minutes

Wednesday, November 14, 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.

Roll Call: Present: Roy Bertossi, Bill Collignon, Eve Crego, Ralph Horn, Juanita Kaufman, Everett Kirk, Ed McCleaf, Clyde Miller, Rita Miller, Ed Walters. Quorum present. Absent: Myrna Hammonds, Lisa Krick, Kathleen Williamson-Thacker.

Also Present: Neighborhood Liaison: Bonita Lee. Code enforcement: J. Lee
Police: Sergeant Horton; Zone Officer: Jody Spurlock.

Moment of Silence for Veterans

Pledge of Allegiance.

Guest Speakers:

Invitations to attend were also extended to: Representatives from Urbancrest; ODOT and COTA; but they were not present.

1. Dan Stewart, State Representative spoke of: the importance of COTA; ongoing projects and his commitment to working towards improving our area. He also stated he wants to be informed of needs we have to be considered in the capital budget.

2. Matt Baldwin, Health Dept. discussed: the Health Advisory Committee meeting (west side, east side and south side)

3. Cathy Johnson, Board Member, Southwestern City Schools spoke of: the need for good communication; and the Ohio Schools Facilities Commission monies.

4. Lelia Cady, Legislative Analyst to Council Member Maryellen O'Shaughnessy discussed Ms. O'Shaughnessy's commitment to the planning process.

5. Bill Lotz, Jackson Township Trustee, spoke of environmental concerns and projects within our areas. Township meetings are every other Tuesday at Township Hall on Hoover Road.

6. Cheryl Schrack, Franklin Twp Trustee discussed the annexation of Clipper stadium into the City of Columbus. Township meetings are 5:30 p.m. every other Thursday at Town Hall on Frank Road.

7. Carl Williams, Legislative Aide to Council Member Priscilla Tyson spoke of her willingness to help develop our area plan.

8. **Columbus Planning Division:** Adrienne Joly, Senior Planner, Planning Division, Columbus and Ben Weiner, Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Dept., explained that public safety and code enforcement issues are not in the plan. Land use, urban design and transportation are the focus. An outline for the process was explained. A planning services agreement will be signed by the County, City and our Commission. We should sign this at our next meeting. Our commission will appoint a working committee. This will be 8 to 12 people who will be a diverse representation of our area. The planning staff will do the research, schedule and run meetings and develop the plan. Completion goal is 1 year.

9. Sergeant Joe Horton, Columbus Police Dept. stated there are no new crime trends apparent in our area. During the holidays, crime does increase. Safety issues were discussed.

10. Jody Spurlock, Assistance City Attorney stated there are several cases from our area currently in environmental court.

Routine Business:

1. Review of Agenda. Change the name of the representative from Franklin Township from Trustee Tim Guyton to Trustee Cheryl Schrack.

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

New Business:

1. J.Kaufman reported the neighborhood newsletter for Eastfield/Westbrook will resume in Jan.

2. E. Kirk stated that the newsletter for WestMeadows will include information about the Commission meetings. He will be the Commission representative to the Westside Health Advisory Committee.

3. C.Miller, fiscal officer reported:

A check was written for \$194.40 for the website (previously approved)
Requested approval to spend \$200. for rent to the Church for the months of January to May. Roy made the motion to approve payment of \$200. to the Church. Seconded by E. Crego. Vote: unanimous approval.

Requested approval to spend up to \$140. For R.Bertossi to purchase a phone card for the commission phone. Motion made to approve up to \$140 for phone card made by R. Miller. Seconded by E. Kirk. Vote: unanimous approval.

Request approval to spend up to \$50. for printing and supplies. Motion made to approve up to \$50. for printing and supplies made by R.Bertossi. Seconded by E. Kirk. Vote: unanimous approval.

4. E. Crego requested a LOA due to medical reasons until April, 2008. C.Miller made motion that a medical LOA be approved until April. Motion seconded by R.Bertossi. Vote: unanimous approval.

A motion was made by C. Miller for R. Bertossi to become the vice chair while Eve is on the LAO. Motion seconded by E. Kirk.

Vote: unanimous approval.

5. B. Lee passed out "Keep Columbus Beautiful" information.

6. The issue of Commissioners attendance was initiated. Topic will be addressed at the Dec. meeting.

7. After discussion about area plan, agreement reached that each Commissioner read the Planning Service Agreement. A. Joly, planner, should be contacted if there are questions.

8. R. Horn stated he was invited to be on the City's 2012 Bicentennial Commission.

9:15 Motion to adjourn made by E. Crego. Seconded by R. Horn

Next meeting Dec. 12

Submitted by: R. Miller

