

## Southwest Area Commission Minutes

Wednesday, December 12, 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:** R. Bertossi, R.Horn, J. Kaufman, E. Kirk, E. McCleaf, C. Miller, R. Miller, E. Walters. K. Williamson-Thacker and L. Krick arrived shortly after roll call. L.Krick left after several minutes. Quorum present. Absent: B.Collignon, M Hammonds.  
LOA: E. Crego

Also Present: Code enforcement: J. Lee; Police: Sergeant J. Horton; Zone Officer: J. Spurlock; Neighborhood Liaison Intern: A. Cackler. Franklin Township Trustees: T. Guyton and Don Cook

### Guest Speakers:

1. Herb Ligocki, Production Administrator,ODOT. discussed improvements scheduled for Clime Road intersection upgrades. Some turn lanes and signal changes are also planned for Briggs and Eakin. June is tentative date for these projects to begin. Tom Slack, Planning Administrator, is the contact person for questions about lights on 71.

2. Terry Dull, City of Columbus, Transportation Division, stated there are no long range plans (5 years) for our area. However, we can submit requests for capital improvements for review.

3. M. Puckett, Neighborhood Services, discussed the proposed budget submitted for Columbus. The budget takes into account the slow economic growth with lay offs possible. There will be no income tax and no lay offs of Police, Firefighters, Snow Warriors or Trash Collectors. The budget is online. Public Hearings are being held.

4. T. Guyton, Franklin Township Trustee stated the Township has met with representatives from the County Planning Division.

5. Sergeant Horton, Columbus Police, introduced District Officer for district 103, Derick Corbin.. Sergeant Horton reported there are currently no recent crime patter advisories. The decision to add the additional cruiser to our district will probably be made in Jan.

6. Jim Schimmer, Franklin County Planner discussed the importance of becoming involved with the Area Plan. Lee Brown, Administrator of Planning Division was introduced.

7. E. McCleaf will be the commission contact person for COTA.

8. A. Joly, Planning Division, Columbus explained some minor changes that had been made in the Planning Services Agreement. Representing the Commission, R. Horn, signed the agreement. Brent Warren, Planner, Columbus was introduced. He works with A. Joly with long range planning.

The Work Group needs to be formed. Suggestions will be made via email.

### Routine Business:

1. Review of Agenda. Addition of discussion about work group.
2. Review of November Minutes. Motion to approve made by E. Kirk. Seconded by C. Miller. Vote: unanimous approval.

### New Business:

1. J. Kaufman reported that, upon request, the Health Dept. has made citations in the Eastfield/Westbrook area.

2. C. Miller, fiscal officer reported: A. \$200 check was written to the Church for rent for Jan through May. B: \$11.02 check was written to R. Miller for printing and supplies. C. \$99.99 check written to R. Bertossi for the phone card. Total of \$952.60 has been spent so far in 2007.

C. Miller reported on meeting about Complete Streets presented by City of Columbus. Complete streets concept encourages designing streets with all users in mind (transit, bikes, pedestrians, etc.).

3. R. Miller requested suggestions for proposed bus routes in our area.
4. R. Horn discussed the Area Commission/ Civic Association Work Group presentation that was made to City Council. Suggestions made by the Work Group are being evaluated by City Council.
5. R. Bertossi questioned who we should contact for the Area Plan work group. Discussion included suggestions about who to contact.

### Old Business:

1. Attendance as listed in our bylaws was discussed. K. Williamson-Thacker stated she cannot attend monthly due to another commitment. Topic will be readdressed during Jan. meeting.

2. R. Horn reported that L. Krick submitted her letter of resignation from the commission. Discussion ensued about qualifications for a replacement.

3. J. Lee, code enforcement stated he has been reassigned to our area. However, October Ridge and Big Tree will remain within C. Browning's area.

4. Private citizen, D. Parsons discussed his zoning concerns.

9:00 p.m. Motion to adjourn made by R. Bertossi. Seconded by J. Kaufman.

Next meeting: January 16, 2007.

