

Southwest Area Commission
Minutes
Wednesday, April 16, 2008
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, B. Collignon, R.Horn, J. Kaufman, E.McCleaf, C. Miller, R.Miller, K.Williamson-Thacker, E. Walters. Absent: E.Crego, M.Hammonds, E.Kirk. Also present: B.Lee and intern A.Crackler, Neighborhood Services; J.Lee, Code Enforcement.

Zoning: Demolition request by Shelly Co. for 1725-71 Harmon Ave. Request received from Tim Poppie of Shelly Co. Vote: unanimous approval.

T. Poppie stated Shelly Co. wants to be aware of the area resident's concerns with Shelly Co and did verbally agree to be a good neighbor.

Environmentalist Teresa Mills was scheduled to be on the agenda; however, she was not present at the meeting.

Invited Guest: Belinda Taylor, Community Relations Manager for COTA, spoke of the expansion of routes and services that COTA can provide. B.Taylor suggested, the Commission form a committee that will work with COTA in planning for the commission area. E.McCleaf, E. Walters and B. Collignon will form the committee.

Invited Guest: Angela Mingo, Nationwide Children's Hospital stated that the hospital will open a new primary care center at 2857 W. Broad Street. A.Mingo also explained various facilities that are part of the Nationwide Children's Hospital

Routine Business:

1. Review of Agenda. Addition made by C.Miller to include nomination to fill vacancy on the Commission.
2. Review of Minutes. Motion to approve made by E.Walters. Seconded by C.Miller.

New Business:

1. R.Bertossi made motion to nominate Jennifer Miller to fill the vacancy on the Commission. The term she is filling will expire August, 2008. Motion seconded by E.McCleaf. Vote: unanimous approval.

2. C.Miller, fiscal officer, requested motion for spending \$240 for rent when the check from the City arrives. K.Willamson-Thacker made the motion. Motion seconded by R. Bertossi. Vote: unanimous approval.

C. Miller also reported he received communication from the City regarding street lights in Willow Creek. Persons who requested the assessment process, were given the deadline of April 25 to inform the City when a required public meeting will be held. If the City does not receive information by the deadline, plans will proceed to install wood poles with overhead wiring within Willow Creek.

3. R.Miller stated that M.Hammonds has missed her 4th Commission meeting. According to our bylaws, the Commission must vote to determine if extenuating circumstances justify her continuing to hold the position. Discussion ensued and dissatisfaction with our bylaws on this topic was discussed. R.Horn asked R.Miller to contact M.Hammonds and ask her to call him. The absentee policy topic will be readdressed next meeting. Motion to table this discussion until next month was made by R. Bertossi, seconded by E. Walters. A committee was formed to review and make suggestions about our bylaws. R.Miller, K.Williamson-Thacker and R. Bertossi will form the committee.

4. An elections committee was formed. K. Williamson-Thacker, E. McCleaf and possibly E. Kirk will form the committee.

9:10p.m. Motion to adjourn made by R.Bertossi. Seconded by K. Williamson-Thacker.

Next meeting: May 21, 2008

Submitted by: R. Miller