

Southwest Area Commission
Minutes
Wednesday, June 18, 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, R. Horn, J..Kaufman, E..McCleaf, C..Miller, J. Miller, R. Miller, E.Walters. K..Williamson-Thacker arrived after the roll call. Absent: B. Collignon, M. Hammonds, E. Kirk. Also present: B.Lee, Neighborhood Services and J. Lee, Code Enforcement.

Planning Division: Ben Weiner, County Planning Department discussed the public workshop on June 24. Commissioners urged to distribute the flyer and to encourage others to come to the meeting.

Zoning: Attorney Eric Leibowitz, with CASTO, owners of Central Point Shopping Center, submitted a rezoning application for the entire shopping center to be zoned C4. Currently, the majority is zoned M or M-2, with the remaining portion being C4.

Motion made by R. Bertossi to approve the rezoning request. Motion seconded by J. Miller. Vote: unanimous approval.

Routine Business:

1. Review of Agenda. Agenda approved.
2. Review of Minutes. Motion to approve made by C.Miller. Seconded by R. Bertossi.

New Business:

1. E. Walters discussed the meeting held May 20 about Willow Creek lights.
2. J.Miller discussed status of COTA in our area.
3. C.Miller stated he wrote checks for \$46.87 to R. Miller and \$20. for himself. These amounts were approved during the May meeting.
4. We had no further communication concerning the Kroger request for rezoning on Harrisburg Pike. R.Miller contacted zoning who stated that Kroger is currently undecided about the zoning.
5. E.McCleaf contacted COTA about the public workshop.
6. Private citizen J.Pignatelli, discussed his concerns with property on Marsdale Ave. J.Lee, Code Enforcement will evaluate the situation.

7. The possibility of Cooper Stadium becoming a racetrack was discussed. R.Bertossi submitted a letter from the Commission that states our concerns with the proposal. Representation from all parties involved were requested to attend our July 16 meeting. C.Miller made motion that the letter be approved and sent. Seconded by K. Williamson-Thacker.

8. R. Horn requested Commissioners to think about new projects for the upcoming year.

Old Business:

1. Discussion about the possibility of annexation of the land on Jackson Pike into the City of Columbus (as presented during the May meeting). Motion made to table the vote until next month made by R.Bertossi. Seconded by E.Walters.

2. R.Miller reviewed suggested bylaw changes up to but not including Article VI. Informal unanimous vote of acceptability of changes.

3. Elections: Discussions and planning with K.Williamson-Thacker concerning the details took place.

4. J.Kaufman discussed National Night Out and requested assistance.

5. Training Courses for Commissioners discussed. B. Lee stated that the knowledge gained will increase our skills as Commissioners.

6. Private Citizen, D. Parsons spoke of his concerns with the environment in our area.

9:00 p.m. motion to adjourn made by R. Bertossi. Seconded by J. Miller

Next meeting: July 16, 2008

submitted by R. Miller