

Southwest Area Commission  
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Meeting Location: New Horizons United Methodist Church  
1665 Harrisburg Pike, Columbus, Ohio 43223  
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Minutes for October 19, 2011

7:07pm. Meeting called to order by chairperson, Stefanie Coe  
Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present: Stefanie Coe, Kathy Hatfield, Ralph Horn, Juanita Kaufman, Rita Miller, Carolyn Nobile, Gail Rowat.. Quorum present. Also present: Tim Guyton, Franklin Township Trustee and David Hooie, Neighborhood Services.

Time Guidelines reviewed

Appointment: S. Coe motioned that Everett Kirk be reappointed to the commission. K.Hatfield seconded the motion. Vote; unanimous approval.

Franklin Township: T.Guyton stated the Township has 25 bikes that Life Care Alliance and Bruce Black (Pride Coordinator) will distribute appropriately in the community. The Township is currently using a speed detector which will be used to determine the locations to place officers. There is a new block watch in the Jackson/Searles/Geneva area. It appears, at this time, that W. Broad Street, near the casino will be developed as a complete street. There will be a meeting with ODOT 10/20 to discuss W. Broad St. and 270 widening with additional exit lanes to accommodate casino traffic. Construction on Georgesville Rd. has started and should be completed by mid Oct, 2012. Georgesville Rd. will be the main entrance to the casino. Sanitary sewer projects are started on Brown Rd, E (all the roads east of Brown Rd in the Township) and Moneyback Rd. These should be complete in 12 months. Westland mall will turn off the energy at this time; but Sears will remain with energy. Currently, owners of Westland mall are looking for investors. A market study which identified businesses that should profit around the casino indicate the following: restaurants along Broad; a hotel across the street (former location of Kohls); and small businesses can develop on the northwest corner.. Maybe Westland mall would be a consolidated location for businesses on the area. The apartments near the mall are being renovated. Currently, they have 60%

occupancy. There will be a monument for those who lost their lives several years ago in an apartment fire.

Zoning: Joe Sugar and George McCue representing Arshot Investment were present. J.Sugar reviewed the history of the redevelopment of Cooper stadium. A special permit is needed to allow stands for the outdoor amphitheater. A discussion ensued. With the following statement, S.Coe made the motion to support the BZA request filed for Cooper stadium. We have spent three years analyzing the issues surrounding the project, both positive and negative and have previously indicated our support. We reiterate our support as previously presented. Motion seconded by R. Miller. Vote: unanimous support.

Guests: David Hooie presented the commission with an enlarged map of the commission area which the planning division completed.

Routine Business: Agenda approved. Minutes approved.

Unfinished Business: R. Horn stated he would like to contact COTA about additional routes in our area. He also discussed signage designating the southwest area. The design and type of signs have previously been decided. But, nothing further had been done. It has not been decided who would pay for the signs. The topic will be on next month's agenda.

Financial Report; K. Hatfield reported there is \$34.20 in the bank account.

Additional Business: D. Parsons stated the approved Southwest Area Plan indicates Frank Rd to be an industrial area and the residents do not want this. He expressed frustration and would like the City to change this. S. Coe explained that the current plan has been approved by all the appropriate jurisdictions.

I. Scott stated he has a recommendation to remove an officer and replace her with G.Rowat.

R. Horn announced that MORPC is seeking volunteers for a citizens advisory committee.

T. Guyton is running for reelection as a Franklin County Trustee. He spoke about the community and his campaign positions.

Motion to adjourn made by E. Kirk. Seconded by S. Coe.

Meeting adjourned 8:08pm. Next meeting November 16, 2011.

Submitted by R. Miller

