

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 November 16,2011

7:00 pm : Meeting called to order by S. Coe, chairperson  
Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present: Stefanie Coe, Kathy Hatfield, Juanita Kaufman,  
Ralph Horn, Everett Kirk, Rita Miller, Carolyn Nobile, Gail Rowat,  
Ed Walters. Quorum present. Also present: Paul Johnson, Franklin  
Township Trustee, David Hooie, Neighborhood Services

Time Guidelines reviewed

Appointment. E. Kirk was appointed to fill the vacancy of an elected seat during Oct, 2011 meeting; but which vacant seat was not designated. S. Coe motioned that E. Kirk be appointed to fill a term that terminates in 2013. Motion seconded by K. Hatfield. Vote: unanimous approval.

Franklin Township: Paul Johnson had a poster of proposed sign for designating the Southwest area as suggested in the area plan. The suggestion was to use stone to make the sign. P. Johnson received an estimate for a proposed sign made of granite that is 6' long, 5'tall and 10" wide that would be around \$8,000 for the writing on one side of the stone and \$10,000 for both sides. Due to the expense of having 6 signs made, P. Johnson suggested researching for grants that would help with the cost.

Alternatives for more cost effective signs were discussed. Consideration of different materials to make the signs and smaller signs were two suggestions. S. Coe suggested: 1. Don Parsons, private citizen, contact other areas to determine how they finance the signs. 2. Form a committee to study the issue.

P. Johnson announced that Habitat for Humanity will be opening a ReStore on Wilson Road .

Zoning: 1502 Harmon Road is currently zoned M. Attorney Jeff Brown explained that the applicant wants to use the land for a concrete facility which would make concrete and also recycle old concrete. Variances are required because property is adjacent to vacant property zoned R in Franklin Township. Variance requests are for: 1. Location. Code requires 600 feet from boundaries of any residential zoning. Request to reduce this to zero. 2 Height. Request allowance of 80 feet in height to allow for equipment. 3. Storage. Request for a reduction to zero of the 100 foot and 20 foot requirements for location of storage from a residentially zoned property. Request that the fence around the property does not have to be solid. 4. Stockpile. Request that the stockpiles could be 30 feet in height. 5.Surface: Request to maintain the gravel area for trucks. 6. A special permit is required for the salvage, which will be concrete recycling.

Discussion ensued about concerns of dirt, mud, dust, traffic and general appearance. Decision made to readdress this topic next meeting.

1075 Frank Road. Demolition Permit. There was no one present to represent the request. R.Horn motioned to support the demolition. Seconded by G. Rowat. Vote: unanimous approval.

Guests: Shabie Hopkins, manager of Briggsdale apts discussed the focus of the apts. is to improve the quality of life for tenants. R.Horn stated that S.Hopkins would like to participate in the Commission. He motioned that S.Hopkins be appointed. Since she does not live in the Southwest Area, she cannot be appointed to a current vacancy which is an elected seat.

D. Hooie, Neighbor Services gave S. Coe the City's budget. He also stated sites of concrete facilities in the City that are similar to the one presented in zoning

Routine Business: Agenda approved. Minutes approved

Unfinished Business: G. Rowat requested more information about lights on Frank Rd. D. Parsons informed her about his contacts with the City on this topic. S. Coe stated City Council will be having public meeting. She suggested attendance at the Dec 13 meeting.

New Business: Budget: K. Hatfield, fiscal officer stated the map was laminated for \$25. Balance: \$8.58 in our account. \$500. will be deposited

(for 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2011 budget). Motion made by E.Kirk to spend \$200. for rent payment for the months of December through April and up to \$308.58 on map supplies. Motion seconded by G.Rowat. Vote: Unanimous approval.

2012 Budget. S. Coe motioned \$320. be paid for rent May through Dec. \$680 for miscellaneous expenses. Motion seconded by C. Nobile.

Vote: Unanimous approval. There are also 2 Staple cards worth:\$110.32 and \$260.

A copy of the Oct. Crime statistics was supplied by the Police Liaison.

D.Parsons requested the commission make a motion to have the area plan changed for Frank Road. The topic of Frank Rd. and the area plan has been discussed at previous meeting.

S. Coe made motion to adjourn meeting . Seconded by E. Walters .  
Vote: approval by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned 8:20pm. Dec. meeting cancelled. Next meeting: Jan 18, 2012  
Submitted by: Rita Miller