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Meeting Place: New Horizons United Methodist Church
1665 Harrisburg Pike, Columbus, Ohio 43223
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Minutes
Wednesday January 19, 2011

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Call To Order: Chairperson, Jason Waltke, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present: Ralph Horn, Rita Miller, Jason Waltke, Juanita Kaufman, Stefanie Coe, Carolyn Nobile, David D'Antonio, Ed Walters, Jennifer Miller (late) and Kathy Hatfield. Quorum Present. Also Present: Paul Johnson, Franklin Township Trustee.

Absent: Everett Kirk & Leah Markham

Time Guidelines: Time guidelines were reviewed and J. Waltke indicated R. Miller would be using a timer and would indicate when a speaker's time was up. Comments and questions would be held until the end of the agenda and then each speaker would have two minutes.

Announcement: S. Coe indicated that K. Williamson-Thacker resigned.

Franklin Township: P. Johnson indicated that they were very appreciative of all the residents for getting their cars off the road. He also reminded the audience to make sure the cars were moved if it snows again. The township has now had two successful community wide trash pickups. Any issues or concerns should be addressed to the trustees. P. Johnson indicated that they are working to get their own building department. They are trying to work on economic development in the township, not just in the area of the new casino. P. Johnson indicated that there is a group, Columbus 2020 working to promote development in central Ohio area. The township only has ten officers at this time and they are determining if they can add one or two additional officers. The next township newsletter will come out in March; they need submissions by the February SWAC meeting. S. Coe indicated that the website for Columbus 2020 is columbus2020.org.

Zoning: Dave Perry called and indicated he was ill.

S. Coe indicated that they zoning application related to 1300 Brown Road was tabled until the February Franklin County BZA meeting.

S. Coe indicated that Jim Lee from code enforcement retired at the end of 2010. His area has been divided up among the four remaining code enforcement officers.

Guests: Barry Accountuis called and indicated that he was called out of town. R. Horn indicated that Mr. Accountuis indicated that they had damaged a septic system and they were working to resolve the problem.

Public Announcement: R. Miller indicated that the West Side Community Health group will meet on January 24th at 1pm. C. Miller and R. Miller are not able to attend. If anyone else can attend please contact Dru.

Routine Business: The commission reviewed the agenda and it was approved.

Routine Business: The minutes from the December meeting were reviewed and approved.

Public Announcement: D. Parsons indicated that he would like lights on Frank Road. R. Miller indicated that we have requested these in the past.

Public Announcement: Mrs. Parsons indicated that there is a rehab project at Finland and Frank Road and the house is looking very good.

Unfinished Business: R. Horn indicated that we should submit recommendations to the group working on the sign development project for the area. S. Coe indicated that the issue will be discussed at the February 3, 2011 Franklin Township Trustee meeting.

New Business: K. Hatfield indicated that we need to finalize our budget. S. Coe moved to budget \$480 for rent, \$100 for conference registration, \$200 for banners and signs and \$220 for t-shirts, hats etc. J. Kaufman seconded the motion. S. Coe moved to remove the \$100 for conference registration and include \$100 for postage. J. Waltke seconded the motion. Result: Unanimous Approval.

New Business: S. Coe indicated that our new CPD liaison is Officer Kelly Shay.

New Business: R. Miller asked if we need to have our minutes on paper. S. Coe suggested that we have one copy available on paper for guests. S. Coe will continue to bring a few copies but not as many as we have in the past.

New Business: S. Coe indicated that we did submit our application for a 2011 neighborhood pride.

New Business: S. Coe indicated that we need to decide if we are going to hold neighborhood clean ups. R. Miller suggested that we hold less events to try and get more participation. J. Waltke suggested April, June and September the 3rd Saturday of each month. We will participate in the Earth Day events. David Scott suggested we focus on Brown Road. He has been picking up trash and mowing in the area along the cemetery.

New Business: R. Horn indicated that he would like to work on some other projects like COTA. R. Horn will contact COTA to discuss projects. Commissioners were asked to come to the February meeting with ideas of projects they would like to work on.

Public Announcement: S. Coe indicated that we will have a civic association meeting on Tuesday February 3, 2011 at 6:30pm. S. Coe indicated that the main purpose is to build community support and hold an annual event. P. Johnson indicated that we should contact the schools for support and local businesses. D. Scott indicated that we should hold an event at the Cooper Stadium site.

S. Coe moved to adjourn the meeting and R. Miller seconded the motion. Result: Unanimous Approval.

Meeting Adjourned 8:02pm. Submitted by S. Coe