

Southwest Area Commission
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Meeting Place: New Horizons United Methodist Church
1665 Harrisburg Pike, Columbus, Ohio 43223
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Minutes
Wednesday March 16, 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, Everett Kirk, Ed Walters, Jennifer Miller and Kathy Hatfield (late). Quorum Present. Also Present: Tim Guyton & Don Cook, Franklin Township Trustees and David Hooie, Neighborhood Services.

Absent: None

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.

Franklin Township: T. Guyton indicated that the newsletter will be approved on Friday. Our meeting location and dates, clean up dates and civic association information will be included. On March 17, 2011 they will be promoting Chris Beech to a full time Sergeant. They are now recruiting a new police officer. PSC Metals have withdrawn their interest in the community. The Township has requested bore tests to be done on Little Avenue to determine if the road is stable enough to accommodate the commercial traffic. March 22, 2011 and April 19, 2011 there will be meetings at North Franklin Elementary School at 6pm to discuss the Scioto Franklin Land Use Plan. There will be a business owner meeting on March 23, 2011 at 4100 Sullivant Avenue (6pm) to discuss the zoning overlays between the county and city. There will also be a new firefighter added soon. T. Guyton has also been working with County Zoning on business yard advertising signs. They are not permitted and should not be erected. They are working on communicating with these businesses.

Zoning: Regarding the proposed PSC recycling facility R. Horn indicated that he had 35 signatures opposed to additional traffic. E. Kirk indicated that he sat down by the junk yard on Little Avenue and counted 25 cars in one hour going into the junk yard. PSC Metals has indicated that they are no longer pursuing this project.

Guests: D. Hooie brought the memorandum of agreement with the City so we can get our funding. S. Coe indicated that we already approved our budget.

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

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Unfinished Business: S. Coe indicated the Development Commission unanimously supported the rezoning request on February 10, 2011. S. Coe indicated that she has met with five City Councilmembers and will be meeting with the other two in the near future. She also met with Mayor Coleman. There may be a public hearing and it is important that residents, especially in Franklinton, indicate their support to Council. R. Miller indicated that she heard from the Councilmember she met with at the Neighborhood Event that they want to hear from the residents. R. Horn indicated that he shared his opinion with President Ginther at the Neighborhood Event. S. Coe indicated that this process is ongoing and it is important that we keep up the momentum. J. Waltke indicated the residents in the immediate neighborhood are still displaying a number of signs in support. J. Miller indicated that getting people out and about has been difficult. R. Miller indicated that maybe we should set up a table at Kroger. E. Kirk asked if we should circulate a petition. R. Horn indicated that door to door conversations are the best option. J. Miller suggested that we have a prepared letter ready for them. S. Coe will follow up with Boots and others to determine a plan of action.

Public Announcement: D. Parsons indicated that he attempted to contact someone about lights on Frank Road. He also indicated that there is a federal program to help get sidewalks. He would like to see additional sidewalks installed.

New Business: K. Hatfield indicated that there is currently \$1.00. She will complete the paperwork to get our next disbursement.

New Business: R. Miller passed out a draft Code of Conduct. She is concerned about what acceptable behavior is and what is not acceptable. R. Miller indicated that she wants to promote a cooperative atmosphere. D. Parsons indicated that he believes the code is directed at him. R. Miller indicated that she is making this suggestion because of a number of events. J. Miller indicated that this code would apply to everyone, including Commissioners. D. D'Antonio indicated that R. Miller is trying to establish order. D. Parsons indicated that he spoke to M. Puckett who indicated that he could not be banned because he expressed his opinion. S. Coe indicated that she did not indicate he would be banned but rather indicated that he would be asked to leave if he was disrespectful to our guests and the Commission. J. Waltke indicated that even though he was not in attendance he heard from multiple Commissioners that there was a significant disruption. J. Miller moved to support the proposed Code of Conduct and E. Walters seconded the motion. Result: Unanimous Approval.

New Business: J. Waltke indicated that April 16th is Earth Day and our First Neighborhood Clean Up. J. Waltke indicated that Hart Road is in very bad shape. J. Miller indicated that we should contact Girl Scout or Boy Scout Groups. J. Kaufman indicated that she would like to have some supplies for her neighborhood. The event registration is on the Earth Day website. The event will start at 9am.

New Business: J. Waltke indicated that we need to prepare for elections. R. Miller, C. Nobile and D. D'Antonio will be the Election Committee with C. Nobile as the Chair. S. Coe distributed the election rules and indicated that if there are any objections they will need to be made by the end of the April meeting.

Public Announcements: R. Miller indicated that neither she nor C. Miller can attend the summer Westside Health Committee meetings. E. Kirk indicated that he would attend.

Public Announcements: R. Horn shared some statistics regarding the first two years of our area plan. It is available on the county planning website. T. Guyton indicated that it will help keep everyone on task and focused.

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:10pm. Submitted by S. Coe