

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 April 20, 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, Everett Kirk, Ed Walters, Kathy Hatfield (Late), Carolyn Nobile (Late) and Jennifer Miller Quorum Present. Also Present: Paul Johnson, 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: Paul Johnson indicated that all the snow plows are off the trucks and construction season has arrived. Gary Parkhurst one of the members of the road crew recently passed away. The township is doing their own crack sealing and by doing this internally they are saving about \$10,000 annually. There is a significant amount of development and improvements going on in the area. The two sewer projects are underway and financial assistance forms are available on the Health Departments web page for tab in costs. There are a number of hazardous waste collections within the county being scheduled. On Monday April 25, 2011 at 11am there will be a ground breaking for the Hollywood Casino.

Zoning: Belinda Bentley was present to discuss her parents' property at 727 Harrisburg Pike. They have owned the property for 47 years and it has been a commercial business but it is still zoned rural and they have applied to have it rezoned community commercial. They are working on improvements to the property and will then be looking for a new tenant. S. Coe read the recommendation of the County Planning Staff and their fourteen conditions. S. Coe moved to support the rezoning request as recommended by the County Planning Staff including the conditions. J. Miller seconded the motion. Result: Unanimous Approval.

Guests: Juanita Ward was present to discuss her concerns about activity on Finland Avenue. She is concerned about summer baseball games. There is a significant amount of traffic and dust. She is also concerned about people coming into the community from other areas. R. Horn indicated that he spoke with T. Guyton about the situation and he had some recommendations. T. Guyton indicated that there isn't really anything that can be done about dust, noise from children and teams from out of town. These are public grounds and will be utilized by the community. He indicated that he will follow up with the school about securing trash containers. S. Coe asked if police officers could

make trips through the area to address crowd control. T. Guyton indicated that he would follow up with the police to ask them to make visits to the area.

Guests: Aaron Turner from State of Ohio Representative Michael Stinziano's office was present to provide general office information.

Guests: Sergeant Lowell Rector from the Columbus Division of Police was present to discuss the community oriented teams. There are three teams of ten officers. Community Response Team Three covers the Southwest Area. Their job is to take action on community issues. The team's mission is to take information and criminal patterns to take action. This team covers the area west of the river and south of Mill Run. J. Miller indicated that there is a significant amount of activity in Stoneridge Park and a number of auto thefts in the area. S. Coe indicated that on April 27, 2011 there will be a meeting at City Hall sponsored by Columbus City Councilmember Klein regarding graffiti.

Public Comment: Peggy Faucet (1562 Hopkins) indicated that she is concerned about construction dust. She also indicated that a construction company parked in front of her home on Hopkins and moved heavy equipment. She said the street is damaged and she called the City.

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

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

Unfinished Business: J. Waltke indicated that we did have a neighborhood cleanup but the rain caused it to be canceled. S. Coe asked for additional volunteers and community support.

Public Announcement: E. Kirk went to the Westside Health Advisory meeting and they were discussing evacuation plans and are looking for handicapped community members who might be need assistance getting to shelter.

New Business: K. Hatfield indicated that check has arrived and we have a current balance of \$1.00.

Public Announcements: J. Kaufman indicated that National Night Out planning is going well. They have enough funds to have electricity and water for the event.

S. Coe moved to adjourn the meeting and K. Hatfield seconded the motion. Result: Unanimous Approval.

Meeting Adjourned 8:14pm. Submitted by S. Coe