

July 13, 2020

## Communications Committee Meeting

Present: Commissioner Cabral, Commissioner Endicott, Jessica Dyszel, Commissioner Cabus joined later.

Meeting start delayed (technical difficulties)

Discussion about meeting minutes are they really accessible to the general public. Maybe make some posts on facebook and emailing about where the minutes can be found on the website.

Is it reasonable that final/approved minutes be sent to the communications committee within a week for publishing on the webpage?

Topics to Cover on the Survey:

### Zoning Process Survey

Q1: How well do you think that you understand the Zoning/Development process in the City of Columbus?

Great, OK, Not well at all

Q2: Which of these groups have you heard of before/ understand the role of?

Area Commissions, Development Commission, City Council, City Planning, Graphic Commission, Board of Zoning Adjustment

Q3: Have you looked up an application using the Citizen Access Portal on the City of Columbus Website? (<https://portal.columbus.gov/permits/>)

Y/N

Q4: If the area commission held a training on the topic would you be willing to attend (virtually)?

Y/N

The rest of the questions are regarding current and potential area development:

Q5: How has the COVID pandemic changed your work habits? (open response)

Q6: Do you think that the city listens to the residents of our area regarding zoning concerns? Y/N

Y/N

Q7: Should tax abatements be available to housing that is not affordable to the media income in the area? (media income is XXXXX) Y/N

Q8: Age question

Q9: neighborhood

Q10: any suggestions for the next topic?

Survey will be posting August 1<sup>st</sup> and will be up 6 weeks.

Next meeting topic: Training documents are uploaded to the WSAC shared drive for commissioners. Any training documents that Commissioners get in an electron version they can be added to the folder.

Jess: work on splitting student binder up into documents

Leyila: still working on apartment contacts, will have it for Rita later in the week.

Questions that came up during the discussion:

Ask the City: How does the tax abatement process work if City Council defines the terms and the county audits. Who determines if the rules have been met? What is penalty if they have not been met?