



West Scioto Area Commission

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Thursday, November 17, 2022

Hilltop Public Library

511 S. Hague Avenue

Columbus, OH

7:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 P.M. by the Chair McKinley.

Roll Call

Present: Chair Kristen McKinley, Treasurer Rita Cabral, Eli Bohnert, Leyila Cabus, Brian Endicott, Eric Russell

Approval of Previous Minutes

The Chair called for a motion to approve the October 2022 minutes. Commissioner Bohnert moved to approve. Commissioner Endicott seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City of Columbus Reports

Division of Police Liaison

Officer Tom Paulus reported that cars are being stolen when owners leave them unattended while the engine warms up.

Liaison Rebecca Deeds participated in a ride-along with Officer Paulus and noted that the homeless camp that had been on Wilson Road south of I-70 was gone, and the brush they had used as cover had been removed.

Liaison Deeds reported she will share with the city any homeless camp concerns, and the city has personnel who visit homeless camps for the purpose of connecting them with locations for services, beds, and warming stations.

Department of Neighborhoods Liaison

Rebecca Deeds

- City Council discussed the operating budget for 2023 and proposed going to weekly recycling pickup.
- Code Enforcement and Planning was cancelled and will now be held virtually on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 from 5:30 – 8:30.

- Leading Civil Conversations will be held virtually on Saturday, December 10, 2022 from 10:00-11:30 A.M.
- Fiscal reporting is due at the end of December for the first six months of the fiscal year.
- Vaccines are available for Covid-19, flu, and measles.
- Fewer training sessions will be held next year. The focus will be on zoning and Robert's Rules of Order.

Columbus City Council, Division of Community Engagement Legislative Advisor

Averi Townsend

- Operating budget hearings will be held in November and December. They hope to pass the budget in early January 2023.
- Legislation for flavored tobacco by Public Health was reviewed. Another public hearing will be held on December 1st. More information can be found at www.Columbus.gov/tobacco
- City Councilmember Elizabeth Brown will become CEO of the YWCA. Applications will be accepted until November 29th to fill her seat.

New Area Commissioner

Deb Boyd filed an application to fill the open seat on the West Scioto Area Commission. Commissioner Russell moved to accept Deb Boyd as the new area commission member. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cabus and carried unanimously.

Zoning Committee Report

Zoning Chair, Commissioner Endicott

Commissioner Endicott affirmed that CV22-100 (3755 Ridge Mill) is not an extended stay hotel.

- It will consist of 235 units of mixed use/commercial.
- Residential can be located on the lower level.
- Residences in this development would provide support for businesses.
- There will be three buildings - two with ground level parking.
- A future application will provide for demolition of the movie theater currently there.

The committee is taking applications to fill the position of zoning chair. A vote will take place in May 2023 to fill the position in June.

Mick Newman has shown interest in serving on the zoning committee. Commissioner Cabus moved to approve Mick Newman as a member of the zoning committee. Commissioner Cabral seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Commissioner Cabral

Balance October 20, 2022	\$2474.19
Expenditures:	
Constant Contact monthly fee	20.00
Bank Balance November 17, 2022	2454.19

Commissioner Cabral reported that she attended the Neighborhood Leaders Recognition Dinner.

Committee Reports

Communication Committee
Chair, Commissioner Cabral

A meeting of commissioners at the Columbus Art Museum allowed members to mix with other area commissioners to discuss art and how it is viewed by individual members. The exercise was to help commissioners think about how members view issues differently.

Commissioner Cabus' Best Practices Award is posted on the WSAC website.

Planning Committee
Chair, Commissioner Weber

Commissioner Weber was not in attendance.

New Business

Chair McKinley updated the commission on the search for an alternate meeting space.

- The Police Academy requires payment of \$125 and an additional payment for an officer to be present.
- Hilliard City Schools has not called back. They do require proof of insurance and their fee may be more for a group from Columbus than for a group from Hilliard.
- Commissioner Endicott suggested Potter's House Church with the following details: They have nothing scheduled on Thursdays, the rent is \$50-\$75 per meeting, it is outside the WSAC area, and Potter's House requires a rental contract.

Neutrality in Communications

Commissioners discussed what process should be followed when notifying residents of development applications. A review of other area commissions' procedures found that there was not an established standard to follow:

- One commission holds a special informative zoning meeting.
- Another area commission shares information in a newsletter.
- One commission uses a sign-in sheet at the zoning meetings and notifies those people who showed interest by attending
- Another commission does not provide any alternate method to inform residents of applications.

Liaison Deeds suggested notifying residents after the vote had been taken.

The commissioners will continue to work on creating a standard for what West Scioto Area Commission's process should be.

Chair McKinley asked for a motion to appoint Deb Boyd to the zoning and communications committees. Commissioner Russell moved to appoint Deb Boyd to the zoning and communications committees. Commissioner Bohnert seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Russell suggested the commission delineate the number of members on a committee. Handbooks should be created to track procedures for succession purposes.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Russell to adjourn. Chair McKinley asked for a second. Commissioner Cabral seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Mischnick