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Thursday, February 16, 2023

First Community Church

3777 Dublin Road

Columbus, OH

7:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chair McKinley.

Roll Call

Present: Chair Kristin McKinley, Treasurer Rita Cabral, Larry Weber, Eli Bohnert, Deb Boyd

Approval of Previous Minutes

Chair McKinley called for a motion to approve the January 2023 minutes. Commissioner Cabral moved to approve. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

City of Columbus Reports

Division of Police Liaison

Officer Tom Paulus reported there has not been a lot of activity in the area.

- Commissioner Bohnert asked what action should residents take if they think they hear gunshots. Officer Paulus answered that residents should report that by calling 911.
- Chair McKinley asked if businesses along Hilliard-Rome Rd. have engaged with the city concerning panhandlers inside their businesses. Officer Paulus stated that some have, and if panhandlers are inside a building it would be trespassing and that is a citable offense.
- If panhandlers aren't in the roadway, the police can't cite them.

Department of Neighborhoods Liaison

Rebecca Deeds

- Liaison Deeds reported she attends monthly meetings concerning homeless camps, and they are aware of the homeless camps west of Woodies.
- The city is offering a Growth and Density presentation at 10:00 AM on Saturday, February 25th at the Reeb Center.
- The Department of Public Utilities will implement the Enhanced Meter Project this year by replacing approximately 300,000 water meters for Columbus water customers. West Scioto Area meter replacement will begin in the fall.

Columbus City Council, Division of Community Engagement Legislative Advisor

Averi Townsend

- In March, April, and May, Columbus Urban Policy Academy will offer additional training consisting of nine sessions that will include one of each type.

Franklin County Engineer's Report

Matthew B. Rehfus, Highway Design Engineer
John Henderson, Assistant Highway Design Engineer

The Franklin County Engineers conducted a feasibility study of the Hague Rd./Trabue Rd. intersection.

- The goal of the department is the safe and efficient movement of people and goods.
- The Mobility Department tracks intersections both with signals and without.
- Trabue/Hague Roads intersection is low on the list of intersection crashes.
- An intersection capacity analysis of Renner/Trabue/McKinley corridor is being done by Columbus.
- It is projected that there will be a 10% increase in traffic from Quarry Trails in 20 years that will require a northbound right turn lane. Ten percent of the cost of improvements then will be covered by Quarry Trails Development.
- The E.P. Ferris development will increase traffic by 4% so 4% of the construction cost for this improvement will come from them.
- Most undertakings are safety based.

The traffic projection study used three alternatives:

1. No build
2. Signalized intersection
3. Multi-lane roundabout

Either the signalized or the roundabout would work for the Trabue/Hague intersection for the next 20 years. The roundabout is a safety tool and holds a 150% capacity over the signalized intersection. However, the crash history shows the Hague/Trabue intersection is a low safety need. Environmentally, the signalized intersection would have a smaller footprint as there are two gas stations that would require remediation if installing a roundabout. The signalized intersection would cost approximately \$3 million with two through lanes, a shared right lane and a dedicated left lane. The roundabout would cost about \$4.5 million and would include a truck apron for semis, multi-modals with a 5-foot sidewalk, and refuge islands for pedestrians.

The consultant recommended the roundabout, but Franklin County Engineers are not sold on that option. Columbus is 30% of the footprint, but the City does not often contribute to Franklin County projects.

Zoning Committee Report

Interim Zoning Chair, Commissioner Cabral

CV22-100. At issue is one of the conditions previously agreed to by the applicant and the WSAC. The Division of Traffic Management was not favorable to this condition that required a regulatory sign that would prohibit a movement that does not address a safety issue at its location. If WSAC doesn't modify this condition, the City would consider this a disapproval of the application by WSAC.

The City did suggest that a guidance sign could be provided to direct drivers to Fishinger Rd., Trueman Blvd., and Cemetery Road.

Commissioner Bohnert moved to accept the City's recommended language change to the CV22-100 application. Commissioner Boyd seconded the motion. The motion carried with 4 in favor, 0 against, and 1 abstention.

The City Legislative Advisor, Averi Townsend, offered to clarify this change with Councilman Dorans. The offer was accepted by the Chair.

Commissioner Cabral introduced the need for a Zoning Committee vice-chair. Chair McKinley stated there is no process in the by-laws to provide for a vice-chair so the commission would need to begin the process of amending the by-laws first.

The next zoning meeting will be March 1 , 2023 at the Hilltop Library.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Commissioner Cabral

Balance January 19, 2023	\$2317.26
Expenditures:	
Constant Contact month 20.00	
Bank Balance February 16, 2023	\$2297.26

Meeting Extension

A motion was made by Commissioner Cabral to extend the meeting 15 minutes. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion carried.

Committee Reports

Communication Committee

Chair, Commissioner Cabral

- The Communication Committee met on February 15th and created a general survey to be sent out in March to West Scioto Area residents.
- The committee discussed how to improve the web page and is waiting for Columbus to update the maps.
- Recordings are on a storage device.
- The next meeting will be in April.

Nominations Committee

Chair, Commissioner Russell

Commissioner Russell was not in attendance.

Planning Committee

Chair, Commissioner Weber

The Planning Committee met with three planning managers from the City of Columbus Planning Department to clarify C2P2. Conclusions made were that there is no shift in interpretation of C2P2, and there is a category called full adoption if the commission wants to get on the list for land-use planning. Land-use planning is delayed until rezoning occurs. However, WSAC is developing a lot faster than land-use planning is moving. It was suggested WSAC go directly to the Columbus Development Commission to provide more direct input.

New Business

Budget items are due by the end of March. The commissioners should highlight three to five priorities that would meet neighborhood needs.

Meeting Extension

The Chair called for a motion to extend the meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Weber to extend the meeting 15 minutes. Commissioner Cabral seconded. The motion carried.

New Business (continued)

Avery Townsend reported that the capital budget is in the first year of a five year budget. Ideas for requests could be sidewalks, alleys, parks, road, and fire safety. Applications should include a location such as the address or intersection and explain why the project is needed.

Commissioners began the discussion with a few suggestions such as developing a recreation center in the old school on Hague Road or an improved intersection at Trabue and Hague. Liaison Deeds stated she receives calls requesting sidewalks be improved and street lights added on Hague Road.

There is also a form that the public can complete to submit ideas.

Commissioner Bohnert will send an email about MORPC.

Commissioner Weber asked that the commissioners review the public notification policy draft he printed for everyone and send him thoughts as he wants this on his March agenda. Chair McKinley asked that he email to commissioners any new language before the March meeting so it can be voted on at the next meeting.

Commissioner Cabral suggested that Columbus Building and Zoning Services attend a WSAC meeting to establish and clarify the Commission's development preferences with them.

Adjournment

At 8:53 P.M., Commissioner Bohnert moved to adjourn. Commissioner Cabral seconded. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Mischnick

(DRAFT FOR APPROVAL)