



# West Scioto Area Commission

Thursday, October 19, 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 7:01 P.M. by Chair McKinley.

### Roll Call

Present: Chair Kristin McKinley, Eli Bohnert, Deb Boyd, Rita Cabral, Leyila Cabus, Vance Cerasini

### City of Columbus Reports

#### Division of Police Liaison

Officer Tom Paulus was not in attendance.

#### Department of Neighborhoods Liaison

Rebecca Deeds

- Officer Paulus is consumed with Wilson Road Greyhound Bus Station issues. He attended the town hall held at the Police Academy. The judge moved the hearing between the City and Barons Bus to December 8<sup>th</sup>.
- A Building and Zoning training will be held in person on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 11:30.
- Twenty Under 20 Award submissions are due November 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The New American Academy is accepting applications.

#### Columbus City Council, Division of Community Engagement Legislative Advisor

Averi Townsend

- The deadline for 614 Beautiful is October 20, 2023.
- Four Zone In workshops will be held: Saturday, October 21 from 10:00 – 1:00 at Howard Community Center; Thursday, October 26 at Centennial High School from 5:00-8:00 P.M.; Monday, October 30 at the Downtown Main Library from 11:00-2:00; and, Thursday, November 2 at the Barack Community Center from 5:00-8:00 P.M.

## **Zoning Committee Report**

Zoning Chair, Commissioner Cabral

- The Zoning Committee met on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Application Z23-042 was presented with very few updates and no solid plans. The committee will table his application if they provide no better information.
- In November, the committee will consider two applications:
  1. BZA23-108 3400 Twin Creek Dr. This applicant also developed Whispering Creek on Hague Road.
  2. CV22-029 3670 Trabue Rd. This is an old application with new plans that feature three-story buildings and fewer units.
- The RTMC summary is coming. They extended input until November 10<sup>th</sup>.
- A letter was sent out for Cider Mill to 614 Beautiful.
- Commissioner Boyd will attend the Zoning training being held on October 28<sup>th</sup>.
- The next Zoning Committee meeting will be on November 1<sup>st</sup> and may begin early.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer, Commissioner Bohnert

Balance September 14, 2023	\$103.51
Expenditures:	
Constant Contact 6 months	110.40
Income:	
2023/2024 Funding	2,500.00
Bank Balance October 17, 2023	\$2,493.11

The WSAC bank account has been closed and the balance is now under the new City system that will be overseen by Liaison Deeds. She will make all purchases. Commissioners should provide to her the exact item number of the product they want to order. She will look into using WebEx screen sharing as a way for commissioners to communicate their requests.

## **Committee Reports**

Communication Committee

Chair, Commissioner Boyd

There are no new updates. The next meeting is October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. at Minelli's.

Nominations Committee

Chair, Commissioner Russell

Commissioner Russell was not in attendance.

## **By-Laws Amendment**

The new by-law will replace the current by-law that prohibits the chairs from speaking at official meetings without consent from the whole group. The draft language will be sent to City Attorney Rob Tobias for approval.

Liaison Townsend advised that when commenting in person on a variance at a council meeting, you must live within 125 feet of the property. If an area commissioner doesn't live within that boundary, they cannot speak in person. However, all members can submit written comments no matter where they live.

Discussion continued among the commissioners and the city liaisons to reach the desired goal of the by-law. It was suggested that Liaison Deeds could speak to city attorney Rob Tobias and give him the end the commissioners want to achieve and see what he offers. She said she would bring it up at the Neighborhood liaison meeting with David Hooie to see if others had suggestions.

Commissioner Boyd sent the commission's draft of the new by-law to Liaison Deeds, Chair McKinley, and Vice-Chair Russell. It reads as follows:

*The Area Commission Chair and the Zoning Committee Chair may speak at City Council, Development Commission or other official meeting in their official capacity. They must not speak in a manner that is misleading or in a contradictory manner to how the Area Commission voted on a particular project or issue.*

*If either the Area Commission Chair or the Zoning Chair is compelled to speak in opposition to the will of the Area Commission then they must do the following:*

- 1. Publicly announce that while they are the holder of a particular office in the area commission that they are speaking not speaking in that capacity*
- 2. State that they are speaking in an individual capacity as an area resident.*

*Area Commissioners who intend to speak at City Council or the Development Commission may do so in their individual capacity so long as they do all of the following:*

- 1. Notify the other Area Commissioners of their intent and the meeting at which they intend to speak.*
- 2. Notify the members of the body to which they are speaking that they are speaking in their individual capacity as an area resident.*

## **Adjournment**

Chair McKinley called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bohnert moved to adjourn. Commissioner Cabral seconded. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Mischnick

(DRAFT FOR APPROVAL)