



West Scioto Area Commission

Thursday, March 21, 2024
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, Deb Boyd, Rita Cabral, Vance Cerasini, Eric Russell (7:37)

City of Columbus Reports

Division of Police Liaison

Officer Tom Paulus was not in attendance.

Department of Neighborhoods Liaison

Rebecca Deeds

- Training on open meeting laws will be held next week from 6-7:30 P.M. via WebEx.
- Re: New funding system:
 - No year-end report
 - Budget ends when the calendar year ends
 - If more than 2500 is needed, it will be available within reason.
- WSAC will get the new area commission boundary sign.
- Postcards requested by the Communication Committee should be done in-house and the area commission budget will not be charged. Lead time is 7-14 days.
- A master list of services is being created so the fees can be bundled for all area commissions

Zoning Committee Report

Zoning Chair, Commissioner Cabral

ZA24-002 (Z89-93A) 4080 Business Park Dr. This is a zoning amendment to enable vehicle and equipment maintenance and truck/trailer rental and sales on this property. It was approved by the Zoning Committee. Commissioner Cabral moved to approve this application. Commissioner Cerasini seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

BZA22-075 1656-1664 Westbelt This application is for light distribution warehouse for lighting products. It requires a 10' setback from Westbelt and 15' setback from Equity Dr. The Zoning Committee voted unanimously to approve it. Commissioner Cabral moved to approve this application. Commissioner Vance seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Changes to the dates for two future meetings were approved: The July 3, 2024 meeting was changed to June 26, 2024. The January 1, 2025 meeting was changed to January 8, 2025.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Commissioner Bohnert

Previous Balance	\$2,493.11
Balance on March 21, 2024	2,594.00

Liaison Deeds reported that the \$100 discrepancy between the WSAC balance and the balance she shows is still being resolved.

Committee Reports

Communication Committee

Chair, Commissioner Boyd

Commissioner Boyd displayed a postcard example that the committee created to introduce the WSAC to area residents. Committee member Gretchen Roginson is putting together a contact list.

Nominations Committee

Chair, Commissioner Russell

Commissioner Russell stated he is in the process of verifying the signatures of four applicants for the three open area commissioner seats. One applicant at tonight's meeting withdrew from the election to avoid the necessity of holding a run-off. His application will be kept on file.

Chair McKinley called for a motion to appoint Willard Flack to the Zoning Committee. Commissioner Boyd moved to appoint Willard Flack to the Zoning Committee. Commissioner Cabral seconded. The motion was approved.

Chair McKinley asked for a motion to approve Gretchen Roginson to the Communications Committee. Commissioner Cabral so moved. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Participation

Franklin Township resident Brenda Fuller reported that Hilliard Village has been sold. She stated that trees and shrubs are being cut on the Twin Creeks parcel that was up for zoning application approval. She said it appears they are blazing a trail toward Plank Rd. and reported that there is a nesting pair of mallards in her Franklin Township yard.

Meeting Extension

Commissioner Cabral called to extend the meeting 15 minutes. Commissioner Russell seconded. The motion carried.

New Business

Commissioner Russell introduced the bylaw amendment that would allow the chairman of the commission and the chair of the Zoning Committee to speak in their official capacity at other official meetings. Improvements were made to the amendment, and it had its first reading.

Meeting Extension

Commissioner Cabral called to extend the meeting to 8:55. Commissioner Cerasini seconded. The motion carried.

New Business (continued)

Commissioner Russell brought up two more possible amendments to the bylaws:

1. Change Article IV Section B3 to read “One at-large commissioner *shall* be a high school student” to “*may* be a high school student”.
2. Amend Article VIII Section I to allow elections to be conducted at a time prior to March 31st.

Commissioner Cabral reported that demolition had begun on 3459 Trabue Rd. without a vote by the commission.

Adjournment

Commissioner Russell moved to adjourn. Commissioner McKinley seconded. The motion carried.

Submitted by
Carol Mischnick, Recorder