



West Scioto Area Commission

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Thursday, May 17, 2022

WebEx Meeting

7:00 P.M.

## Regular Meeting Minutes

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M. by the Chair, Commissioner McKinley.

### Roll Call

Present: Chair Kristen McKinley, Treasurer Rita Cabral, Leyila Cabus, Larry Weber, Eli Bohnert, Eric Russell

### Nominating Committee

Chair, Commissioner Russell

### Election of Officers

Commissioner Russell moved to maintain all committee chairmen in their current roles. Commissioner Cabral seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

### Vacant Committee Seats

The upcoming vacancy for Commissioner Thomas's seat in July 2022 was discussed. Liaison Deeds reminded the commission that a replacement for Commissioner Thomas will serve until May 2024 when Commissioner Thomas's term would have ended.

### Approval of Previous Minutes

Chair McKinley called for a motion to approve the April 2022 minutes. Commissioner Cabral moved for approval. Commissioner Weber seconded. Motion carried.

### Presentation by JD Groves from IMPACT Community Action

Mr. Groves spoke as a representative of IMPACT Community Action to facilitate community engagement and to obtain feedback on the City of Columbus's EV Charging Parking Ordinance. Columbus is anticipating that automobile companies will have transitioned 70% of their factories from combustible engines to electric vehicles by 2035.

Columbus currently is at a 7% adoption rate with about 420 public charging stations. Stakeholders such as Drive Electric are meeting to establish more public access charging stations to meet the need of 20,000 charging stations by 2030.

The draft ordinance goes before city council on May 25, 2022. It lays out what is necessary to provide electric charging stations in urban areas equally. Three readiness thresholds must be met: 1) Businesses and homes must be EV capable with Level 2 charging capacity 2) Businesses and homes must be EV ready with conduit that runs from the panel to the end point of the charging station, and 3) supply equipment must be in place.

The EV Charging Parking Ordinance will govern all new builds from single to three family homes (C1, C3, C4) by 2024 when builders must have a certain percent of new builds meeting the readiness thresholds to support EV charging stations.

The funding source for this ordinance is to be determined. Some federal funding will come from the Smart Columbus fund that arose from the Volkswagen mitigation settlement.

### **Officer Paulus**

Police Liaison Officer Tom Paulus, City of Columbus, Division of Police, could not attend. He reported through Liaison Deeds that he had no updates, but provided a link to the area crime map so citizens can access it themselves.

### **City of Columbus Neighborhood Liaisons' Reports**

Rebecca Deeds

- 2021-2022 financial reports close in two weeks
- Memorandum of Agreement is also due.
- Questions should be directed to Julia Carter.
- Area Commissioners Training will be held via WebEx on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Averi Townsend

- Ms. Townsend thanked all who attended the city council community meeting.
- City Council's Reimagining Safety Grants will provide \$2,000,000 for this year's summer youth programs.
- Columbus Neighborhood Design Center has established a grant program. Contact Lourdes Barroso de Padilla with any beautification projects that might qualify.

### **Zoning Committee**

Chair, Commissioner Endicott

The application for Z22-033 (amends Z22-038) passed unanimously through the zoning committee. One concern that came up was that the number of square feet now exceeded the original number by 3,500 sq. ft.

Gavin Jones spoke to the extra footage. He stated that it became a structural design issue that came up at the last minute. Chair McKinley moved to approve the application. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Balance on April 21, 2022	1667.50
Expenses for signage and recorder and accessories	1483.69

Balance on April 30, 2022	183.81
Expenses for Constant Contact	20.00
Balance May 19, 2022	163.81

Chair McKinley moved to accept the treasurer's report. The motion carried.

**Budget Summary**

A budget summary will be submitted next week. The city will fund \$2,500.00.

**Committee Reports**

**Communications**

Chair, Commissioner Cabral

The May meeting was held at the Wesley Chapel Cemetery. This venue was home to a stream that feeds into waterways in the development area under consideration at the rail yard and into the quarry. It was noted that the trees in this area are original growth and have been used for new starts to maintain the area with native plantings.

Commissioner Cabral called to approve the edited June 2021 minutes. Commissioner Russell moved to accept the edits. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Planning**

Chair, Commissioner Weber

The committee established items to work on that require committee input. The next meeting in June will be held remotely.

**New Business**

The WSAC approach to planning as it relates to zoning was discussed. It was suggested that more input be provided by commission members when a project is introduced to allow for varied perspectives.

Continuity in planning the development of the West Scioto area is a concern when granting variances. More design integrity is needed in West Scioto. There is a disconnect between the principles that the planning committee created and what is actually being approved in the zoning and commission meetings. Area residents have expressed interest in basic services such as a grocery, a library, or a drug store, yet those issues are not being discussed.

One area resident brought up issues with the development on Trabue and Hague. The variances that were allowed to pass alters the placement of the original structure.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Russell moved to adjourn. Commissioner Cabral seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Mischnick

(DRAFT FOR APPROVAL)