West Scioto Area Commission

Thursday, May 18, 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 Commissioner Russell.

Roll Call
Present: Treasurer Rita Cabral, Vance Cerasini, Deb Boyd, Eric Russell, Larry Weber

Three reelected commissioners were present but are awaiting Council's approval before they can be seated: Kristen McKinley, Eli Bohnert, Leyila Cabus.

Approval of Previous Minutes
Commissioner Russell called for a motion to approve the April 2023 minutes. Commissioner Cabral moved to approve. Commissioner Cerasini seconded. Motion carried.

Franklin County Engineer's Office
Ed Herrick, Bridges
Simone Burley, Diversity and Inclusion

Simone Burley and Ed Herrick reinforced the value that the engineer's office brings to the public. He stated that his office is responsible for the safe and efficient movement of people and goods. The county engineer's office is responsible for 357 bridges, 150 miles of culverts, 850 miles of roads, and for salting the roads during winter snows.

Ed Herrick pointed out to the commissioners that the Franklin County Engineer's Office has the ability to direct people to the proper department to get information they are seeking or bring agencies together to clarify issues that come up.

He presented the commissioners with a map highlighting the West Scioto Area.

Simone Burley provided everyone in attendance with the 2023-2025 Franklin County, Ohio Road Atlas and Street Locator in both book form and as a foldout.

City of Columbus Reports

Division of Police Liaison
Officer Tom Paulus was not in attendance.

Department of Neighborhoods Liaison
Rebecca Deeds
- The new MOA has gone out. The fiscal reports are due May 30, 2023.
- Invites will go out for an area commissioners networking event on May 31st that will provide an opportunity for sharing of ideas.
- A Web Ex training will take place on Wednesday, June 14th on civic leadership.
- National Night Out get-togethers will take place August 1st.
- With reference to Sunshine Laws, David Hooie reminded commissioners to take care with email content. Emails are public records.

Zoning Committee Report
Zoning Chair, Commissioner Cabral

The developer for the Trabue project withdrew his request to meet tonight. He wants to meet in June.

The deadline to object to the demolition of 3451 Trabue Rd. is June 10th.

Discussions about projects should be part of the public record. Opinions should be in person, not by email.

A demolition application was presented for 3232 Indian Village Rd. The building is not structurally sound. There were no objections to this demolition application.

A demolition application was entered for 3403 Trabue Rd. This house is part of Preferred Living's 4th Phase. Commissioner Russell suggested that if it is torn down before the development is approved there will be an empty lot for an indefinite period. He suggested objecting to this demolition until the commission receives more information. Commissioner McKinley will respond to the demolition permits.

The next zoning meeting is May 31st at 6:45. Two applications will be heard: CV230-043 along with BZA23-054 for 2910 South Darby Executive Court and Z23-014 along with CV23-020 for 2400 Old Dublin Rd. at Quarry Trails.

Treasurer's Report
Treasurer, Commissioner Cabral

Balance April 30, 2023   593.71
  Expenditures:

Constant Contact month   20.00
            Google Storage   2.67
Bank Balance May 18, 2023 $571.04

The budget for May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024 was presented. From the $2,500 provided by the City, the commission will have administrative costs of $1,600, consumable supply costs of $150, and miscellaneous expenses of $750.

Committee Reports

Communication Committee
Chair, Commissioner Cabral

 There was nothing to report.

Nominations Committee
Chair, Commissioner Russell

Commissioner Russell had nothing to report.

Planning Committee
Chair, Commissioner Weber

The committee discussed the recommendations made to Preferred Living at the last zoning meeting and assigned three members to take responsibility for certain things the commission wants to see in Phase Three:
- Commissioner Weber will look into the multi-use path
- Commissioner Cabus will look into having a bus shelter installed at Trabue and McKinley
- Commissioner Bohnert will look into the Left in/Left out issue
- There is also a concern about connectivity between the two developments at Trabue and McKinley. This issue was taken on by Commissioner Vance.

Commissioner Weber indicated that the zoning committee's meeting place, the Belmont, may be a conflict of interest.

Ed Herrick asked what connectivity referred to. Commissioner Weber explained it is within the 340-unit project of Preferred Living with a single entrance/exit and the existing Belmont.

By-Law Amendment

A vote will be taken tonight on the proposed amendment to the by-laws. Committees will vote on a vice-chair at their June meetings.

Commissioner Russell made the final reading of the Article 7 Amendment and called for a vote of those who approve the amendment as read. All members approved. No one opposed. The amendment will appear in the City Bulletin on May 27th. It will take effect 10 days after that.

New Business

Commissioner Cabral asked if the fire trucks will be at the National Night Out. Liaison Deeds said the fire trucks are the responsibility of the Columbus Division of Fire.

Commissioner Weber requested that, when a vote is taken on the Trabue Road project, the commission vote on who will speak at the Development meeting on that project. Liaison Deeds said there are still many moving pieces to this Preferred Living project, and it won't be going before the Development committee any time soon.

The subject of who will attend the City's networking project at 6:00 P.M. on May 31st came up. No one is available.

The next regular area commission meeting will be on Thursday, June 15th at 6:30 P.M.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Mischnick

(DRAFT FOR APPROVAL)