

West Scioto Area Commission  
Thursday, May 16, 2019 – 7:00pm  
Church of the Triumphant, 1001 Vera Place  
Meeting Minutes

(1) Roll Call:

**Commissioners Present:** Chair Jessica Dyszel, Vice Chair Kristen McKinley, Treasurer Rita Cabral, Commissioners Leyla Cabus, Brian Endicott, Jo Leppert, Eric Russell, and Larry Weber.

All commissioners present.

(2) Election of officers for the 2019-2020 Commission year:

- a. Ms. Cabral made a motion to re-elect Jessica Dyszel as Commission Chair. Second by Ms. McKinley; motion unanimously approved.
- b. Ms. Dyszel made a motion to re-elect Kristen McKinley as Commission Vice-Chair. Second by Ms. Cabral; motion unanimously approved.
- c. Ms. Dyszel made a motion to re-elect Rita Cabral as the Commission's Treasurer. Second by Ms. Leppert; motion unanimously approved.
- d. Ms. Dyszel made a motion to elect Brian Endicott as the Commission's Secretary. Second by Ms. Cabral; motion unanimously approved.

(3) Introduction of new Commissioners: Ms. Dyszel introduced the Commission's new commissioners: Student Commissioner (appointed position) Leyla Cabus and Brian Endicott (elected position). Mr. Russell is also beginning his second term (appointed position).

(4) Guest Speaker: Columbus City Councilmember Rob Dorans

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Councilmember Dorans congratulated the Commission on its Commission anniversary as well as the Commission's new members. He is the current Chair for the Neighborhoods Committee on Council and is accessible for any issues or questions that arise.

(5) Guest Speaker: Environmental Court Judge Stephanie Mingo

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Judge Mingo provided an overview of the types of cases that come before the Environmental Court including code enforcement and violations, zoning, illegal dumping, housing, and similar cases. The court sees between 600-800 cases monthly. The court's focus areas in 2019 are outreach, data review to reduce recidivism, and smart sentencing.

(6) Officer Paulus provided an update on the Community Pride Map webpage (page: ?). Ms. McKinley also gave recognition for the police response in catching a neighborhood package thief.

(7) Neighborhood Pride follow-up guest presenters:

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Ms. Gerber provided detailed information on the Department of Neighborhood's Community Pride proposal for the Commission's Area. Proposed event schedule (events are 6:00-8:00pm, unless otherwise noted):

- September 5, 2019 (9:00am – 10:00am): Community Bus Tour (seating limited to 2 Commissioners)
- September 12, 2019: Safety Academy
- September 26, 2019: Healthy Habits
- October 3, 2019: Transit Thursday
- October 10, 2019: Mayor's Community Cookout

Except for the Community Bus Tour, food will be provided for each event.

Ms. Leppert inquired about locations for each event: Events will be strategically divided throughout the Commission's area, using facilities such as Grigg's Reservoir, Wyandotte Lodge, and the Columbus Police Academy. Event venues must be handicap accessible and preferably free of charge.

Mr. Black suggested the Commission create informational brochures to expand interest in the Commission.

(8) Committee Appointments:

- a. Ms. Dyszel recommended Ms. Cabus for Planning Committee
- b. A community member requested a list of the Committees: Zoning, Planning, Communications, Elections and Appointments, and Mentoring.
- c. Ms. Dyszel motioned to renew all committee members and add Ms. Cabus to the Planning Committee. Second by Ms. McKinley; motion unanimously approved.

(9) Committee Reports:

- a. Treasurer's Report:  
Treasurer Rita Cabral provided two reports – a monthly report and the end-of-year annual report:

**Monthly Report**

Balance April 18, 2019		\$761.14
Expenses:		
4-29 Vista Print – Business Cards	305.36	-305.36
Bank Balance as of April 30, 2019 Year End Balance		<u>\$455.78</u>
Expenses:		
5-2 Smart Sign – Name Plates	49.35	
5-3 Adobe	14.99	
5-7 Vista Print – Cr for Sales Tax	(21.35)	
Total Current expenses		- 42.99
Bank Balance May 14, 2019		<u>\$412.79</u>

**Annual Report (May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019):**

Bank Balance May 1, 2018		\$1280.15
Withdrawal by City of Columbus 6-19-18	( 943.54)	
Deposit by City of Columbus 8-2-18	2500.00	

**WSAC Expenses:**

Administrative	572.17	
Space Rental	720.00	
Consumable Supplies	499.64	
Miscellaneous Expenses	589.02	
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Total Expenses	(2380.83)	

WSAC Bank Balance April 30, 2019 \$ 455.78

- b. Zoning: Mr. Endicott reported that Joe Reddy of Wagenbrenner provided an update regarding the Quarry Trails project (CV19-023). The revised Council Variance application has been received and will be heard and voted on at the June 5, 2019 Zoning Committee Meeting. Requested space at West Side Pride Center, availability to be

determined. The Commission will vote on this application at the July commission meeting.

Mr. Endicott also indicated a concern was raised on the conditions for approval of BZA18-088 (Decker) and BZA17-095 (Cyclement). He indicated he will research the history of these applications and approval conditions, then contact the applicants to return to the Zoning Committee (perhaps in July) with project updates.

- c. Planning: Mr. Weber provided information regarding Insight2050 and the 5-Corridor Plan.

Mr. Weber then discussed progress made in Committee on revises propositions (Vision and Value Statements). The statements were read for consideration, further discussion will take place at the June Commission meeting.

- (a) Maintain the current ratio of land use within the area. When possible, increase the ratio of single-family residential land use.
- (b) Generally, disapprove of land use changes requiring rezoning if currently available properties with the required zoning exist in the general area.
- (c) Preserve and increase the amount of green and recreational spaces.
- (d) Increase the amount of tree canopy through the area focusing on the use of native tree species.
- (e) Improve pedestrian access and safety by connecting areas with multi-use paths and sidewalks, and improve the access to public transportation
- (f) WSAC strongly encourages developments that bring essential regional services to accommodate the area's current and future residents.

Mr. Weber indicated an interest in applying to becoming a Neighborhood Greenspot; additional research on this initiative is necessary.

(10) Old Business: None.

(11) New Business:

- a. Approval of Minutes from April 18, 2019 Commission Meeting: Mr. Endicott offered two minor revisions. Ms. Cabral made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Ms. Dyszel seconded the motion; motion unanimously approved.

- b. Neighborhood Pride Additional Discussion:

Ms. Dyszel stated that she believed this is a great opportunity to promote the Commission, but also recognized that there will be a significant amount of work for Commissioners and other volunteers.

Ms. McKinley agreed and introduced a motion to move forward with the Department of Neighborhood's proposal for Neighborhood Pride. Mr. Endicott seconded the motion. Mr. Russell inquired about how the West Scioto Area was selected for a Neighborhood Pride. Melissa Green described how neighborhood maps are developed and how areas were zeroed in on. Ms. Green further indicated that The Glenn has previously applied,

so this application was not the first from within the West Scioto Area. Ms. McKinley called the question and the motion was approved unanimously.

- c. A resident brought forward traffic concerns related to the Quarry Trails project. Ms. Green provided some details on processes and timelines for which road improvements coincide with development construction. Mr. Endicott indicated that Mr. Reddy will be present with additional updates at both the Zoning Committee meeting (June 5) and the next Commission meeting (June 20) and will take questions from residents at both meetings.

At 8:32pm, Mr. Russell made a motion to extend the meeting for an additional 15 minutes. Mr. Weber seconded the motion. Ms. Dyszel indicated that some of these discussions have previously occurred in Zoning Committee meetings and she has a responsibility to be respectful of everyone's time. Motion failed to pass, 3 for and 5 against.

(12) Ms. McKinley introduced a motion to adjourn at 8:35pm. Second by Ms. Dyszel; motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Endicott, Secretary

Approved: June 20, 2019