



West Scioto Area Commission

Thursday, July 18, 2024

First Community Church

3777 Dublin Road

Columbus, OH

6:30 P.M.

Regular Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Chairman McKinley.

Roll Call

Present: Chair McKinley, Eli Bohnert, Deb Boyd, Rita Cabral, Vance Cerasini, Eric Russell, Larry Weber

City of Columbus Reports

Division of Police Liaison

There has not been a lot of activity in the area.

- National Night Out will be held August 6, 2024.
- CPD made one run to the Baron's Bus Transfer Station

Department of Neighborhoods Liaison

Rebecca Deeds

The next event for area commissioners will be held on August 22, 2024 at the Museum of Art from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The topic is networking. Invitations to come.

Presentation by LinkUS representatives

LinkUS is a collaboration of Franklin County Board of Commissioners, COTA, MORPC, and the City of Columbus to expand bike paths, bus service, and sidewalks. The plan proposes spending \$60 million annually for 25 years with funds from a levy that will appear on the November 5, 2024 ballot. The levy is for .5% new sales tax increase that is

in addition to the current .5% COTA sales tax.

A community meeting on LinkUS will be held at West High on July 25, 2024 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. See www.Linkuscolumbus.com for more resources.

Zoning Committee Report

Zoning Chair, Commissioner Cabral

The next meeting will be August 7, 2024 at the Hilltop Library at 7:00 p.m.

On the agenda:

- Applications Z24-028 and CV24-084 at 3775 Trabue Rd. for 375 units consisting of commercial and townhomes on 18.3 acres
- A presentation to determine interest in our area for recreational and/or medical marijuana facilities.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Commissioner Bohnert

July closing balance \$2351.01

Commissioner Bohnert reported that the area commission signs now cost \$2,200 apiece.

Commissioner Russell moved to rescind the motion to spend funds on another area commission sign. Commissioner Bohnert seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Communication Committee

Chair, Commissioner Boyd

The committee reviewed the WSAC webpage, FB was updated, and links were added on the landing page. Commissioner Boyd introduced a discussion on creating a new email for the Communication Committee. That discussion will continue.

Nominations Committee

Chair, Commissioner Russell

Commissioner Cabus submitted her letter of resignation by email effective immediately.

Commissioner Russell moved to accept Leila Cabus' resignation. Commissioner Weber seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Willard Flack's application to serve as a West Scioto Area Commissioner is complete and ready to go. Commissioner Russell moved to appoint Willard Flack to fill the vacant position on the commission. Commissioner Boyd seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Participation

Chair McKinley welcomed the public and requested they sign in. The rules of decorum were read and the public was reminded they have a three-minute limit when speaking before the commission.

Cheryl Launer, resident, voiced her concerns about the proposed Britton/Trabue development. The plan for 60' units would have a negative impact on the current homes on Britton. Neighbors attended a community meeting to discuss the proposal.

Resident Lisa Swank also spoke about the negative impact this development would have on wildlife, 80-year-old trees, and the green space. She said a developer meeting regarding annexation with Franklin County will be held July 30th. Liaison Deeds added that the meeting is at 373 S. High St. at 9:00 a.m.

New Business

Commissioner Weber asked if it was permissible to place a sign on private property in Scioto Woods to notify the public of the proposal for this 375-unit development. Chair McKinley said all that is needed is permission from the property owner or, to place on the applicant's property, permission from the applicant.

Adjournment

Chair McKinley moved to adjourn. Commissioner Bohnert seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by
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Recorder