

Planning Meeting Minutes 9/13/2022

- Call to Order: 7:02 PM at the Belmont House
- Members Present: Eli Bonhert, Rita Cabral, Leyila Cabus, Vance Cerasini, Kristen McKinley, Eric Russell, and Larry Weber
- Special Guest Present: Steve Mazar of Franklin Township
- Franklin Township is a large part of our Area Commission.
- Our goal in inviting Steve Mazar, is to create transparency between the Franklin township and the West Scioto Area Commission.
- Our goal is to be proactive in our zoning and planning strategies.
- We also want to advocate for consistency in our area in regards to zoning and planning.
- As is, we are trying to advocate for more single family housing, despite there being pushback from the city.
- Currently Steve Mazar is working on implementing a JED for Franklin township.
- As a group we would like to limit vacancies, for they tend to go vacant for long periods of time. To add, most times it could be repurposed to become better.
- It was discussed how there will be a large issue with new development, especially with traffic.
- There is also concern that the large amounts of families with children going to school will significantly affect our traffic.
- There were questions in regards to the Franklin Township police department and fire department.
- If the levy fails for the police department this year, only a few officers will be deployed in the township.
- There was concern with traffic when it comes to Hague Avenue. Mazar expressed that traffic is so bad that it is becoming a safety issue. New development certainly does not help with this predicament.
- Currently they have about 10 police officers and they have \$1.4 million in funds for their police department.
- It was encouraged to attend township meetings. They happen on the second and fourth Thursday every month. The second meeting happens at 6:00 Pm and the first happens at noon.
- It might be beneficial to confer with the southwest area commission in regards to their methods on policy.
- In general as a group we need to work on interconnectivity with the different area commissions and townships.
- It was expressed by Larry Weber that the state, city, and developers should work to create affordable housing.
- As a group we reviewed Larry's Final copy of our area commission development pending signs. The QR codes work correctly and
- It was expressed that there is little communication between the townships.
- Commercial development will be handled by the township
- Residential will be controlled by the county

- It was expressed that the townships follow state law when reviewing zoning. It was also mentioned that there is little interconnectivity between the townships and the City of Columbus.
- We adjourned at 8:55 PM.
- The meeting minutes were written by Leyla Cabus.