

West Scioto Area Commission – Planning Committee
Tuesday, May 14, 2019
Panera Bread; 3625 Fishinger Road
Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present: Chairman Larry Weber, Commissioner Rita Cabral, Commissioner Jo Leppert, Brian Endicott, Leyla Cabus, Commissioner Eric Russell

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

- (1) Approval of April 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve by Ms. Cabral, second by Ms. Cabus. Motion unanimously approved.
- (2) Discussion of Corridors into downtown and future focus and impacts on public transportation and biking/pedestrian traffic. Ms. Leppert brought information from Insight 2050 (see: <https://getinsight2050.org/>) and a *Columbus Dispatch* article from April 30, 2019 (see: <https://www.dispatch.com/news/20190430/growth-plan-would-concentrate-development-in-5-columbus-metro-corridors>).
- (3) Review of Propositions / Vision & Value Statements (changes from previous wording highlighted in red):
 - a. ***Maintain the current rations of land use within the area. **When possible, increase the ratio of single-family residential land use.*****
Reminder to follow-up with Erin Gibbons on current land-use ratios throughout the Area.
 - 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. ***[Detached from item c]: Increase the amount of tree canopy through the area focusing on the use of native tree species.***
Mr. Weber discussed introducing to the Commission applying to become a Greenspot Neighborhood.
 - e. ***Improve pedestrian access and safety by connecting areas with multi-use paths and sidewalks, and improve the access to public transportation.***
 - f. ***[Detached from item e]: WSAC strongly encourages developments that bring essential regional services to accommodate the area's current and future residents.***
- (4) Discussion on identifying plots of land that are ripe for redevelopment and improvement and locations where essential services (such as a recreation center or grocery store) could be located.
- (5) Next Planning Committee Meeting: Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 7:00pm at Panera Bread.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.