

**WEST SCIOTO AREA COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 17, 2018 7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Present were Commissioners Dyszel, Weber, Cabral, McKinley, Leppert, Grinch, Watkinson and Russell.

The Chair welcomed new Commissioner Kristen McKinley and returning commissioners Larry Weber and Rita Cabral.

David Hooie, City Liaison, ~~from the City of Columbus~~ reported that an area commission retreat was held. From the retreat came a list of recommendations for area commissions city wide. For example, standard bylaws, election days, zoning process and regular meetings with councilmembers as well as additional training.

Next steps are for the Department to look and see what it can and can't do. There may be a committee formed over the next several months.

Survey results will be available.

One ~~of the~~ commissioners indicated ~~that~~ they knew nothing about this retreat. David responded that invitations were sent to the Zoning Chairs and Vice Chairs only. David will get the survey results to the commissioners.

There was a survey to see when most commissioners wanted training. The most responses were for Saturday mornings or any week day night.

Tina Mohn and Craig Murphy were present for the Columbus Parks and Rec department. Commissioner Weber introduced them and went over the questions that he sent to Tina in advance regarding developer contributions.

Handouts were provided. There was a discussion of the Questions and Answers as well as an overview of the Parkland Dedication Statute overview.

Tina Mohn made the **following** oral presentation: ~~as follows:~~

There are 12 park areas that exist in our area. She reviewed the Q&A document. Commissioners and audience members were permitted to ask questions.

Questions were discussed about the accuracy of parks being **only** a 10 minute walk, **but they are** not actually ~~being~~ a safe 10 minute walk **away**.

Commissioner Weber asked **about** who we make recommendations to for **park** projects.

Parkland dedication was mostly pulled from the city charter.
It was asked if there was an option to say no to development. The answer was yes.

An audience member asked if there was a way to deny the money in lieu from developers that don't want to develop parks? The answer was that most developers will reach out to the area commission. Hilliard Woods was **built** before West Scioto Area Commission was formed.

Hari (audience member and elections chair) pointed out if developers have a variance, they don't have to pay anything.

~~There was~~ A question was asked about the walking path around the sludge dumping area off of McKinley Avenue.

Hari asked if there was discussion about raising the PDO from \$400 per acre to a higher amount.

Can Commission say we don't want any variances in our area? Yes but unknown if it will be honored.

Timeline for revamping ordinance? (ie. PDO overhaul)

They are looking at it pretty closely. It is code so they are required to give notice and allow comment at city council.

Craig Murphy is new to the department.

Zoning Request

David Bullock, Architect presented a variance request

Two lots at the end of the **cul-de-sac** and they want the **setback** reduced to allow for a single home on the two joined lots instead of two homes, one on each lot. The road extension will remain grass.

There was a motion to recommend the variance by Commissioner Weber. Seconded by Commissioner Leppert

Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

There was a waiver of the reading of last **month's** meeting minutes. ([Question..Were the Minutes then approved?](#))

Treasurer's report

There is \$1331.28 as of last month. Supplies were purchased and the debit card was zeroed out. Supplies that were purchased were toner, copies, stamp kit, student binder for Ben and parking.

The ending balance was \$1,280.15.

In May Adobe was purchased for \$24.99 and we received a credit of \$5.61 from Adobe. The current balance is \$1,260.77.

The end of the fiscal year is April 30th.

Per the city we have \$300 to work with until we are refunded to bring the balance to \$2,500.00.

Communications Committee

Commissioner Cabral is the chair. Commissioner Grinch is the Vice Chair. The website is being maintained. It is important to have more than one person that is updating and posting to it. They will begin publishing agendas ahead of time in order to grow **Community** interest in attending the meetings. They are reviewing what should be in the student commissioner binder in order to use it to recruit new student members.

Planning Committee

Commissioner Weber is the chair and Commissioner Leppert is the Vice Chair. This committee met on May 9, 2018. They discussed the purpose and way forward and what they wanted to take on. **They Chairman Weber believes that the area should be predominantly single-family housing. That is currently being discussed. ~~If that is the will of the entire commission then they will memorialize it in some sort of document.~~**

The next meeting is May 30th at 7:00 p.m. at the Panera on Fishinger Road.

There is a difference of opinion between committee members as to what their purpose is.

C2P2, the Columbus citywide planning policies will be discussed at the next zoning committee meeting.

Action Plan – The full commission will discuss the purpose of the **P**lanning **C**ommittee.

Elections Committee

There was a discussion of proposed election rules to open the window of possible applications. Rules were circulated amongst commissioners.

Commissioner Cabral moved to accept the changes. Commissioner Weber seconded the motion.

The motion passed by a vote of 6-0-1 with Commissioner McKinley abstaining.

The final version of the election rules will be posted to the website.

Elections and Committee appointments

Commissioner Cabral moved that Commissioner Dyszel be nominated for Chair of the commission. Commissioner Weber seconded the motion.

Commissioner Dyszel nominated Commissioner Cabral for treasurer. Commissioner Leppert seconded the motion.

Commissioner Cabral nominated Commissioner McKinley for Vice Chair. Commissioner Dyszel seconded the motion.

Commissioner Weber agreed to be interim Secretary until July. Commissioner Cabral seconded this.

Committee Appointments

Planning – Commissioner Weber, Commissioner Cabral, Commissioner Leppert and Brian Endicott

Zoning – Commissioner Weber, Commissioner Leppert, Commissioner Cabral, Commissioner Watkinson, Commissioner McKinley, Brian Endicott and Bob Vance.

Communications – Commissioner Dyszel, Commissioner Cabral, Commissioner Grinch and Hari Ruiz

Student Mentoring – Commissioner Dyszel, Commissioner Leppert and Commissioner McKinley

Elections and Appointments – Hari Ruiz, Deb Boyd, and Dave Rico

Commissioner Dyszel moved to accept the committee appointments. Commissioner McKinley seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

New Business

* Commissioner Leppert wants to have a swearing in of any guest that wants to speak. She would like it done at the beginning of each meeting. It is a reminder of them to tell the truth. There was discussion about this issue. An audience member pointed out that this isn't done at any city council meetings.

Commissioner Cabral suggested we think about this. She pointed out that there meetings that she has attended do this (Grandview, Brewery District and German Village)

Commissioner Dyszel will put this issue on the agenda for next month.

* Keri Rogers ~~from the audience lives in~~ is a resident of Golfview Woods on Inverary and spoke about a problem.. Interstate Cold Storage is directly behind ~~them~~ where she lives and there is noise ~~there~~ 24/7. She recently posted on facebook about it. It was at 72 decibels at 8:45 p.m. She is working with Sara in the Department of Public Health to resolve the issue.

60 decibels is the threshold for noise violations.
Interstate has five (5) facilities across multiple states.

The noise is from the air conditioning units on top of the building that do all of the chilling. The noise is high pitched and there is nothing around the fans to muffle or redirect the sound. They can put a wall around them on the roof.

The houses were there before first. This was an addition for Interstate Cold Storage.

David indicated that Columbus Public Health enforces noise ordinances. The Commission has no authority on this issue.

Officers

There was a motion to accept the nominations for officers. It was approved unanimously 7-0.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Motion by Commissioner Dyszel, second by Commissioner McKinley.