



## West Scioto Area Commission

Thursday, January 16, 2020 – 7:00pm  
Hope City Church – 3330 El Paso Drive  
General Meeting

### MEETING MINUTES

- 1) Meeting called to order at 7:03pm.
- 2) **Roll Call:**  
**Commissioners Present:** Chair Jessica Dyszel; Treasurer Rita Cabral, Zoning Chair Brian Endicott, Commissioners Leyila Cabus, Jo Leppert, Eric Russell, Larry Weber, and Jeremy Thomas.  
  
**Commissioners Not Present:** Vice-Chair Kristen McKinley.
- 3) **Minutes:** Corrections noted: Date, Spelling of Nick Tuele, extra word in discussion on Z19-049 (“showed displayed”). Attachments to be added with text from Commissioner presentations to Development Commission in December. Motion to approve as amended by Commissioner Cabral. Second by Commissioner Leppert. Motion passes unanimously.
- 4) **Columbus Police Liaison:** Officer Paulus noted complaints received on individuals soliciting for money, primarily on highway exits. Drivers giving them money is also a ticketed offense – the offense charged to both parties is impeding traffic.

Discussion on developing homeless camp behind McDonlad’s on Rome Hilliard Road.

Columbus Police launching new program of “therapy dogs” – a significantly different philosophy than the typical police dogs.

Columbus’s new Police Chief will hold a public address for the 15th Precinct on January 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at the Columbus Police Academy (1000 N. Hague).

Our Commission Area has the lowest quantity of 3-1-1 calls in the city (comparatively, south end has the highest volume).

- 5) **Neighborhood Liaison:** Rebecca Deeds updated upcoming calendar:
  - MLK Day City Events will be at East High School
  - Zoning Training on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> and will include a session on traffic studies
  - February 8<sup>th</sup> is a free dental care clinic for kids at The Ohio State University College of Dentistry
  - Mayor Ginther’s State of the City Address will be at West High School on February 13.

- 6) **Columbus State Community College ballot initiative:**
- Jack Popovich, Professor of Finance presenting
  - Student body is approximately 45,000 students
  - Tuition is roughly \$4,8000 per year full time. Comparatively, Ohio State is \$13,000.
  - 75% of CSCC graduates remain in Columbus post-graduation
  - 75% of CSCC students (graduates and transfers) leave without any debt
  - Levy is .65mils totaling \$300 million over 24 years
    - Approximately \$2 per month in \$100,000 of property valuation
    - Facilities levy only, does not cover any operational expenses
    - Why now? Change in state law allows for community colleges to put levies on the ballot
  - Will be on the March 17<sup>th</sup> primary ballot.
- 7) **MORPC – Regional Transportation Priorities through 2050**
- Brian Schneck, Senior Public Affairs Coordinator
  - Area covers Franklin and Delaware counties plus portions of Licking, Fairfield, and Union
  - There are 6 broad regional goals and 65 regional strategies, all listed on webpage
  - February 26 – open house at MORPC from 4pm-7pm, presentation at 6pm
  - Following will be a public comment period, open through April 3.
- 8) **Columbus Parks and Rec:** [Agenda addition]
- Ashton & Associates, Inc presenting
  - Plan outlaying a 5<sup>th</sup> to Griggs Park walking and biking study area
- 9) **Joe Reidy and Steve Bollinger [Thrive Properties]:** [Agenda Addition]
- MOU for traffic study was approved at the end of 2019
  - Working in partnership with MORPC to move the study forward
  - Clean-up of environmental work is now complete and ready to begin vertical construction
  - Demolition permit coming soon to tear down 2 buildings at heliport
  - Traffic signal will be installed by end of 2020
  - Groundbreaking for phase 1 is end of April or beginning of May
  - Architects are the same as those being used by Metro Parks
  - Commissioner Leppert requested for an “Open House” before groundbreaking
- 10) **Treasurer’s Report** (attached).
- 11) **Zoning Committee:**
- No applications this month
  - Next month: Z19-094 (3670 Trabue Road): Change land use to car sales
  - Next month: Z19-098 (3370 Trabue Road): Self Storage facility with concurrent CV19-146.
  - Update on Z19-049 (4407 Trabue Road): No updates yet from CM Tyson’s office, but we have confirmation in writing via email that the application will not go to council without notifying us and scheduling a meeting.
  - BZA19-126 will be on BZA on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

- Chair Dyszel motioned to appoint Commissioner Cabus to Zoning Committee. Second by Commissioner Leppert. Motion approved unanimously.
- 12) **Elections:** No election to be held; only one application (Commissioner Leppert's re-election).
  - 13) **Planning Committee:** Chair Larry Weber noted that the committee is making progress in the matrix provided by Planning Director Jackie Yeoman. Currently through 4 of 9 sections. Hoping to vote on adoption at February meeting. Meeting date to be determined.
  - 14) **Communications:** Meeting Monday at 7pm at Minelli's.
  - 15) At 8:27pm, Commissioner Cabral made a motion to extend the meeting until 7:45pm to discuss bylaw revision. Second by Commissioner Weber. Motion passed unanimously.
  - 16) **New Business:** Bylaw revision necessary to Article IV (D) on Commission Representation. Bylaw revisions are authorized by Article IX provided the amendment was read in full at the previous commission meeting and approved by 2/3 of commissioners.  
  
Agreement that there should not be a prohibition against speaking in public meetings. Debate focused on whether the Commissioner speaking without prior authorization should identify themselves as a Commissioner or a Resident.  
Zach Gwin from Columbus City Attorney's office will attend March Commission meeting for further input.
  - 17) Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Endicott at 8:49pm. Second by Commissioner Leppert. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brian Endicott  
WSAC Secretary