



# West Scioto Area Commission

Thursday, July 20, 2023  
First Community Church  
3777 Dublin Road  
Columbus, OH  
7:00 P.M.

## Regular Meeting Minutes

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by Chair McKinley.

### Roll Call

Present: Chair McKinley, Treasurer Rita Cabral, Eli Bohnert, Deb Boyd, Leyila Cabus, Vince Cerasini, Larry Weber

### City of Columbus Reports

#### Division of Police Liaison for the 15<sup>th</sup> Precinct.

Officer Tom Paulus

Officer Paulus covered:

Why helicopters circled the Scioto Woods area earlier in the week.

1. The helicopters were deployed as part of the team of officers that were used to apprehend a suspect they were pursuing in the Twin Creeks area.

The Bus Terminal that appeared on N. Wilson Rd in early July

1. Officer Paulus was unaware it was being sited there.
2. He called the zoning attorney who knew nothing about it.
3. The police preemptively had businesses around the terminal complete criminal trespass forms to eliminate the need get permission if someone is on their property.
4. The police have received 30 calls to the terminal since it opened.
5. According to Chair McKinley these incidents included altercations between customers, altercations between employees and customers, and trespassing.

#### Department of Neighborhoods Liaison

Rebecca Deeds

- Strategic Planning training will be held on July 29th conducted by Sharon Ware.
- The City is offering vax cash for kids to cover all their vaccines needed for school. They will be given a \$100 gift card.
- A summer networking session will be held at Bud Dairy Food Hall on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- More discussions concerning the Greyhound Terminal are in the works.

**Columbus City Council, Division of Community Engagement Legislative Advisor**

Averi Townsend

Averi Townsend was not in attendance,

**Franklin County Clerk of Courts**

Maryellen O’Shaughnessy

O’Shaughnessy attended the WSAC meeting tonight to reinforce the duties of her office.

- The Franklin County Clerk of Courts performs legal work such as car titles.
- There are 200 deputy clerks in nine locations.
- There are two Clerks of Court: O’Shaughnessy is common pleas and 10<sup>th</sup> District appeals court clerk. The second clerk is the Franklin County Municipal Clerk of Courts.

**Zoning Committee Report**

Zoning Chair, Commissioner Cabral

- The zoning committee did not meet in July.
- The next meeting is August 2<sup>nd</sup>. On the agenda is Z23-042 at 4398 Trabue Rd. The application is asking to rezone the site to an LM District for American Society for Nondestructive Testing, LLC.
- The Zoning Committee has not heard back from Quarry Trails regarding a site visit.
- Zoning committee member Mick Newman, along with Zoning Chair Commissioner Cabral, held a WebEx meeting on July 19<sup>th</sup> with Traffic Division’s Dan Blechschmidt and assigned Planner Tim Dietrich from the Columbus Department of Building and Zoning, about parking and traffic for Preferred Living’s application Z23-012 at 3451 Trabue. Takeaways from this WebEx were:
  1. No decision will be made until the City receives the traffic report from Preferred Living.
  2. The City expects Preferred Living to deal with the left turn lane exiting west onto Trabue Rd.
- A request was sent to Jared Smith asking for locations to view with renderings given to WSAC for Z23-012. Smith said the basic plan would be similar to the Camden at 6480 Alexander Clay in New Albany and 1145 Chambers Rd. in Grandview Heights.
- The Zoning chair asked that the commission members look at these two locations to see the difference in height as well as a site near the Camden located at 5060 Warner Rd. in Westerville. Commissioner Cabral stated that newer developments have 10-foot ceilings.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer, Commissioner Bohnert

Balance June 15, 2023	\$172.51
Expenditures:	
Constant Contact month	23.00
Bank Balance July 17, 2023	149.51

Commissioner Bohnert moved to increase the Constant Contact budget to \$23.00 from the previous \$20. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weber and carried unanimously.

## **Committee Reports**

### Communication Committee

Chair, Commissioner Boyd

- The committee met on July 13<sup>th</sup> and a new chair, Deb Boyd, was elected.
- More help is needed on the committee.
- The next meeting has not been determined.
- Bethany Narker will distribute flyers announcing National Night Out. In addition, A-frame boards will be placed at Scioto Woods Park.

### Nominations Committee

Chair, Commissioner Russell

Commissioner Russell was not in attendance.

### Planning Committee

Chair, Commissioner Weber

- Discussed the need to communicate more with the businesses in the area. At the August meeting they will plan for that. Commissioner Cabral is creating a communication list.
- The committee met at the Trampoline Park.

## **Public Comment**

Cabus stated that she received an email about

Police Academy on Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> from

There was no public comment. Commissioner

Snack and Learn Safety Best Practices at the 6:00-7:00 P.M. She will attend.

## **New Business**

Chair McKinley brought up an issue that arose at the June meeting when, during the discussion of Z23-012 and CV23-019, Commissioner Weber invited Zoning Committee member Mick Newman to join the discussion with concerns he had about the project. Newman is not a commission member but serves on the Zoning Committee. He spoke for more than the three-minute maximum that is the policy when residents speak. Resident Brian Endicott was timing Newman's remarks and complained that it was a breach of the three-minute policy.

Tonight, Chair McKinley asked that the WSAC create a speaking policy for committee members who are not on the commission itself that would not hold them to the three-minute rule.

Commissioner Cabral moved to create a policy that would permit committee members who are not commissioners to participate as commissioners and be exempt from the three-minute speaking cap. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weber and carried unanimously.

## **Adjournment**

Commissioner Cabral moved to adjourn. Commissioner Bohnert seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Mischnick

(DRAFT FOR APPROVAL)