



Thursday, January 21, 2021 – 7:00pm
Via Web
General Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

- 1) Meeting called to order at 7:05pm.
- 2) Minutes for this Meeting: Vice Chair Russell called for a volunteer to take Minutes for this meeting. Commissioner Endicott volunteered to resume taking minutes for meetings moving forward until the vacant Secretary role is filled. Commissioner Endicott also noted that our Commission is already short Commissioners and only a few Commissioners are taking on the challenging tasks (Commissioner Cabral has both Communications and Treasurer; Commissioner Weber Chairs Planning Committee; and Commissioner Endicott Chairs Zoning and has simultaneously served as Secretary, and the Student Commissioner serves on several Committees). Commissioner Endicott noted that we are currently behind two months of Meeting Minutes (November and December 2020) and how important it is to keep up to date with Minutes.
- 3) Roll call:
 - Commissioners present:** Commissioners Cabral, Cabus, Endicott, Leppert, Russell, Weber
 - Commissioners not present:** Commissioner McKinley.
 - Commissioner excused:** Commissioner Thomas (military)
- 4) **Minutes:** Draft minutes from the previous two meetings (November and December 2020) have not been submitted for review. Commissioner Weber noted that he sent notes from the December 2020 meeting to Chair McKinley to be organized into minutes.
- 5) **Officer Paulus:** Officer Paulus discussed increased crime in the area of La Vista Drive and Hague, including the older apartment complex and the newer Whispering Creek.

Officer Paulus can be reached at tpaulus@columbuspolice.org or 614-645-1415.
- 6) **City Liaison:** Department of Neighborhoods Headquarters has moved from Jerry Hamond Center on E. Broad to the Linden neighborhood.
Next training: Critical Conversations – Saturday, February 20th 9a-11a (virtual training)
- 7) **Zoning:**

- a) BZA20-122 20280: Arlingte Lane. Mr. Ken Cook presenting on behalf of applicant. Request is to eliminate the otherwise required connecting sidewalk to the perimeter sidewalk. Mr. Cook explained that the elimination of the connecting sidewalk is necessary for the protection of the clients who may be prone to accidentally wandering toward a busier roadway.

Commissioner Russell noted that the request is justified and seems straight-forward.

Commissioner Endicott motioned to recommend approval. Commissioner Cabral seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- b) BZA20-123 2551 Fisher Road: Zoning Chair Endicott listed this as an application tentatively scheduled to be heard at the February meeting of the Zoning & Variance Committee. The applicant is the Franklin County Board of Commissioners and Chair Endicott noted for the record a potential conflict-of-interest for this application (for himself) as he is a County Employee of the Franklin County Recorder's Office. Chair Endicott explained that his agency's payroll budget is determined by the Board of Commissioners, but his direct salary is determined solely by the Recorder.

Department of Neighborhoods Liaison referred to advice received from David Hooie. Mr. Hooie noted that the relationship between employee and the committee member is distant enough that a recusal is not necessary.

Chair Endicott asked if any Commissioner had any objections; no objections were noted.

- c) BZA20-013 2971 Kilcullen Drive: Chair Endicott stated that this application was originally received in March of 2020, just before in-person meetings were suspended due to COVID. When meetings resumed virtually, the applicant (Jonathan Davis) was unable to participate due to a recent surgery. The Chair directed the applicant to contact the Commission when he was ready to proceed. Mr. Davis is now ready to proceed and is tentatively scheduled for the March Zoning Committee meeting.

- d) Chair Endicott noted that he had a conversation with the City of Columbus (Michael Liggett) regarding movement on the regional traffic study. There will be additional information on this at the February Zoning Committee meeting and/or the February regular Commission meeting. A Steering Committee is being formed and will include the West Scioto Area and Far West Area Commissions.

- 8) Sam Runta – Franklin County Auditor's Office guest: The State of Ohio recently approved values from the Triennial Review (3-year value review); this review process is mandated to ensure property values align with current market values. FCAO is organizing a legal workshop with Legal Aide Society of Columbus and also holds their own Board of Revision for residents to contest their property valuation. You can also now e-file with Board of Revisions, an initiative from Auditor Stinziano to make appealing property valuation more accessible. 614-525-4922 srunta@franklincountyohio.gov. Average increase across the county was approximately 20%.

9) Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Cabral stated she identified a minor net-zero error on the Treasurer's Report she sent, she will send a revised report tomorrow. Current balance: \$3,396.64. The amended Treasurer's Report will be attached to these minutes.

10) Committee Reports:

- a. Nominations: No report now, election cycle is starting soon so by next meeting there will be some update.
- b. Communications: New webpage, calendar information sent out. Website is updated, fine-tuning and additional updates still in progress. Will have a photo section with pictures from neighborhoods and volunteer opportunities. Rita and Jess attended the Building Your Brand training session presented by the City. Next meeting will be on February 16.
- c. Planning: Next meeting will be February 10. Chair Weber has not heard back from Jackie Yeoman on questions about our Land Use Plans – (specifically, will the Land Use Plan encompass both the Trabue Road and McKinley Corridors). Committee has a desire to adopt a resolution regarding our Commission's position on affordable housing.

11) New Business:

- a. Rita asked if we passed bylaw revisions last meeting. Commissioner Endicott noted that the bylaw revisions were passed at the December meeting. Rebecca is waiting for final version of revised bylaws from Kristen. Once received, they are posted to the City Bulletin and go into effect 10 days later. Commissioner Russell suggested that the Commission have an opportunity to review the revised bylaws prior to posting. Commissioner Endicott added that this was a good idea to ensure there are no errors but that the language of the bylaws had been approved.

Commissioner Cabral made a motion to have Chair McKinley circulate the revised bylaws to all Commissioners prior to sending to the City. Commissioner Leppert seconded this motion; motion passed unanimously.

- b. Commissioner Leppert renewed her previous request for tour of jail. It was noted again that a tour remains unlikely due to COVID, but Rebecca said she would reach out to David Hooie for input.

12) Commissions Russel motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:01pm. Second by Commissioner Leppert. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Endicott
Acting Secretary

TREASURERS REPORT

Revised Report 1-25-2021

Balance December 17, 2020 \$3,435.85

Income:

Reimbursements – Constant Contact Tax Charge

12-21-2020 1.50 Oct,

12-21-2020 1.50 Nov

12-21-2020 1.50 Dec

Reimbursement – Wix 1-14-2021 219.30 22 3.80

Expenses:

Wix Domain charge 1 year 12-28-2020 26.71

Constant Contact - monthly fee for bulk email, web 1-7-2021 20.00 Wix 1 yr subscription
(canceled see above) 1-12-2021 219..30 (266.01)

Bank Balance December 17, 2020 \$3,393.64

Submitted by Rita Cabral, Treasurer
West Scioto Area Commission