



West Scioto Area Commission

Thursday, November 21, 2019 – 7:00pm
Church of the Triumphant, 1001 Vera Place
General Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

- 1) Meeting called to order at 7:05pm.
- 2) Roll call:
Commissioners present: Chair Jessica Dyszel, Vice Chair Kristen McKinley, Treasurer Rita Cabral, Secretary Brian Endicott, Commissioners Thomas.

Commissioners not present: Commissioners Leyila Cabus, Jo Leppert, Eric Russell, Larry Weber
- 3) **Minutes:** Amended to correct date in heading. Motion to approve as amended by Commissioner Cabral, second by Commissioner Thomas. Approved unanimously.
- 4) **Police Liaison Comments:** Officer Paulus not present.
- 5) **City Attorney's Office:** Zach Gwinn inquired to the "San Margarita" sign in Franklin Township. The location of the arch sign is within the boundaries of Franklin Township and is therefore not within WSAC boundaries. Franklin Township approved a variance for the sign. Zoning Chair Bria Endicott expressed disappointment that the property owner / applicant did not include our Area Commission in these discussions.
- 6) **Treasurer's Report** (see attached)
 - a. Treasurer Rita Cabral informed the Commission that we are not regularly using Adobe and will not be purchasing a renewal.
 - b. The Treasurer noted the Commission spent more than expected on the 2019 Regional Neighborhood Network Conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Chair Jessica Dyszel requested our Neighborhood Liaison (Rebecca Deeds) work with the Department of Neighborhoods for waived or reduced registration at the 2020 conference in exchange for volunteering. Columbus hosts the 2020 conference. Commissioner Endicott suggested in the future, the Commission approve a maximum spending amount for commissioners to attend the conference. That amount would be split evenly between commissioners who choose to attend.
 - c. The Treasurer suggested conserving funds by combining PO Boxes. We currently have two separate PO boxes – one for Elections and one for Zoning. Elections Committee requires two individuals to retrieve mail; Zoning Chair Endicott noted continuing this rule would create hardship. Elections Chair Deb Steele and Commissioner Cabral offered assistance. Motion to consolidate mailboxes by Commissioner McKinley, second by Commissioner Endicott. Motion carries

unanimously. The Treasurer will provide more information at the December Commission meeting.

7) Zoning Committee:

Zoning Chair Brian Endicott provided the following application updates:

- CV19-023: No new information on rezoning. Reached out to Councilmember Tyson's aide, Nicole Harper. Council liaison Erin Gibbons noted she would seek an update.
- GC19-046: No information available on hearing date before Graphics Commission. Requested an update from Eric Snowden.
- Z19-051: Approved by Council
- Z19-049: Concurrent council variance application (CV19-103):

CV19-103

Mr. Jeff Brown and Joe Thomas representing Metro Development.

The requested variances are uniformly the result of having multiple parcels that cannot be combined because they cross taxing districts (city of Columbus and Franklin Township). General discussion from the community and commission reflected continued disagreement with the totality of the project (Z19-051). The Commission unanimously recommended against approval at our October meeting.

Mr. Brown and Mr. Thomas also presented updates to the overall project, including additional holding ponds, extending turn lanes both east bound and west bound on Trabue Road, and moving buildings west, closer to I-270 and away from Brookhollow. Due to prior lack of notifications of a revised site plan to the Zoning Committee, the revised plan has not been presented for reconsideration.

A community member suggested that approving the concurrent council variances would indicate to the Development Commission an approval of the larger rezoning application. Zoning Chair Endicott corrected that statement by indicating: (1) That the Development Commission does not review Council Variance Applications and would not see our recommendation; and (2) That our unanimous recommendation against approval for the Zoning Application is already recorded with the Development Commission.

Zoning Chair Endicott asked the community for specific feedback on the requested variances. No feedback was offered.

Vote:

Commissioner Cabral: No

Commissioner Dyszel: No

Commissioner Endicott: Yes

Commissioner McKinley: No

Commissioner Thomas: Yes

Result: Recommendation against approval (2 for, 3 against).

Commissioner Endicott invited the applicants to return to the Zoning Committee and Commission for reconsideration based on updates to the site plan. Mr. Brown indicated they would consider that invitation.

- 8) Elections Committee: Commissioner Russell was not present, so Chair Dyszel read from email proposed changes to Elections Rules. Secretary Brian Endicott requested the language of the updates be forwarded for inclusion in the minutes.

Motion to adopt changes by Commissioner Endicott. Second by Commissioner Thomas. Motion carries unanimously.

- 9) Beginning at the next Commission meeting (December 19, 2019), our regular commission meetings will be moving to City Hope church – 3330 El Paso Drive. Meetings will continue to convene on the third Thursday of each month, beginning at 7:00pm. Neighborhood Liaison Rebecca Deeds thanked Commissioner Thomas for coordinating the new meeting location. Commissioner Thomas indicated there would be no rental fee; we are currently paying \$65/month at the current location.

The Zoning and Variance Committee is continuing to look for alternate locations.

- 10) Planning Committee: Committee Chair Larry Weber reminded the commission that Jackie Yoeman will be attending the December 10, 2019 meeting for a final and in-depth review of C2P2.
- 11) Communications Committee: Committee is taking a break from surveys. Community feedback continues to indicate that people are not aware of events/schedule – this is something the Communications Committee will work to improve. There will be no Committee meeting in December.
- 12) New business:
 - a. Strategic Planning Training: Commissioners Cabra, Leppert, and Dyszel attended. The Commission needs to work on goal setting and will address this at a future commission meeting with no zoning application/vote.
 - b. Commission Chair Dyszel and Zoning Chair Endicott will be attending a Commission Leadership retreat on December 14th.
 - c. A request was renewed to invite Jared Smith (Preferred Living) to a future meeting.
 - d. Commissioner Thomas inquired about joining a committee and will soon be joining the Planning Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian Endicott
West Scioto Area Commission, Secretary

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TREASURERS REPORT

Balance October 17, 2019 \$1279.17

Expenses:

11-4	Adobe	14.99	
11-19	Kristen McKinley RNNC Conference	452.24	
11-19	Church of the Triumphant	420.00	
	Rent May to Nov. 2019		
	Total expenses		-887.23

Bank Balance November 21, 2019 \$391.94

Submitted by Rita Cabral, Treasurer

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Balance of expenses Nov. 2019 to April 30, 2019

Web page \$168.00 est Due Jan 2020

Web name \$24.85 est “

PO Box 21586 Elections Committee Due Feb 2020 \$154.00 consider canceling

PO Box 21373 Zoning Committee \$106.00 Due April 2020 consider using with Elections Com.

Total \$298.85

Balance due Commissioners for RNNC Conference

Brian Endicott \$125.00 Registration fee

Jeremy Thomas \$125.00 Registration fee

Kristen McKinley \$52.00 Travel

Total \$302.00