

WEST SCIOTO AREA COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 18, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm

Commissioner Dyszel moved to waive the reading of the minutes and approve. Commissioner Russell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Wagenbrenner (Joe) was here to update the commission on their project. The traffic study is going to be a regional study. They are waiting on more dirt to fill the area.

Commissioner Weber asked for an update on the acreage and use for metro parks. Metro parks has acquired approximately 200 acres. They will be transferring about 44 acres along the river to Metro Parks.

A resident asked what is considered in a traffic study. Two things are looked at: how bad are things today and second how would that change based on the traffic associated on what we are planning to do.

A resident asked if there is any portion of the quarry that will not be developed. Answer: most of the quarry will not be developed because part of it is still subject to an active mineral lease. In the next few decades Shelley will have mined most of the rock that is there. Wagenbrenner owns the surface rights. Shelley owns the mineral rights. Agreement requires them to turn it over to Metro Parks once mining is complete. Metro Parks will then decide whether to accept it.

Hari asked how the value of the land that goes to Metro Parks was determined. Answer: by appraisal

Commissioner Weber asked what percentage of the property is being graded to satisfy environmental requirements? Answer: about 60% is being graded. There is more that is not being required to be graded by the EPA. What they have cleared so far is what is being graded for homes, etc.

How many private homes are going in? Approximately 400

What is the number of cars that would go in and out? They are relying on their traffic engineers for that. It will be part of the study that they are doing with the city.

A resident asked if they would provide a copy of the traffic study? They will do that once it is completed.

Commissioner Weber asked if they would have that after the first of the year. Answer: it is going to be a regional study and not just related to their project.

They are still planning to build an extension of Lake Shore Drive North of Trabue Road. The city will be looking at what to do with McKinley and Dublin Road as well.

Commissioner Leppert asked if there were plans available to show where houses, etc will be? They are working on preparing those and they will share them.

A resident asked what the buildings are that are going up now? Those are not part of this project

A resident asked about the option to buy on the north end and northwest end of the quarry. They have an option to purchase 60 and 50 acres at these locations. The 50 acres on northwest end will shrink because it will be the last to be mined.

Are the 50 acres being considered for houses or what? There is a high tension line up to the north. Not sure what would go there. They are looking at the northwest corner because it is more amenable to development.

Mentioned that you are giving 44 acres to Metro Parks along the river. What distance in feet will you have allotted to Metro Parks? In some areas it will be wider and some smaller.

Is Lake Shore Drive is the only entrance to the park? No. The other entrance will be across from the Peabody Nursery off Old Dublin Road.

Who will own the tressel over the river? It is an old railroad bridge that is owned by the city of Columbus. It will be park of the bike trail network that will connect to the rest of the city.

The neighborhoods are like islands and roads aren't conducive to bikes. Is that being looked at? Commissioner Leppert and Weber indicated that it is.

Commissioner Russell indicated that the only time it is looked at is when there is development happening. We were told by the city that it wouldn't be looked at until the traffic study which would be funded by the developer.

What about the bridges? Wagenbrenner is under the understanding that the Trabue Road bridge over the river. The City Engineer is looking at that and the developer has asked them to consider bikes too.

Commissioner Cabral asked how pedestrians would be considered and how they would be able to cross over and get to the park. Answer: Unknown what improvements that the city will be looking to make since the scope for the traffic study hasn't been defined.

The city has not yet designated any route as part of the bike trail system to get to the quarry. There are 3-4 that they are looking at.

Why have they cleared another entrance at the far north end of the quarry, along Scioto Darby? He doesn't know.

Any idea about any of the commercial businesses that will be going in? Within the 50,000 square feet that they are looking at they are looking at bike rental or kayak outfitter. He does not see a supermarket being in their development.

Will the old boneyard be developed? No, that is part of the park

400 homes being built, what is the price range? Not set yet. 2,000 to 3,000 square foot homes built very densely. Most peoples' front doors will be built on central green spaces east or west. Look to park or river.

The Lake Shore drive extension will physically separate the park from the development.

Commissioner Weber asked how far to the west will the set back be from the edge of the wooded hill to the river? Property lines touch each other. They will develop within their property. They will build up so that views will look into the park.

Height of apartments? 3-4 stories. It will be internal to their development.

There is a stream that crosses Dublin Road what will happen to it? That is Roberts Milliken ditch. Working with the city to open that back up. Will be part of the park. There is an easement to cross that.

There will be a map available eventually once they are ready.

Business First has the images of the development. Also Columbus Dispatch has had images.

Will extension of Lake Shore go to north end of the quarry ever? The new extension will run north to their development and then connect north to Old Dublin Road to Dublin Road.

Steve Studeman is here from Metro Parks. Can ask him about their plans

Has there been an architectural firm yet? New Avenue has been chosen so far. Hard to say if they will choose someone else for the housing.

Columbus Police Liaison – Officer Justin Steckenfinger

If you see something, don't hesitate to call the nonemergency line if it isn't an emergency.

Leave house or garage lights on.

Lock your vehicles. Don't leave anything in plain view in your cars. At home or in the parking lot of the stores.

With cold weather, crime decreases. Accidents always increase. Slow down. Try not to be in a hurry.

Non-emergency number is 614-645-4545

Dispatchers put the non-emergency calls in 1-5 priority. The situation determines what priority it is.

Suggestions for homeowners or parents for Halloween? Check your candy and have on lights. Go in groups. Watch for traffic.

Hari asked about the map of drug related incidences printed in the Dispatch. She asked for an update. He indicated that reports are entered into the computer and it generates a map by type of

incidences. We are Zone 3 or 15 Precinct. You can go online and generate a map. There is a lot of retail theft.

Commissioner Russell asked about an ongoing issue at Dublin road and Fishinger where traffic is backing up into neighborhoods. Getting worse in the mornings. He doesn't have very many answers as to why that would be. If you look at the city as a whole, almost every major road is under construction. Also, there are a lot of people who live in the city but also many who commute in an out for work.

Commissioner Russell indicated that the problem isn't the traffic but the blocking of the intersection.

There are five cruisers that work this precinct. Right now he is here, one officer is on guard duty at a hospital. That leaves 3 cruisers to respond and patrol. Before he stood up to talk there were 15 calls waiting for a response.

Are there still red-light cameras or are they all gone now? They are all gone now due to the legal issues that came with them.

Metro Parks – Jill Snyder

Came to pass on information. They are on the ballot this November. Issue 3. They are asking for a .95 mil levy. It is a 10 year operating levy.

Last 10 years added 4 new parks. Planned on 3. Batelle Metro, Homestead, Prarie Oaks,
Working very hard on connectivity so that there is more access.

Hoping to add to their programming. More education. Growth is important. Trying to preserve the area around them while they can.

Want to renovate and update facilities and spaces.

Hari asked her to describe why the Metro Parks levy doesn't reach into other counties as well? They are Franklin County Metro Parks. Can only tax Franklin County. Try to keep growth inside the county.

20% of their revenue comes from grants and rentals. They charge more to out of county residents. Vast majority of users are Franklin County residents.

Has there been any effort to update the tax code to include other counties? Doesn't know

How much of the levy is going to the Quarry? Don't know. There is already an agreement in place. There are also plans for what they want to do with the Quarry. If the levy doesn't pass, they don't have the money to put into the Quarry project.

The waterfall site for the Quarry will open the middle of next year.

What is planned in the first phase? Parking lot overlooking the waterfall with an overview deck.

Commissioner Cabral asked if the Parks are partaking in the traffic study? Yes, they usually do one for every park they open.

What about the development on Trabue and McKinley? Doesn't know. He is a park guy and not a development person.

Commissioner Russell asked about how people are going to get across difficult intersections. He asked who we need to talk about that with. Steve indicated that they are the people to speak with about that.

Commissioner Weber asked if there was any hope of using either bridge that already exists? Yes

Anything we can do as citizens to pass Issue 3? Yes, tell everyone to vote for it. Put up a yard sign. Vote.

Friendsforparks.org

Business

Zoning and Variances – Bob Vance

Met on October 5th. No community members were there. No zoning or variance business was heard.

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 30th

Planning – Commissioner Weber

Continue to review C2P2.

Elections and Appointments – Hari Ruiz

Continue to work and look for new members

Communications – Commissioner Dyszel

Finalized the Fiscal Policy and the survey questions for Survey Monkey. The first survey will be about things residents think our area needs.

Treasurer – Commissioner Cabral

Balance 2545.48. We are holding 300.00 set aside for the city. Usable funds 2245.48. One expense this month. 2540.48 is current bank balance.

Motion was made by Commissioner Russell to extend the meeting until 9:00 pm, seconded by Commissioner Cabral. Motion carried by a vote of 6-1 with Commissioner Grinch voting no.

Draft Fiscal Policy

Document was generated to determine how and when funds could be spent.

A resident asked if the commission was going to purchase microphones. Commissioner Dyszel indicated that we previously asked if it was an allowable expense but we had not received an answer.

New Liason introduced herself. Katherine Cull

Can still attend the neighborhood conference. Friday, November 2nd at 10:00 am there will be a pot luck to cover snow removal plan and 311. 1393 East Broad Street, Eastside Center

Hari indicated that she has a bunch of stuff she needs to bring to her office.

A question was asked about the trains stopping on the tracks blocking traffic. He asked if there was anything that could be done. Someone said that they were told to file a complaint with CSX.

Commissioner Weber asked about 311. He called and complained. He wants to know if there is a way to follow up on these complaints.

Katherine can bring a code officer to the area commission meeting.

Circling back to the fiscal policy. Commissioner Dyszel asked if there were any questions. Commissioner Russell asked if getting three estimates was added. It was not.

Commissioner Russell moved to adopt the Fiscal Policy as written. Commissioner Cabral seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Bob Vance talked about not being able to go from neighborhood to neighborhood here in Columbus. He had an article about Thoburn Road being widened. Someone complained about it being widened. It goes into a park. Thoburn is a Norwich Township Road. The township and Metro Parks obtained funding for widen 900 feet of this road. There are 4 houses there. The boathouse is on that road. OSU uses the boathouse and a private boat company (Scioto Boat Club). Also 3 parks buildings are there. The road is under construction now. It started October 8th. Going to be a 2-3 week project. A curb will be placed on the north side of the road. There is no sidewalk leading from Dublin Road to the park. On the northside is a single-family community (Scioto Trace), south side are condos, the west side is The Glen. Without sidewalks, how do the residents walk to get to the city park? Tired of the emphasis being on other directions and we in the neighborhoods are neglected. We are being locked in. Same issue to get to Raymond Golf course and San Margherita – how will they get to the park. He sympathizes

with all the bike riders but there are many pedestrian that need access too. The city is not putting effort into sidewalks and the safety of our residents.

Hari Ruiz suggested that we go to the community chats held by City council members.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.