

West Scioto Area Commission – Planning Committee
Wednesday, May 30, 2018 – 7:00pm
Panera Bread; 3625 Fishinger Road
Meeting Minutes

Committee members present: Commissioner Larry Weber, Chair; Commissioner Jo Leppert, Vice-Chair; Commissioner Rita Cabral; Brian Endicott.

Committee members not present: Bob Vance.

Community members present: Bill Ruffner.

Meeting called to order at 7:26pm due to heavy traffic.

- (1) Mr. Weber noted that he accidentally left meeting minutes from the May 9, 2018 meeting at his office. Those minutes will be sent electronically as soon as possible.
- (2) Ms. Cabral initiated an addition to the meeting agenda to elect new Committee officers for the 2018 term, which began with WSAC meeting held on May 17, 2018.
 - a. Mr. Weber indicated his interest in continuing as Chair.
 - b. Ms. Leppert indicated her interest in continuing as Vice-Chair
 - c. Ms. Cabral suggested Mr. Endicott serve as Secretary, Mr. Endicott accepted.
 - d. Ms. Leppert motioned to adopt committee officers for the 2018-2019 term; Mr. Endicott seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- (3) Mr. Weber moved into discussion on clarifying the purpose and direction of the WSAC Planning Committee, which will need approval from the Commissioners at the June 21, 2018 meeting. Mr. Weber prepared a document (**included with minutes**) outlining a structure for Committee debate along with 3 proposed purposes for the WSAC Planning Committee.

Purpose 1: “Provide a framework for assessing new developments, zoning and variance applications, and other issues impacting the area”.

The discussion on this Purpose largely centered on an idea that we would determine “ideals” for our Area – such as new developments maintaining canopy and an ideal that our Area remains predominantly single-family homes. Many concerns were discussed on what these “ideals” may look like; however, those ideals will be discussed in future Planning Committee meetings.

Mr. Endicott indicated he was not comfortable with the word “framework” in the Purpose statement. After tossing around various options, Ms. Cabral suggested changing “framework” to “guidelines”. The Committee unanimously agreed.

Purpose 2: “Develop a West Scioto Area Plan”.

Mr. Endicott commented that this Purpose reflects much of the work that will be before the Committee and suggested swapping positions with Purpose 1.

Purpose 3: “Develop a response to C2P2”.

The Committee agreed that understanding the proposed C2P2 and its impact on the West Scioto Area and our Area Commission’s influence will be a priority over the upcoming months.

The City of Columbus Planning Department has scheduled time with the WSAC Zoning Committee at their June 6, 2018 Committee Meeting. The Planning Department is also scheduled to present to the full WSAC at the Commission Meeting on June 21, 2018. Ms. Leppert indicated the City's Planning Department will be seeking signatures from Commissioners (a WSAC sign-on to C2P2) at this meeting.

The Planning Committee has strongly held concerns that this does not provide enough time to examine C2P2 and discuss how it would impact our Area or our Area Commission's influence.

The Committee unanimously decided to recommend the Commissioners table voting to adopt C2P2 until enough time has been spent on researching and evaluating this proposed planning policy.

Mr. Weber prepared ballots for voting on each proposed Purpose of the Committee.

- Purpose 1 passed unanimously.
- Purpose 2 passed unanimously (changing the word "framework" to "guidelines")
- Purpose 3 passed unanimously

The Committee unanimously agreed to re-order the Purposes: 2, followed by 1, then 3. The Purposes will be submitted to the Commissioners for approval in this modified order.

(4) Ms. Cabral brought up additional concerns with C2P2, including Land Use in 2019 and beyond. This reiterated a strong desire to table Commission action on C2P2 until further research can be completed.

(5) Upcoming Meetings:

WSAC Planning Committee

Tuesday, June 13, 2018 / 7:00pm Panera Bread, 3625 Fishinger Road.

**If necessary, pending discussion needed following C2P2 presentation at Zoning Committee*

July meeting date to be determined.

WSAC Zoning Committee

Wednesday, June 6, 2018 / 7:00pm Minelli's Pizza, 1189 N. Wilson Road

Wednesday, June 27, 2018 / 7:00pm Minelli's Pizza, 1189 N. Wilson Road

(Note: The June 27 meeting replaces July 4, 2018 meeting)

West Scioto Area Commission

Thursday, June 21, 2018 / 7:00pm Church of the Triumphant, 1001 Vera Place

Thursday, July 19, 2018 / 7:00pm Church of the Triumphant, 1001 Vera Place

Meeting adjourned at 8:51pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian Endicott, Secretary