



Thursday, July 15, 2021 – 7:00pm
West Side Pride Center, 1186 W. Broad Street.
General Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05pm.

2. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Chair McKinley, Commissioners Cabral, Cabus, Endicott, Leppert.

Commissioners Absent: Vice-Chair Russell, Commissioner Weber.

3. Approval of the June 17, 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner Endicott mentioned he sent a few minor corrections via email and added a misspelling of David Hooie's name. Motion to approve as amended by Commissioner Endicott, seconded by Commissioner Cabus. Chair McKinley abstained; motion passed unanimously.

There was no May Commission meeting. The minutes from the April 15, 2021 Commission meeting were previously not approved. Motion to approve the April minutes by Commissioner Cabral, seconded by Commissioner Leppert. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Officer Paulus is on special assignment and currently unavailable.

5. Department of Neighborhoods Liaison Rebecca Deeds: Rebecca is still working with the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods, Carla Williams-Scott, on security city-owned property of in-person Commission meetings. Commissioner Endicott reiterated frustrations held by the entire Commission that other City Departments (including, but not limited to, Parks & Recreation) are not willing to share their spaces that remain unused. Commissioner Endicott is in communication with Columbus Metro Library for use of the new Hilltop Library when it opens (this branch is not within the Commission area, but it's adjacent). Commissioner Weber has spoken with 12 area businesses within the WSAC area

and without success. Commissioner Endicott noted and Commissioner Weber agreed that local private businesses are unmoved to share their space free-of-charge when the city won't share it's own space.

6. City Council Liaison Avery Townsend: The City's redistricting committee is working weekly and will present a first draft of Council maps in September. After the release of the first draft, residents will have a 30-day period for public comment. This will be followed by a revision, followed by a subsequent 30-day period for additional public comment prior to a final draft and passage by the end of the calendar year.

The revised short-term rental property code passed on Monday; the City's revised portal will go live online on July 22nd.

7. Zoning & Variance Committee:

1. Z21-038 with concurrent Council Variance CV21-052 [3590 Twin Creeks Drive]. Committee Chair Endicott noted that the Committee met on Wednesday, June 30. This was the second hearing on this application, which was originally tabled for release of an approved Traffic Impact Study. The Study was made available and previously forwarded to all Commissioners. The Committee unanimously recommends approval.

Mr. Tom Hart presenting on behalf of the applicant. The site is the previous MAPFRE Insurance building on North Wilson Road. The new building(s) will be a multi-unit building designed for small business owners or business owners trying to consolidate operations into a smaller space. The site will be multi-tenants, creating flexible spaces for a variety of business models. Tenants will have a minimum 5 year lease, preferring leases of 7-10 years.

The site plan includes natural buffering to avoid overnight truck traffic being disruptive to neighbors.

City's Traffic Management Department forwarded approval of Traffic Impact Study.

Commission Endicott inquired about the demolition of the existing MAPFRE building. This is pending, but the applicant is aware of the Commission's process for reviewing demolition applications.

Article VI(G) of the WSAC Bylaws require for the question to recommend approval be called in the affirmative (no motion necessary). The Commission unanimously recommended approval.

2. Upcoming Application: Z21-058 (1335 Dublin Road).
 3. Jared Smith of Preferred Living has confirmed he can attend the next Zoning & Variance Committee meeting and will present an update on upcoming phases of the development at McKinley & Trabue Roads.
 4. Mike Liggett (City of Columbus, Planning Department) has informed the RTMC Steering Committee that he expects to have results of the mobility study prepared by the end of August.
 5. Next meeting date is Wednesday, August 4th at 7:00pm at the Westside Pride Center.
8. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Cabral asked Rebecca about MOA signatures/completion; Rebecca will follow up with David Hooie and Julia Carter.

Commissioner Cabral requested that the Treasurer's Report always be on the agenda following Zoning & Variance Committee so that guest may present earlier on the agenda.

A brief discussion was held on the Commission's allowance to purchase recording equipment. Commissioner Leppert stated she might be willing to assume the role of Secretary and keep meeting minutes if there was a recording of meetings to work from after the meeting. Commissioner Endicott cautioned that meeting recordings would be public record and subject to record retention policies, Rebecca agreed. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Endicott moved to authorize the Treasurer to spend up to \$500 on meeting recording equipment, including video, microphone, and tripod. Second by Commissioner Weber. The motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's report is attached to these meeting minutes.

9. Planning Committee: Committee Chair Weber noted the Committee met on Tuesday, July 13 at Panera Bread. He noted the Committee is actively seeking alternative meeting spaces. The Committee has divided the Commission area into smaller district with Committee members reviewing land use plans and possible changes to those plans. More to come at future Commission meetings.
10. Elections Committee: Chair Russell is not present, no Committee report.

11. New Business: Commissioner Weber initiated a discussion on the city's option for the Commission to join a pilot one-year plan. The City recently hosted a virtual presentation on the pilot plan. Commissioners Weber and Russell attended this presentation. Commissioner Weber likes the plan, noting that the project allows for promotion of the election funded entirely by the City. He noted that Commissioner Russell opposes the plan; but Commissioner Russell is not present to list his reasons why. Commissioner Endicott asked if the presentation is recorded for later viewing; Rebecca is checking.

12. Commissioner Cabus called a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21pm. Second by Commissioner Weber. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Commissioner Brian Endicott
Acting Secretary