Southwest Area Commission (SWAC)
Prepared for approval by Liz Reed

Chair: Stefanie Coe
Vice Chair: Don Parsons
Secretary: Elizabeth (Liz) Reed
Fiscal Officer: David Kerr

Meeting Location: New Horizons United Methodist Church
1665 Harrisburg Pike, Columbus, OH 43223
Minutes for: May 16, 2018

7:00 p.m. Meeting called to order.

Commissioners
Present: Stefanie Coe, David Kerr, Felisa Jenkins, Don Parsons, Barbara Parsons, Elizabeth Reed
Absent: Maurice Jenkins, Juanita Kaufman, Gail Rowat

Pledge of Allegiance

Chair’s Announcement(s):
Presentation from Vincent about fostering. We were encouraged to spread the word about the need for families to take in children near their homes and not go outside of county.

Presentation about city design guidelines for citywide development planning.

Included background, SWAC plan stays intact. Specific guidelines will get updated citywide as things change. The area plan will still get updated with maps and plans and specific to land use in the area and not focus on the nitty-gritty of what is handled citywide.

The SWAC can try to early adopt and use with current area plans.

Motion to support the application of the design policies to our plans by Stefanie Coe, was seconded by David Kerr, and 6 voted yes, 1 voted no.

Alexa created a trash crew Trash Kickers to clean up trash community. She is trying to pull our community together. Partnered with Brigg High School for credit and 9 students volunteered. The next event is June 2 and Keep Columbus Beautiful is sponsoring the event. SWAC has supported many such events, Stefanie discussed other resources for volunteers and Patty also recommended contacting boy scouts and tie in with troops/partner they are always looking for community service activities.

Twp. Environmental Court Judge, and concerned about theft and B&E and shootings off Dyer. They are diligent about blighted concerns.

Juanita Kaufman is doing well, a group of 5 planning August National Night out—first Tuesday in August.

We have 3 terms up: and Don Parsons, Felisa Jenkins and Maurice Jenkins, 4 at large seats that will be open. Juanita Kaufman is planning to come, but is not driving and Stefanie Coe agreed to pick her up.
Suggested changed meeting date when first term starts for August elections.

It is National police week, honoring officers killed while on duty.

The retreat was fairly well attended. They responded to surveys and spoke in groups. The City is seeking standard bylaws and considering websites and run by City so that they have the same look. With by-laws, they would like to see elections the same. The websites would allow for some advertising of Commissions, state what Commissions do, and seek members.

Packet of minutes, disbursed. We will vote next meeting.

Code enforcement supervisor Randall Hipster, plans to come in July.

Some discussion of the properties on the northwest corner of Frank and Brown was discussed. The lots need to be annexed and can’t annex until in code compliance, and lawyer is working to facilitate the process.

Steve Dunbar is handling Roof to Roads, it is currently not operating. Shingles still there and fines will be assessing. Fines could reach ½ million soon. Pursuing Steve Johnson personally to handle the shingle mess.

The Department of Neighborhoods having lunch and learns open to everyone and covering many topics at 1111 E. Broad St.

Harmon and Stimmel near 714 Stimmel, have a messy trucking company adjacent to residential. Owner is Craig M Coney and owns 1340 Windsor Ave, near Douglas Rec. We’ll have code take a look at it to see if it’s in compliance.

Community Center location is desired. City will spend $20 million in Linden, they already have two centers and a library. SWAC doesn’t have any of this. We need to attend Capital budget planning to get on list for Community Center.

Adjournment
Stefanie Coe moved to adjourn the meeting Felisa Jenkins seconded the motion, unanimous approval to adjourn.

Next Meeting June 20, 2018