

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: August 15, 2018

7:05 p.m. Meeting called to order

Commissioners

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Items:

- 1) Annual meeting planned to be changed to September, therefore, all those who are currently Commissioners are Commissioners during tonight's meeting. We have a quorum.
- 2) August 25, 9-11a is zoning training for Commissioners. All Commissioners are encouraged to attend.
- 3) Ralph from Township not feeling well. Well wishes were sent his way.
- 4) National Night Out went well. Township people did the planning. The weather was great. Juanita can't continue to do the planning for the event. Perhaps the Willowview block watch can sponsor it. They meet at the Clime Rd. police substation. Perhaps SWAC can help sponsor it. If the block watch is interested, they would request to host it. They would plan coordinate it. They could request donations and can raise funds, if desired. SWAC cannot raise funds or solicit for donations.
- 5) **Approval of the minutes from previous meetings:**
 - a. **2017: January, February, March, May, August, September**
 - b. **2018: February, March, May, June, and July**

Liz confirmed that we approved the 2017 October minutes and January 2018 minutes were approved in the February 2018 meeting and there is not record of approving any of the other minutes for the months listed. The following edits were proposed: July 2018 minutes need to reflect that George Wagner's term will expire in August 2018 not July, that George Wagner was in attendance, and Don moved to adjourn the July meeting. The May 2018 minutes need to reflect that George was in attendance. Liz agreed to makes these changes to the minutes for the record. **With the edits, Stefanie made a motion to approve all of the listed minutes and Felisa seconded the motion. All approved and the motion passed.**
- 6) **Bylaws changes were proposed in May. Stefanie moved to accept the changes to the bylaws, Felisa seconded the motion and all Commission members approved.**

No elections were held at National Night Out for SWAC's 3 open seats.

Stefanie received bios from Don Parsons, Maurice Jenkins, and Felisa Jenkins. Stefanie made the motion for their re-election, David seconded them motion and the motion carried and all three were voted in.

Stefanie moved to appoint George to one of the at-large seats. Maurice seconded the motion and all voted and approved.

The Commission was not inclined to reappoint Juanita or Gail to their expired terms. We still have two open City of Columbus seats and three at-large seats. For the at-large seats, interested parties need to work, live or own property in the area to fill the seats. City of Columbus Commission members need to be the majority.

Patty Spencer, a regular Commission meeting attendee, was nominated and accepted the nomination to an open seat. Stefanie moved for the vote, David seconded the motion and the member unanimously approved.

Peggy A. Fossett, a Commission meeting attendee for second month in a row, is a resident on Hopkins Avenue and has concerns about the area. Stefanie shared information with Peggy about the Commission and focus of our Commission. She also discussed what some other Commissions do. She lives in the city of Columbus and is interested becoming a Commission.

Stefanie gave an update. Circle K representatives were frustrated with how their presentation was received. Circle K may kill the entire contract. She stated that she's not sure if anything, but a gas station will go there. She pointed out that the best way to have the issues on that property addressed is to have the property put to a positive use. The quicker way to ensure clean-up is to get a developer. An alternative response to the Circle K proposal was to ask for a traffic study and or offer alternatives that may work. Don continued to discuss issues of pollution and the impact of diesel fueling at that property and the impact on his property that is a residential home adjacent to the property.

Peggy expressed interest in the open position. She gave examples of how she was involved in zoning concerns previously. Stefanie moved to have Peggy fill an open position, Felisa seconded and the vote had unanimous approval.

Zach Gwinn from is zoning attorney from the City Attorney's Office is responsible for the entire west side. He has handled the Roof to Road project which has been ongoing for almost 10 years. Many of the offending properties are in the county, not Columbus.

Beth Fairman Kinney, SWAC's neighborhood liaison, stated that a code enforcement officer will attend meeting, but prefers to have specific concerns. She also announced that Neighborhoods will continue to provide training for Commissions.

Adjournment

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

Next Meeting September 19, 2018