

Southwest Area Commission
Meeting Place: Hope Central Church
1553 Brown Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43223

Southwest Area Commission (SWAC)
Prepared for approval by Stefanie Lynn Coe

Chair: Stefanie Coe
Vice-Chair: FeLisa Jenkins
Secretary: Jacob Barker
Fiscal Officer: Maurice Jenkins

Meeting Location: Hope Central Church
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Minutes for: August 18, 2020

6:30 p.m. Meeting called to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioners:

Present: Stefanie Coe, Maurice Jenkins, Barbara Parsons, Don Parsons, Liz Reed, FeLisa Jenkins, and Patty Spencer.

Absent: Peggy Fossett, Kristin Hayes, & George Wagner

S. Coe reported that E. Cunningham (Crome) resigned as she no longer lives, works our owns property in the area and she is moving out of state.

S. Coe reported that M. Delzell has missed at least four meetings, a letter was mailed to her to remind her she needed to submit a request for those meetings to be excused by August 1, 2020. This letter was mailed regular mail, certified mail and by email. She did not respond. One of the letters returned with a note that she no longer lives at the address. Based on the SWAC bylaws this is considered a resignation.

S. Coe reported that only three people submitted their names for our annual election, therefore no election will be held since there are three open seats. S. Coe, P. Spencer and B. Parsons were reelected for three-year terms.

S. Coe asked that someone act as secretary for this one meeting since we elect new officers in September. J. Barker agreed. S. Coe moved to appoint J. Barker; M. Jenkins seconded the motion. Result: Unanimous Approval. J. Barker signed the bylaws that were approved in July.

Guests

Zach Manifold joined the SWAC to provide information on the Auditor's Know Your Home Value campaign. They are in the process of the property review every three years. He provided information and emailed a power point presentation that was sent to all the commissioners.

Ralph Horn, Franklin Township Trustee, was in attendance. He provided an update on the township, he shared that the failure of the fire levy has led to the Township having to take a unit out of service. He shared that the township is considering a fee for vehicle tags to help the township with funding.

Zoning:

1. BZA 20-059, 2154 Gantz Road. S. Coe did not participate as a member of the area commission as this is her application. F. Jenkins, Vice Chair, led this portion of the meeting. S. Coe provided details of the application. J. Barker moved to support the application; L. Reed seconded the motion. Result: Unanimous Approval.

Regular Reports:

Beth Fairman Kinney – She provided information on the virtual town hall meetings the Department of Neighborhoods is hosting. She also indicated that Vision Zero is sharing information. She also indicated that if water customers are having trouble paying their bill, they need to contact the department to arrange a payment plan. She provided information on produce drops in the community.

Nancy Pryor Sully – She reminded everyone to complete the census and register to vote.

Randall Hipsher – Although he was not in attendance, he had provided an email update that S. Coe shared regarding the properties at Frank Road and Brown Road, indicating that there were code orders on all the properties.

Routine Business:

S. Coe read the July minutes as they had not been emailed out to the commissioners before the meeting. P. Spencer moved to approve the July 2020 minutes; M. Jenkins seconded the motion. Result: Motion Approved Unanimously.

S. Coe reported that the City's funding had been received.

S. Coe shared information regarding the City's Technology Enhancement Application. S. Coe moved to apply and agreed to serve as the responsible party. M. Jenkins seconded the motion. Result: Unanimous Approval

Unfinished Business:

Chair's Announcements:

New Business:

Commissioner Comments:

D. Parsons indicated that he is concerned about odors and air pollution he alleges are being emitted from the New Franklin County Forensic Science Center.

P. Spencer asked S. Coe to share a “blurb” she could post about the open seats. S. Coe agreed.

There was a great deal of discussion about ODOT’s continuing failure to provide lighting from Greenlawn to 270 on I71. D. Parsons moved to send a letter to ODOT, the governor and other elected officials regarding the lighting. P. Spencer seconded the motion. Result: Unanimous Approval.

Next meeting will be had on September 15, 2020 at 6:30pm

S. Coe moved to adjourn; M. Jenkins seconded. Result: Unanimous Approval