

Southwest Area Commission
Meeting Place: Online

Southwest Area Commission (SWAC)
Prepared for approval by Kristin Hayes

Chair: FeLisa Jenkins
Vice-Chair: Open
Secretary: Kristin Hayes
Fiscal Officer: Maurice Jenkins

Meeting Location: Online

Minutes for: February 16, 2021

7:30 p.m. Meeting called to order.

Commissioners:

Present: Maurice Jenkins, Liz Reed, FeLisa Jenkins, Kristin Hayes, Peggy Fossett, and Patty Spencer.

Absent: Barbara Parsons, Don Parsons, and Jacob Parker (approved leave of absence).

Regular Reports:

Beth Fairman Kinney – Spoke about the following items:

- Officer Shay doesn't currently have a lot of updates for this area.
- Upcoming special COVID-19 vaccine clinic for the 43223 area. This vaccine clinic does not cover 43123 zip code. The City is trying to vaccinate priority neighborhoods with large numbers of COVID cases.
- The upcoming Columbus Metropolitan Library free coat program on Tuesday, February 23, 2021. This is located at the South High location from 3-5pm. This program is for kids to get a brand new coat and a book.

Nancy Pryor Sully – Provided information about the upcoming COVID vaccine townhall meeting, featuring City Councilmembers Hardin and Tyson and Dr. Roberts from Columbus Public Health. The purpose of this townhall is to talk about the vaccine and why residents should get it. Residents will be able to watch this townhall on government TV, Facebook, and YouTube. Also mentioned were the COVID resources on Columbus Public Health's website.

Rob McNeal from Code Enforcement was a guest on the call. McNeal said that Jeremy Alder should be contacted if any concerns, or to contact 311. Alder is covering the area that Randall Hipsher did when he was with Code Enforcement. Alder had no updates for this meeting.

Patty Spencer - Spoke about the following items:

- Referred to Fairman Kinney's Neighborhood Liaison email and inquired whether these resources can be shared to NextDoor. Fairman Kinney confirmed the information from that email was appropriate to share.
- 2333 Harrisburg Pike - Sent email to property contacts on January 25th in order to set up a site visit with the Commission. The property contact said that due to COVID reasons, the group will need to wait until March to meet with the Commission. Spencer said she would reach out to the group again soon so that she can determine their plans and have enough time to send out postcards to neighbors for the March meeting, if necessary.

Kristin Hayes - Spoke about the tentative schedule for the Keep Southwest Area Beautiful program for 2021. Reed asked about specific meet-up addresses for some of the monthly locations. Hayes said she would narrow down the addresses and will resend to the Commission for review.

Chair's Announcements:

Routine Business:

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Fossett expressed that it is easier to see properties with zoning requests in person when there are other people in the car. She also explained that she sees trash cans knocked over and trash outside of the cans. F. Jenkins suggested that when this is noticed to contact Alder at Code Enforcement. F. Jenkins also suggested looking at these locations with code concerns with D. Parsons and Fossett and to come up with a write-up regarding the property and send it to Alder to get a strategy of how to address the concerns. Spencer said that she's observed that when trash is next to the trash can, the trash pickup service will not pick it up. Fairman Kinney said that if trash is on-site, 311 should be contacted and these concerns will be passed to Code Enforcement. Additionally, Fairman Kinney confirmed that if trash is next to the cans, this trash is not picked up by the trash pickup service.

Homeless camps were also spoken about. Fairman Kinney said these camps should also be reported to 311. These reports go to Code Enforcement and there is a person in that department that works with the community shelter board. The location of the homeless camps go into the system.

Reed spoke about the upcoming meeting regarding the City's Climate Action Plan meeting. The SWAC is hosting this meeting to get input from residents about the plan. Reed said she would post on the SWAC website and Facebook page. Spencer said she would post on NextDoor. If the survey is filled out by attendees, there is a one time payment of \$15. Additionally, by hosting this meeting, there is an opportunity for the SWAC to have \$120 donated to it. In order to get this money there may be a certain number of surveys that need to be completed. The surveys can also be completed outside of this meeting.

F. Jenkins said she received a resignation from George Wagner as a Commissioner on February 11th. She said that he is resigning for personal reasons and he said that he enjoyed working with the other Commissioners.

Meeting minutes from prior meetings were discussed. Hayes emailed the draft of the November 2020 and January 2021 meeting minutes to the Commissioners. She will resend these minutes to Fossett.

Reed motioned for the approval of the January 19, 2021 meeting minutes. M. Jenkins seconded the motion. Result: Unanimous approval.

The property at 2154-2182 Frank Road was discussed. The former SWAC Chair, Stefanie Coe, forwarded the email regarding this property to Spencer. Spencer said she would reach out to the contacts regarding this property.

The Commission discussed where the SWAC should receive mail. The question was asked if the Commission could invest in a PO Box. Fairman Kinney said that this was possible and that other Area Commissions use this to receive mail. She said that the Commission would need to vote to use funds for this. Additionally, the Commission would need to vote on who would be keyholders for this PO Box.

Fossett motioned for the SWAC to use a PO Box and to have a keyholder. Reed seconded the motion and stated she would like to know if more than one person can be the keyholder. F. Jenkins nominated Spencer and M. Jenkins to be keyholders and for the box to be located at the Stringtown Road (Grove City) Post Office. Result: Unanimous approval.

The Technology Grant that the Commission used funds to purchase for new equipment has arrived. This equipment includes a laptop, projector, and Microsoft Office suite. M. Jenkins is picking this equipment up.

Spencer stated that she will look up the address for the place off Frank Road across from the fire station and east of Harrisburg Pike.

Fossett stated that nothing appears to be done with the location near Harmon Road and Eakin Road and that it looks bad.

Hayes brought up the November 2020 Meeting Minutes that were sent out to the Commissioners but the meeting minutes were not approved. She offered to resend the minutes and have the Commission approve the minutes at the next meeting. Reed stated that this should be resolved now and not then, as this was sent via-email on January 24th to the Commissioners.

Reed motioned to approve the November 2020 meeting minutes. M. Jenkins seconded the motion. Result: Unanimous approval.

Hayes said that she would create an EventBrite for the March Keep the Southwest Area Beautiful event and will send it to the Commissioners.

A technology test was suggested for those who would like to participate. The purpose of this test is to help Commissioners use the technology in order to access the online meeting in March.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 7:30pm.

Reed moved to adjourn the meeting; Spencer seconded the motion. Result: Unanimous Approval

Meeting End Time: 8:26pm.