

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

Southwest Area Commission (SWAC)
Prepared for approval by Erin Crome

Chair: Stefanie Coe
Vice-Chair: FeLisa Jenkins
Secretary: Erin Crome
Fiscal Officer: Maurice Jenkins

Meeting Location: Hope Central Church
1553 Brown Rd., Columbus, Ohio 453223

Minutes for: June 16th, 2020

6:33 p.m. Meeting called to order.
Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioners

Present: Stefanie Coe, FeLisa Jenkins, Maurice Jenkins, George Wagner (via virtual call), Erin Cunningham, Kristin Hayes, Barbara Parsons, Don Parsons, and Patty Spencer.

Pastor Jacob of Hope Central Church gave an introduction.

Council Member, Rob Dorans: Gave a thank you to the commissioners for their commitment. He shared information on how he can be reached, and discussed monies that had been designated to help with rent and utilities due to COVID-19. He stated there were going to be 3 testing sites for COVID that anyone can go to get tested.

Routine Business:

1: **BZA-20-041, 340 Greenlawn Ave:** Kevin Kindy with Triad Architects, Clyde Henry: Applicant.

They are requesting a variance allowing them to keep the parking lot the way it is laid out. The previous owner made changes without a permit, and they are here to "make things right". They will be building an enclosure around the garbage bins.

Stephanie Coe moved to approve the variance: FeLisa seconded. Vote was taken: Unanimous; Yes.

2: **BZA-20-045, 1313 Harmon Avenue:** Katherine Beach, Robert Tullett with Adept Properties: Applicant.

They are asking to maintain zoning clearance. Katherine explained the process of dumpsters being put onto the site filled with demolition debris and dumped onto the property. It is then separated into "salvageable", and "debris". The salvageable will be put into a container and cycled back into construction and the debris will be taken to a dump site specifically for construction debris.

7 Variances: C4 zoned parcels: the driveway, parking, and isle space is not sufficient as of now. They are wanting to widen the entrance way. Parking spaces is limited to where parking is available, and is not directed towards the neighbors, so the lights of the trucks should not be an issue. They would like to leave the lawn the way it is and not add any landscaping.

The dimensions of the parking spaces are 8ft by 18ft rather than 9ft x 18ft. They will be marking the ADA spaces, but not the other spaces.

Surface for parking: it is supposed to be a hard surface. Adept has a material being used that is a har surface, but not one that is listed as acceptable.

The lawn that borders Harmon Ave. they believe suits the site very well and they are not wanting to make any changes.

Area M: Setbacks for storage. Adept needs security. The metal dumpsters will act as a border around the property along the fence. This way if someone cuts through the fence, they are unable to leave with property.

They ensure this will not increase truck traffic. Adept takes care of their trucks and cares about the looks of their trucks. There is also a sprinkler system on site that helps wet down the dust as to stop it from spreading.

There is an "attack module" to help put out any initial fires that may occur. The products are mostly noncombustible. This property only accepts construction debris. There will not be any household garbage collected there. The isle is large enough for fire trucks in case of need as well.

With the understanding that the fence must be maintained, Stephanie moved to approve the application as it. Maurice seconded. Vote was taken: Unanimously; Yes.

Beth Fairman Kinney, City of Columbus Neighborhood Liaison: Discussed links for press releases and emails on resources for COVID. This will also be shared on "Next Door" via Patty. She will continue to share this information. She will continue to host weekly conferences that are open to anyone interested. The Mayor spoke on Chief's Advisory Panel, and noted that Stephanie Coe is now part of the 14 member panel!!!

David Huey: he is planning on some Town Home meetings in August about some programs coming out of the Mayor's Office.

Nancy Sully, Columbus City Council Community Engagement: spoke on the census: www.census.gov to fill out online. Voter registration is also very much encouraged! There is a council meeting on the 23rd. Stephanie made sure that everyone is receiving the emails from Nancy about the council meetings.

Patty questioned Beth about the emails she sent concerning the tents in Stoneridge Park. It was sent over to the code enforcement team.

Zach Gwin, Columbus City Attorney's Office – Zone Initiative: Shingles off Frank Rd. have been an issue for some time. Stephanie Coe testified, wonderfully, and the judge found Mr. Steven Johnson in contempt. It was asked to be had in 2008 and 2009, and has taken 11 years to find Mr. Johnson in contempt. He was given 10 days in jail, and fees for every day.

Randall has responded to emails, about code enforcements during these months. Harrisburg Pike with the parking trucks are not in compliance. There have been a number of Township complaints. Many being overgrown grass in the Township. Stephanie went through applications that are pending. 2333 Harrisburg Pike parking trucks at Blue Rock aren't ready to come back. They are still looking at plans for storm water runoffs. Cooper stadium application: the housing partner is on board, and we should see more activity soon.

Kristen: July 11th will be the next clean up day. Stephanie said we have money for the equipment needed for these clean up days. The Pastor said he would ask the congregation to donate supplies as well.

Contact lists of the Commissioners were made available, along with the proposed changes to bylaws by Michelle Deizell. The changes to the bylaws proposed to be changed by Stephanie were emailed to everyone.

Patty moved to approve January 2020 meeting minutes. George seconded. Vote was had. Unanimously; yes.

Financial Actions: Stephanie Coe moved to approve the following:

1: The SWAC pay the January and February rent of \$40 per month to the New Horizon United Methodist Church. The total amount is \$80.00. FeLisa seconded. Unanimous; Yes

2: The SWAC pay the May through November rent of \$40.00 per month to the Hope Central Church. The total amount is \$280.00. Maurice seconded. Unanimous; Yes

3: To spend \$118.24 at Staples for new post cards to mail to property owners within 125 feet of the application property. Patty seconded. Unanimous; Yes

4: To spend \$175 at the United States Postal Service for 500 post card stamps to use on the post cards for notice of zoning related applications. FeLisa seconded. Unanimous; Yes

5: Spend \$49.43 at Staples for two-yard signs announcing our monthly clean up location. Kristen seconded. Unanimous; Yes

6: To spend \$148.29 at Staples for six-yard signs highlighting our meeting dates/location/website. Erin seconded. Unanimous; Yes

7: To spend \$337.48 at Staples for 300 ink pens for commissioners to use and to give away at events, like National Night Out. FeLisa seconded. Unanimous; Yes

8: To spend \$70.00 at Traxler Printing for a table cover with our logo. Maurice seconded. Unanimous; Yes

9: To spend \$35.78 on Amazon for two table covers. Erin seconded. Unanimous; Yes

10: To adopt the following budget for 2020-2021:

- A: Space Costs & Rental \$40 * 6 = \$240.00 (January 2021- June 2021)
- B: Travel & Registration \$40 * 13 = \$520.00
- C: Consumable Supplies \$1,000.00
- D: Miscellaneous Expenses \$1,740.00

Maurice seconded. Unanimous; Yes

11: To move the meetings to Hope Central Church at 1553 Brown Rd. Columbus, Ohio 43223. FeLisa seconded. Unanimous; Yes

12: To have a site visit before applicants are to appear at a meeting for BZA. Patty seconded. Unanimous; Yes

13: To purchase a microphone. Maurice seconded. Unanimous; Yes

Patty suggested an Open House at the Church to invite people out and explain what the SWAC does. The Church is considering hosting an event in August and the SWAC will set up a booth.

There is a Board of Trade, and if we pay to advertise on the Franklinton website, we could possibly get them to help donate food for events.

Maurice suggested obtaining a Zoom account to allow others to continue to be able to be a part of the Commissions meetings virtually. He also suggested to have a standing order to pay rent all year.

Fall of 2019 Michelle gave a draft of updated/changed bylaws. Later, Stephanie brought a change/update with the City's best practices incorporated into the bylaws.

East side of Harmon Ave. and North side of Greenlawn are a no area commission area. Stephanie claimed the areas into our bylaws. The copies were sent earlier via email by Stephanie.

The motion to vote on election rules was withdrew.

We will vote on bylaws in July. There are two versions to vote on. Those that were presented by Michelle, and those presented by Stephanie that include the city bylaw suggestions.

Lighting on 71: Stephanie had spoke to Mitch from Franklin County Engineers, who had explained the reason for the lack of lighting was due to a house/ratio. Stephanie asked how do we get lights put in those areas? An email was sent. It was said that ODOT will be adding lights by the end of the year 2020. It was not clear weather or not they will be placed in the specific areas asked about though.

George gave an update on Gail.

Next meeting will be had on July 21st, 2020.

Stephanie motioned to adjourn at 8:44pm. Erin seconded. Unanimous; Yes.