

# WESTLAND AREA COMMISSION

P.O. Box 293 – Galloway, OH 43119

**Wednesday February 16, 2022**

Auto Boutique Meeting Room

Chairman: Scott Taylor; Vice Chairman: Bill Steimer; Treasurer: Dave Van Order; Recording Officer: Janet Cahill

## Minutes

7:02pm - **Call to Order**

### Roll Call

Heather Abdalla *	Kim Hehman *	Jeff Tanner *
Nancy Day-Achauer *	Ashley Hoye Sr *	Scott Taylor *
Lori Balough *	Mike McKay *	Dave Van Order *
Cathy Cowan Becker *	Pol Panos *	
Janet Cahill *	Bill Steimer AB	

\* - Present  
AB - Absent  
EX - Excused

Chair Taylor asked for a motion to approve the January 2022 minutes as written. Mike McKay motioned to approve the minutes and Nancy Day- Achauer seconded. All approved with Scott Taylor abstaining and the January 2022 minutes were approved.

### **Recognition of guests**

Columbus City Councilmembers Nick Bankston and Lourdes Barroso de Padilla were present and introduced themselves as the newest city council members. They both gave introductions of their history in Columbus, and what committees they will be involved with and the goals that they will be working toward as council members. They emphasized that they can be reached and are available for concerns.

### **Committee Reports**

**Zoning** –Committee Chair Mike McKay introduced one zoning matter before the commission. The applicant is National Church Residences and the property address is 5719 W. Broad St. The applicant is planning on building a 4-story affordable senior living community. The applicant is requesting Rezoning from C-4 to AR-1. Applications and four Council Variances. The variances are to reduce the required parking spaces, reduce the building setback line to 8ft on Galloway Rd, reduce the building setback to 67 ft on Broad St. and to allow for a 50 ft height on the building. The matter was originally scheduled to be heard in Nov. 2021 but there were several questions that were asked during the Zoning Committee meeting; thus, it was postponed until the February 2022 meeting. The major concern was the setback on Galloway Rd and how it would affect the planned widening expansion of Galloway Rd to add more lanes. The applicant said they contacted the city, MORPC, Franklin Co. Engineers, and the Zoning department but no one has any record of any expansion of Galloway Rd. Mr. McKay said he would pass what information that he had to the applicant since the related zoning was recent. Various members asked questions, expressed concerns and discussed the proposals with the applicant. When presented to the Zoning committee, the vote was 3-1 against. Committee Chair McKay asked to take a vote for each application, resulting in two votes. Scott Taylor made the motion to vote on the four Council Variances and Nancy Day- Achauer seconded. A voice vote was taken 8 -4 in favor of the four Council Variances. Nancy Day- Achauer made the motion to vote on the Zoning

Applications Z21-088 (to change zoning from C-4 to AR-1) and Scott Taylor seconded. A voice vote was taken to approve in 8-4 in favor of the Zoning Application Z21-088.

**Community Relations** – No official report.

**Education** – Committee chair Lori Balough stated that the 4 middle schools are progressing well and are still set to open on time for the start of school.

**Planning & Development** – Committee chair Jeff Tanner is working on finding all the plans for the Westland Area. He has found the oldest plan that is 10 + years old. He has expressed that there is a true need to have an updated plan and that it needs to include the true needs of the community.

**Public Health & Safety** – Committee chair Nancy Day- Achauer shared that the Community Health Action Team (aka CHAT), which runs the monthly produce distribution, received a \$4,000 grant from the Franklin Co. Commissioners. The grant money will be used to provide funding for marketing materials to expand outreach in the community to people experiencing food insecurity. Also, the grant will cover the costs of creating and publishing a community cookbook for people using the produce distribution. Often people will receive produce and not be familiar with it, and this will provide healthy recipes for use. Contributions from the community will be sought, including contributions from the many cultures that make up our community. Local churches (e.g. Ukrainian/Russian congregations, Hispanic congregations, Egyptian Coptic Church, Chin Baptist, etc.) will be invited to participate. The next produce distribution will be Feb. 19 at the fire station on Inah. People are encouraged to arrive by 9am as food is running out within 30 min.

**Recreation & Parks** – Committee chair Janet Cahill stated that the February Committee meeting was canceled due to weather and travel concerns. The next meeting will be March 2, at 6pm in the Auto Boutique meeting room.

**Old Business -** No matters of old business were presented.

**New Business-** Department of Neighborhoods liaison Melissa Green announced that the new, updated 311 program will be ready for use on March 11. She e-mailed out announcements and information related to the new 311 program. Also, information will be sent about Outdoor Summer Rec camps for children beginning on Feb 24. These programs tend to fill up fast and space is limited.

### **Adjourn**

There being no more business before the Westland Area Commission, Chairman Taylor asked for a motion to adjourn the February 2022 meeting. Nancy Day- Achauer moved to adjourn and Heather Abdalla seconded the motion with all members voting in favor. Meeting ended at 8:27pm. The next meeting of the Westland Area Commission will be held March 16, 2022 in the meeting room at the Auto Boutique, 1800 Georgesville Square Dr, Columbus, OH 43228