

WESTLAND AREA COMMISSION  
P.O. Box 293, Galloway, OH 43119

Chair: Scott Taylor; Vice Chair: Jeff Tanner, Treasurer: Dave Van Order; Recording Officer: Janet Cahill

**Wednesday, January 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Auto Boutique Meeting Room, 1800 Georgesville Square Dr., Columbus, OH 43228

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Janet Cahill, Jon Dailey, Matthew DeCastro, Dave Henderson, Karen Lewis, Mike McKay, Pol Panos, Scott Taylor, and Dave Van Order were present establishing a quorum. Ashley Hoye and Jeff Tanner were excused. Heather Abdalla was absent.

Chair Taylor announced that Commissioner Kim Hehman of Ohio Health resigned earlier in the month.

Janet Cahill moved to approve the 11/16/22 minutes. Second, Pol Panos. With all in favor, motion carried.

**Guests:** DON Liaison, Olabisi Eddy and Averi Townsend, Community Engagement.

**Committee Reports**

**Zoning** Chair, Mike McKay, reported the Committee heard zoning application Z22-089 and 3 zoning variances for 395 Galloway Road. Metro Development wants to build 552 apartments and a commercial area at Galloway/Hall Roads on 35 acres outside of the Darby Watershed. 45 citizens attended the meeting voicing concerns about increased traffic, 3-story apartment buildings, annexation details, buffers between apartment open space and a church and single-family homes, If approved the developer will donate 123 acres of the 158 acre parcel to the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department. The committee did not vote on the variances or application but will continue hearing concerns and developer response at the next Zoning Committee meeting at 6:00 p.m., February 15, 2023.

**Community Relations** Chair, Ashley Hoye was not present to report.

**Education** Chair, Matt DeCastro said the SWCS 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 school calendars are out.

**Planning & Development** Chair, Jeff Tanner was not present to report.

**Public Health & Safety** Chair, Heather Abdalla was not present to report.

**Recreation & Parks** Chair, Janet Cahill summarized the committee's meetings on 11/2/22, 12/7/22, and 1/4/23. Potential recreation center sites will be sent to CRPD Director Reece. The committee established a 10-acre minimum to be considered as a site. Janet asked our Neighborhood Liaison, Olabisi Eddy, to connect us with the appropriate contact at CPD and/or CFD to coordinate Safety Town Programs in Westland this summer. Next meeting will be March 1, 2023.

**Old Business**

Janet Cahill suggested the Chair ask our Neighborhood Liaison to invite the Directors of Public Service and Public Safety to meet with the WAC regarding capital projects we would like to see added to their capital budgets being prepared this June.

**New Business**

The following WAC Committee Chairs were selected to serve 2023-2026: Zoning Chair is Mike McKay, Education Chair is Matt DeCastro, Planning & Development Chair is Jeff Tanner, Public Health & Safety Chair is Heather Abdalla, and Recreation & Parks Co-Chairs will be Janet Cahill and Jon Dailey.

**Adjourn**

Mike McKay moved to adjourn the meeting. Second Pol Panos. With all in favor, motion carried to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. The next meeting of the Westland Area Commission will be held February 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room at the Auto Boutique, 1800 Georgesville Square Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43228.

Respectfully submitted by  
Janet Cahill, Recording Officer