

WESTLAND AREA COMMISSION

P.O. Box 293 – Galloway, OH 43119

Wednesday February 15, 2023

Auto Boutique
1800 Georgesville Square

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

Minutes

7:03pm- **Call to Order**

Roll Call

Heather Abdalla -EX	David Henderson -*		
Jon Dailey - *	Karen Lewis-*		
Janet Cahill- *	Mike McKay-*		*- Present
Matthew DeCastro- *	Pol Panos-*	Scott Taylor -*	EX - Excused
Ashley Hoye Sr - *	Jeff Tanner-*	Dave Van Order- *	AB- Absent

Chair Taylor asked for a motion to approve the January 2023 minutes as written. Janet Cahill moved to approve the minutes as written and David Henderson seconded. All approved.

Recognition of Guests

Angie Rybalt, AEP representative, gave an overview of the electrical problems that happened in June and December 2022 and what is being done to prevent outages again. She focused on the infrastructure improvements in the Westland area and financial help options that are available to those in need.

Committee Reports

Zoning - Committee Chair, Mike McKay reported the Committee reheard zoning application Z22-089. The property address is 795 Galloway Road and is situated at the northwest corner of the intersection with Hall Road. The applicant, Metro Development, LLC, requested to re-zone the property from the R, Rural district to L-AR-1 and to CPD to allow for multi-family housing and commercial development. In addition to the re-zoning request, they also requested 3 zoning variances. The applicant intends to build up to 552 apartments and a commercial area on 33.2 acres outside of the Darby Watershed. The applicant also purchased an adjacent 126.2 acres which will be donated to Columbus Department of Recreation and Parks. At the January 10, 2023 Zoning Committee meeting, there was lengthy discussion and many concerns from the public and commissioners. Following that meeting, the applicant met with the neighbors to the east of the property (across Galloway Road), the neighbors to the north of the property, as well as the United Methodist Church and the Village at Galloway Run HOA, each of whom had expressed various concerns. The applicant reached separate agreements with each party. On February 15, 2023, the Zoning Committee met a second time

with the applicant. Following the applicant's presentation, the Zoning Committee voted to approve the variances by a vote of 5-0 and the re-zoning request by a vote of 4-1.

At the full Commission meeting on February 15, Ashley Hoye moved to approve the variances and Janet Cahill seconded the motion. The motion passed 11-0. For the re-zoning request, Mike McKay moved to approve the request with the condition that the following prohibited uses be added to the list for the CPD: Auto parts sales/automotive accessories, parts and tire stores; Day care; and Car wash and/or convenience store with gasoline sales. Two other recommendations were also attached: 1) That the developer work with the Mayor's Office to get a commitment of support from the Mayor for the development of a rec center on the donated 126 acres; and 2) That the City of Columbus enter into discussions with Prairie Township regarding an easement of the portion of the property in the northwest corner of the donated 126 acres. Ashley Hoye seconded the motion. The motion was approved 9-2.

Community Relations – Committee chair Ashley Hoye reminded and encouraged anyone that was able to do so to attend the WABA Charity auction Sat. March 11 at the Hollywood Casino. The money raised helps provide scholarships to students in SWCS.

Education – Committee chair Matt Decastro emphasized that the district is looking for personnel. Personally, he is attending a lot of college job fairs to find incoming teachers.

Planning & Development – Committee chair Jeff Tanner mentioned the updates to the development on the corner of Norton and Hall Rd. This includes fencing removed and paving.

Public Health & Safety – Committee chair Heather Abdalla was not present to report.

Recreation & Parks – Committee chair Janet Cahill reported that the Rec and Parks committee had asked questions and Department of Neighborhoods liaison Olabisi Eddy is hoping to have the answers by the next meeting. Next committee meeting is March 1, 2023 at the Auto Boutique at 6:30pm.

Old Business

No Old Business presented.

New Business

Chair Taylor acknowledged Ashley Hoye as continuing to be chair of the Community Relations Community. He reminded members that they need to select two committees that they would like to be on for 2023 and email to Scott Taylor before the meeting.

Announcements

Averi Townsend and Olabisi Eddy announced various city events. The citywide election overview is Feb. 22. Aug 26th is the election. The 2023 Area Commission schedule was released. Ms. Eddy will have open office hours at the Westland Library on May 10 at 6pm. There is a meeting about the community cleanup at the Hilltop library on March 9 at 7:30p. Informational forms are being created for commissions to submit to city leaders.

Adjourn

There being no more business before the Westland Area Commission, Chairman Taylor asked for a motion to adjourn the February meeting. Jeff Tanner moved to adjourn and Ashley Hoye seconded the motion with all members voting in favor. Meeting ended at 8:35pm. **The next**

meeting of the Westland Area Commission will be held March 15, 2023 at the Auto Boutique meeting room at 7pm.

Minutes submitted by Dawn Curtis