

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

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes
Auto Boutique Meeting Room

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

In the absence of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, Zoning Chairperson Mike McKay called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Roll Call: Commissioners Abdalla, Day-Achauer, Becker, Cahill, Hoye, McKay, Panos and Tanner were present establishing a quorum. Commissioner Taylor was excused and Commissioners Balough, *Steimer and Van Order were absent.

Commissioner Day-Achauer moved to approve the November 17, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Hoye seconded. With all in favor, the 11/17/21 minutes were approved.

Guest: Zack Sunderland, COTA Project Manager for LinkUS, provided an update on the West Broad Street LinkUS plans. Commissioners asked why the last stop is in Prairie Township and doesn't serve the large Columbus population to the west. Zack said they put the stop at Westwoods Blvd. because COTA owns the property. They will look at moving the end of the west corridor farther west. They need one acre of land off of W. Broad Street and commissioners should send him our suggestions.

Committee Reports

Zoning Chair, Mike McKay, reported the Zoning Committee will meet 2/8/22 with National Church Residences, application Z21-088 for 5719 W, Broad Street.

Community Relations Chair, Ashley Hoye, gave no official report.

Education Chair, Lori Balough, was not present to report.

Planning & Development Chair, Jeff Tanner, reported the new Dollar General on Norton Rd, is open and zoning requests pending for 881/901 and 630 Norton Road were withdrawn. No progress on work at 1058 Norton Rd.

Public Health & Safety Chair, Nancy Day-Achauer, reported free COVID self-test kits are now available to order at www.COVIDtests.gov. She also thanked commissioners who donated to provide produce for the January produce distribution.

Recreation & Parks Chair, Janet Cahill, reported the committee sent a list of repairs and additions needed at Westland's 4 existing public parks to Morgen Wade at CRPD before the 12/15/21 deadline. The committee also sent a list of indoor and outdoor facilities and programs for a Westland Recreation Center to Morgen Wade at CRPD before the 1/1/22 deadline. The 12/21 issue of *Columbus Monthly* identified the Westland area, west of 270 and south of W. Broad St., the most diverse population in Franklin County.

Old Business

Commissioner Cahill thanked Averi Townsend for the report listing Westland Area Capital Expenditures 2010 to 2021 and asked if anyone has checked the WAC capital budget requests against the actual capital expenditures. Many projects and expenditures on the 2010 to 2021 report are not in the WAC area. Commissioner Cahill will compile a report for Averi and the WAC to review.

Commissioner Cathey Cowan Becker, asked about returning to virtual WAC meetings. Melissa Green, Dept. of Neighborhoods, advised Sunshine Laws require commissioners be present in person at meetings.

New Business

Averi Townsend reviewed the new councilmember committee assignments.

Melissa Green advised she sent the training calendar to commissioners and urged new and existing commissioners to attend virtual training sessions throughout the year.

Adjourn

Commissioner Tanner moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Day-Achauer seconded. With all in favor, motion carried to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. The next meeting of the Westland Area Commission will be held February 16, 2022 in the meeting room at the Auto Boutique, 1800 Georgesville Square Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43228.

- Commissioner Steimer arrived at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Janet Cahill, Recording Officer