

# WESTLAND AREA COMMISSION

P.O. Box 293 – Galloway, OH 43119

**Wednesday June 16, 2021**

Virtual Meeting through Zoom and Facebook live

Chairman: Scott Taylor; Vice Chairman: Bill Steimer; Treasurer: Dave Van Order; Recording Officer: Tena Thompson

## Minutes

7:04 Call to Order

### Roll Call

Nancy Day-Achauer-x	Marian Hymer-x	Bill Steimer-EX	Shawn Thomas-X
Cathy Cowan Becker-X	Brian Largan- Lyman-x	Jeff Tanner-x	Tena Thompson-x
Janet Cahill-x	Mike McKay-x		David Van Order-X
Ashley Hoye-x	Denise Southworth-EX	Scott Taylor-x	

X- Present  
AB- Absent  
EX- Excused

Chair Taylor asked for a motion to approve the May 2021 minutes with corrections. Brian Largan -Lyman made the motion to approve the amended minutes and Nancy Day-Achauer seconded. All approved and the May 2021 minutes were approved with corrections.

### Committee Reports

#### Zoning –

Committee chair Mike McKay reported that there were no zoning issues this evening, however there will be a zoning meeting next month before the July commission meeting. He has received one new zoning request, thus far. The request is for the Starbright Trailer property on the corner of W.Broad St. and Galloway Rd. It has been annexed into the city, and when annexed it is listed as a rural property regardless of its previous zoning and use. So, the owner of the property is asking for the correct zoning listing as requested by the city. Mr. McKay asked if the Zoning committee could move their meeting up to June 29th at 5:30p so the meeting could be held virtually and as long as the applicant agrees. Scott Taylor made the motion to move the meeting as requested and Dave Van Order seconded. All members approved the motion. More information to come.

**Community Relations** – Committee chair Ashley Hoye asked Nancy Day-Achauer to give a recap of the city redistricting meeting that Ashley Hoye, Nancy Day- Achauer and Janet Cahill attended. Nancy Day-Achauer answered the questions that the commission was given beforehand. She did so by saying many of the Westland area issues are the same as the Far Westside commissions. Then she emphasized the need for parks and recs in the Westland area. She said that at some points it did seem tense because one committee member believed we had not previously advocated for rec and park. Additionally, some demographic questions were asked that representatives were not prepared to answer because they were not on the list of questions provided by the commission. The Department of Neighborhoods will see if they have the demographic data for the Commission Area. Nancy questioned why we were expected to provide the commission with the data since they are a city commission and have access to data from the city. Based on the discussion, during the WAC meeting, it was clear that there were common misconceptions that the City had about what services are

available to the community provided by other local jurisdictions such as Prairie Township, Hilliard etc. This was a problem for other commissions as well around the city with their neighboring cities.

### **Education –**

Nothing to report.

### **Planning & Development –**

Nothing to report.

It was noted that a Sheetz is being built in what was the Westland Mall parking lot. Also, the property on the southeastern corner of Galloway Rd and Broad St., that was supposed to have affordable apartments, is back up for sale at this time.

### **Public Health & Safety –**

Committee chair Nancy Day-Achauer reported that City Council has passed an ordinance that the city will give people \$100 for being completely vaccinated for Covid. The period of eligibility is June 15 or after. To apply for the money, one would go to the Columbus Urban League. ([www.cul.org/vaccinegreen](http://www.cul.org/vaccinegreen))

The produce give away will occur on Saturday, June 19th. Since June 19th is a holiday, the Mid-Ohio food bank is closed and money was raised to purchase food for those who need it. It was explained how a majority of the money was raised outside of the Prairie Township and Westland area to be able to do this service. The food will be purchased at regular retail from Kroger. Also, if you do need your Covid vaccine, you can get your shot at the giveaway. There will be separate lines depending on the individual's needs.

### **Recreation & Parks –**

Committee chair Shawn Thomas was excused from the meeting, but committee member Janet Cahill had information regarding the Blauser property that she shared. She stated that she has been in contact with Metro parks and was able to give them the information that they requested. She said she highlighted a lot of the advantages of the property and how it would be good for years to come. More information to come.

### **Old Business**

Chair Taylor asked Melissa Green if there was an update on in person meetings. Under current legislation, meetings will be in person again starting July 1st. This will be a challenge, since many places are still closed to the public for meetings. Closed areas include Ohio Health, libraries, rec centers, churches etc. Ms. Green did encourage members to reach out to legislators to express their concerns about in person meetings and the challenges they are facing in finding areas to meet and to be compliant with the law. She did say, since this is a challenge for many Commission's across the city, that meetings might have to be cancelled until spaces open again, which would be a way to be compliant with the Sunshine Laws. During this time, it was announced that the July meeting will be held at the Darby House.

### **New Business**

Melissa Green announced that she would be sending in the appointment form to extend members terms so that they are compliant with the new by-laws and time frames. Also, she did announce that there will be a training on July 10, about engaging new Americans, and a code enforcement training on Aug 11 from 6pm to 8pm. Averi Townsend announced that there will be a Westside Council community meeting on July 7th. There will be a meeting June 29 at 5 :30pm about short term rental regulations as well. More information to come.

Chair Taylor reminded members that commission elections would be in November, so it would be ideal to start getting a committee ready. He asked the commission to start thinking of possible locations to hold the in person voting. He will send out the list of those who are up for reelection in the near future. He reminded members that those people are not eligible to be on the election committee.

Concerns were expressed about having a police liaison that spoke about issues regarding the Westland area at upcoming meetings. Melissa Green addressed the concerns and said that she was taking care of them.

**Adjourn**

There being no more business before the Westland Area Commission, Chairman Taylor asked for a motion to adjourn the June 2021 meeting. Janet Cahill moved to adjourn and Nancy Day- Achauer seconded the motion with all members voting in favor. Meeting ended at 8:15pm. The next meeting of the Westland Area Commission will be held July 21, 2021 at the Darby House.

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Chair

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Date