

WESTLAND AREA COMMISSION

P.O. Box 293 – Galloway, OH 43119

Wednesday November 16, 2022

Auto Boutique
1800 Georgesville Square

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

Minutes

7:01- **Call to Order**

Roll Call

Heather Abdalla -*	Mike McKay - *	
Nancy Day-Achauer- *	Pol Panos - *	
Janet Cahill- EX	Jeff Tanner -EX	*- Present
Kim Hehman- EX	Scott Taylor -*	EX - Excused
Ashley Hoye Sr - *	Dave Van Order-*	AB- Absent

Chair Taylor asked for a motion to approve the October 2022 minutes as amended. Nancy Day-Achauer moved to approve the minutes as amended and Ashley Hoye seconded. All approved.

Recognition of Guests

Mark Dravillas, City of Columbus Planning Administrator, gave a brief overview of what city planning does and described how his department is working with the Zoning Code planning committee.

Rebecca Deeds introduced new Department of Neighborhoods liaison Olabisi Eddy. Ms. Eddy gave a brief overview of her background and said that she looks forward to working with the Department of Neighborhoods and various commissions. Ms. Eddy will be Westland's official liaison starting in December 2022.

Committee Reports

Zoning - Chair Mike McKay stated that there presently were no zoning matters, however there could be at the January meeting.

Community Relations – Chair Ashley Hoye referenced the city of Columbus website, new informational portion about housing, public input and discrimination in the city. There is information as well as public surveys in these areas.

Education – Commission Chair Taylor introduced Matt Decastro, the new SWCS representative. Mr. Decastro gave a brief introduction of himself and his role with SWCS. He asked if anyone had any concerns and encouraged members to contact him directly for any school concerns.

Planning & Development – Committee chair Jeff Tanner was not present, but Commission Chair Taylor acted on Mr. Tanner’s behalf and asked the questions that were submitted to the city’s Planning department in early 2022. The basic answers to the questions that were presented was that everything would be on hold as the Columbus Zoning Code is updated. The Planning department can give a map of what is present and how it compares to the original Westland Area Plan to see the differences and similarities to the intended plan over time.

Public Health & Safety – Committee chair Nancy Day-Achauer reminded everyone to get their flu shots and to stay current on their COVID shots and boosters. Heather Abdalla was nominated as the Public Health & Safety chair by Scott Taylor and seconded by Nancy Day-Achauer. All approved the nomination to begin Dec. 2022.

Recreation & Parks – No official report was presented.

Old Business

Chair Taylor said there will be a recap of the Recreation & Park 11/2/22 meeting that was held with the city at the January WAC meeting.

New Business

Chair Taylor conducted a voice vote for the new WAC Officers for 2023-2026. Scott Taylor was nominated for Chair by Nancy Day- Achauer and seconded by Mike McKay. Jeff Tanner was nominated for Vice-Chair by Scott Taylor and seconded by Mike McKay. Dave Van Order was nominated for Treasurer by Nancy Day-Achauer and seconded by Heather Abdalla. Janet Cahill was nominated for the Recording Officer by Scott Taylor and seconded by Heather Abdalla. All were approved as nominated.

Announcements

Acting Neighborhood Liaison Rebecca Deeds announced several events that will be held by the city. There will be a training session on Nov. 30th. On Dec 9, there is a Civil Conversations training. There will be information from the city that will be sent to the commissions on their experience with Citywide Elections. She reminded everyone that the Columbus Public Health Dept does provide Covid shots and boosters at no cost to the community. Also, the Mayor’s budget was released and will be going to the City Council for approval. One of the major goals is weekly recycling pickup.

Chair Taylor announced that there will not be a December WAC meeting as the city is in recess.

Adjourn

There being no more business before the Westland Area Commission, Chairman Taylor asked for a motion to adjourn the November 2022 meeting. Nancy Day-Achauer moved to adjourn and Heather Abdalla seconded the motion with all members voting in favor. Meeting ended at 8:00pm. **The next meeting of the Westland Area Commission will be held January 18, 2023 at the Auto Boutique meeting room at 7pm.**