

## Minutes of the Greater Hilltop Area Commission – June 5, 2007

In attendance: D.Bagley, B.Bair, G.Baker II, J.Boggs, M.Cole, T.Corson, S.Laughlin, J.Manley, C.Patterson, M.Potts, K.Whitman

Meeting opened with pledge to the flag. Minutes of the May meeting read and approved. Treasurer's report indicates a balance of \$1016.63.

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State Rep. Dan Stewart was recognized as being in attendance at the meeting. As a member of the State Finance Committee, he briefly updated the GHAC on the state of the new budget.

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Zoning: matters previously discussed by the zoning committee were brought forward.

...1) – 263-5 Wrexham Ave., Request is for a Council Variance to sell part of the site. P.Anderson, owner, desires to sell part of the property and when she went to get a bank loan was told she needed a variance as the site is zoned for a single-family and the current structure is a two-family dwelling. The variance is to allow the two-family use to continue. The zoning committee unanimously approved. After discussion by the full commission a vote was taken with unanimous approval.

...2) – 370-2 Wrexham – is also a request for a Council Variance based on the same as above, a two-family dwelling in a single-family zoned area. The zoning committee also unanimously approved this and after discussion by the full commission, a unanimous vote in the affirmative was cast.

D.Horn indicated if there was to be a zoning committee meeting he would inform members.

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Announcements:

.... The annual Hilltop Bean Dinner will be Saturday, June 23 at Westgate Park. Volunteers are needed to help setup, cook, etc. Donations are being asked in order to purchase grills and other equipment.

.... The recent Friends of the Hilltop clean-up effort at the railroad trestle on W. Broad near Wilson Rd. went well. S.Laughlin thanked all who participated.

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Committee Reports:

....Recreation/Parks – S.Laughlin reported on the recent email to members regarding the building demolition. M.Young of the City Dept. will be attending the July meeting to discuss concerns over restroom demolitions. There was discussion about the demolition of the Westgate storage building S.Laughlin was asked to set up a meeting with M.Young to discuss this and look at the building.

.... Community Relations – C.Patterson reported the committee last met in April and is still working on projects which will be shared, hopefully, at the July meeting. Also, a flyer is being developed to hand out at the June 23<sup>rd</sup> Pride Parade to highlight the affordability of Highland Village. The next committee meeting will be June 19.

.... Human Services/Education – D.Bagley updated members on the latest with the Westside Community Health Advisory Committee and its recent survey. A grant has been submitted and the Committee is waiting for a response. The next committee meeting is scheduled for June 28 at Mt. Carmel.

.... Public Safety – K.Whitman reported that this committee will be looking at surveying the community on its thought regarding placing cameras in parking lots of businesses to monitor undesirable behavior. The City is thinking of placing cameras in high-crime areas in the hopes of deterring more crime.

.... Government/Legislation – M.Potts deferred to T.Corson as he is seeking re-election this year. Corson reported there were 4 petitions submitted, three of them by current members seeking re-election: D.Bagley, J.Manley, M.Potts; the 4<sup>th</sup>, J.Keplar is seeking election for a first time. The election is set for June 23 with voting places at the Hilltop Library and Bean Dinner. It had been discussed to offer the J.Ashburn Youth Center for voting purposes but due to a low turn out of voters the previous year and the lack of people to staff this site, this location was cancelled.

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Old Business/Follow-up:

.... J.Teafor, Exec.Dir. of the Neighborhood Design Ctr, presented a follow-up to his previous presentation on the vision charette for W. Broad St. The GHAC adopted something similar to the charette for Highland West and is working with the City for implementation. Concern was expressed as to how to get the neighborhood involved and on-board with this concept.

A motion was made and seconded (Cole/Boggs) to make a formal decision on this and present it to the City as part of the vision for the Highland West District. C.Patterson motioned to amend this to state that the GHAC accepts this as the basis of the GHAC's vision. In order for a vote to be taken there is the need to waive the 30-day rule stated in the Bylaws. A motion was made and seconded (Whitman/Bagley) to waive the rules. A unanimous vote for approval of waiving the rules resulted. A motion was then made to vote on adopting the design charette with 9 votes in the affirmative and 2 in the negative.

.... Because of the upcoming July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday and festivities on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, the July meeting will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> at a location to be announced because the library is not available.

.... Chair Baker reminded members to be thinking about the 'Top 10 List', copies of which members had received at the May meeting. A motion was made and seconded (Bair/Bagley) to approve the list as given; after brief discussion a motion was made and seconded (Boggs/Bagley) to table a vote on the list. Motion approved and the matter tabled.

.... Chair Baker stated that the next meeting of the area commission leaders/civic association leaders, organized by the City, will take place on June 13, 6:30pm at City Hall. On the agenda will be discussion of funding for commissions and staffing.

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New Business:

.... "Columbus 2012" handouts were given to members. This will be the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of the City of Columbus.

.... Due to National Night Out on the first Tuesday of August, J. Boggs motioned to move the GHAC meeting to the 14<sup>th</sup> to allow commissioners to participate in neighborhood festivities. A unanimous vote was taken to waive the 30-day ruling. A voice vote was taken regarding changing the August meeting with all members voting in the affirmative; the August meeting will be held on the 14<sup>th</sup>, location to be announced.

.... Due to recent concern over email correspondence that might be construed as GHAC business, according to the Sunshine Laws, City Attorney Pfeiffer is being asked to attend a future meeting to clarify this issue.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. Manley, secretary