

Minutes of the Greater Hilltop Area Commission – July 10, 2007

In attendance: D.Bagley, G.Baker II, J.Boggs, T.Corson, J.Decker, D.Horn, S.Laughlin, J.Manley, R.Mendez, C.Patterson, M.Potts, K.Whitman

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

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Zoning: No business before the GHAC and D.Horn will notify members if there is to be a committee meeting on the 17th.

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Announcements:

....K.Whitman said the next HBA meeting is scheduled at Mt.Carmel Hospital. Also, State Representative D.Stewart is having an open forum on the 11th at Westgate Park, which is also the day of the neighborhood mini-pride.

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Committee Reports:

....Recreation/Parks – S.Laughlin reported that the storage building at Westgate Park has been placed in a 45-day moratorium. She said that M.Young from the City Dept. told her the restrooms of concern may have already been demolished. The Block-Watch clean-up at Westgate Park went well but there are some concerns regarding evening 'activities' and more policing is needed as areas in the park are being used for restroom facilities.

....Community Relations – C.Patterson said the web site is up and running and there were 411 hits during the month of June. He indicated that it would be nice to have information from the block watches that could be posted on the site.

....Human Services/Education – D.Bagley said that the Westside Health Advisory committee is planning a project to inform all residents of the different services available on the Hilltop.

....Public Safety – City Council has approved the purchase of land in the Hilltop for the new heliport.

....Planning/Economic Development – nothing to report.

....Government/Legislation – as M.Potts had run for re-election at the annual election, he had turned over to T.Corson the coordination of the election. The results of the election were given at the Bean Dinner with the three incumbents running being re-elected (Bagley, Manley, Potts) and J.Keplar also being elected. The 5th position open would be filled at the July meeting.

Because several members received a grievance from a community member who desired a recount of votes, the ballots were recounted before the July meeting with the results being the same as from the June election – Bagley, Keplar, Manley, Potts – being the 4 receiving the most votes. The grievance also questioned how the 5th position was to be filled as a write-in candidate had the 5th highest number of votes and according to the Selection Rules could automatically fill the opening. C.Patterson stated that the Bylaws being used were dated 1998 and in past years it had been a practice to appoint the 5th highest vote getter, but this was no longer being done. Discussion on this issue ensued with the final decision that the GHAC would accept nominations for the 5th position from the body or floor at the special July meeting per the bylaws.

T.Corson made a resolution to destroy the ballots. Unanimous vote in the affirmative to destroy.

Chair Baker thanked each committee chair for their diligence this past year.

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Old Business/Follow up: none

New Business:

.....J.Decker mentioned he has been in contact with a teacher at Westgate Elementary who is wondering if the GHAC would be willing to be involved in the school's 100th anniversary.

.....S.Laughlin suggested a 'thank you' be sent to the members of the group that helped with the Holton Park cleaning. She would like to invite the group to the August meeting for recognition of their efforts.

Motion to adjourn made and seconded (Horn/Boggs). This concludes the last meeting of the 2006-07 year.

Respectfully submitted,
J.Manley, secretary