

Minutes of the Greater Hilltop Area Commission – October 2, 2007

In attendance: D.Bagley, G.Baker II, J.Boggs, J.Decker, D.Horn, J.Keplar, S.Laughlin, J.Manley, C.Patterson, M.Potts, B.Spears, K.Whitman

Meeting opened with pledge to flag. Minutes of the September meeting read and approved. Treasurer's report indicates a balance of \$898.80

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No zoning issues for the meeting. There are two upcoming issues that will be discussed at the committee meeting on the 16th. After this meeting, the Economic Development committee will meet briefly to discuss the 'Top 10' list.

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Announcements:

...Friends of the Hilltop will be having a clean-up day on Saturday, October 27. The September cleaning went well, it was noted.

...Sarah Fairchild, Westgate resident, said the Ohio Art League will be having a show starting October 6; location 954 N. High St.

...The HBA is sponsoring a 'Beat Michigan' party on November 17. Tickets are \$25/person. See K.Whitman for more information and tickets. Also, they will be hosting a Candidates' Night on October 10 at the Mt. Carmel School of Nursing facility.

...M.Potts announced that there would be a Camp Chase Blockwatch meeting on October 9 at the library. They have a web site: www.campchaseblockwatch.com. Mark Young from the City Recreation/Parks Dept. will be the featured speaker. Also, the last park clean-up will be October 6, 8-11am.

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Presentations:

...Several candidates running for City Council were in attendance and spoke briefly about their qualifications and interest in running: Heidi Samuel and Larry Thomas.

...Christopher Boring, Boulevard Strategies, updated the GHAC on the market study for W. Broad St. He will be giving an update to the community on October 18, 6:30pm, Hilltop library.

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Committee Reports:

...Recreation/Parks – S.Laughlin stated the letter for Al McKnight is ready to be sent.

...Community Relations – C.Patterson stated the committee met on Sept. 19 and discussed the need of better informing the community about the GHAC, its mission, role in the community, etc. The committee also discussed whether it can solicit donations for the GHAC. B.Lee, City liaison, stated that since the GHAC is a government body, it can't accept charitable donations, but perhaps could designate another organization to receive funds; she will check on this. Patterson thanked The Messenger for running articles about the GHAC.

...Human Services/Education – D.Bagley reported on the recent combined meeting with the Public Safety committee at the Wedgewood Apartment Complex. She stated that on October 16, 6:00pm, there would be another meeting at Wedgewood to form a residents council and that Columbus Urban League will be speaking at this meeting.

...Public Safety – J.Boggs stated that at the Wedgewood meeting in September, one of the topics discussed was forming a Hilltop Area Youth Commission. A meeting for October 16, 6:00pm at West High, is scheduled to further discuss this and begin the selection process.

...Planning/Economic Development – D.Horn announced a meeting for October 16, 7pm.

...Government/Legislation – J.Keplar reported that the committee did not meet in September. She is checking with the City regarding the use of secret ballots to elect officers.

...Development Regulations/Public Service – no report.

...Liquor Permit Review – J.Decker said that City Council is making recommendations in November and he will be scheduling a committee meeting soon to discuss who should/should not be recommended for licensing.

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Old Business/Follow-up:

...The November meeting is being scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, 7:00pm, Hilltop library, due to annual elections being held on November 6.

...D.Bagley reported on the school to be located at St. Aloysius. This is the Capital City Academy. She handed members brochures.

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New Business:

...C.Patterson shared that the recent murder victim on W.Broad was the son of R.Germany, former Hilltop Civic Council Assn. president. He has drafted a letter of condolence to the family from the GHAC and would like approval to send it. Motion made and seconded (Bagley/Whitman) to waive the 30-day policy; unanimous vote in the affirmative. Motion made and seconded (Patterson/Whitman) to send the letter; vote unanimous in the affirmative.

...C.Patterson inquired of B.Lee re:City services and upgrades. G.Baker responded that this is a result of bond packages from the late 1990s now coming to fruition.

...November 30 is the deadline for submitting areas to be considered for Neighborhood Pride 2008.

Motion made and seconded (Bagley/Boggs) to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
J.Manley, secretary