

Minutes of the Greater Hilltop Area Commission – January 1, 2008

In attendance: G.Baker II, J.Boggs, J.Decker, S.Laughlin, J.Manley, C.Patterson, K.Whitman

Meeting called to order with the pledge to the flag. Minutes of the December 2007 meeting read. Treasurer's report indicates a balance of \$182.80.

Due to there not being a quorum, no official action could take place on approving the minutes; this will be done at the February meeting.

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At the December meeting concern was shared that the new W.Broad St. post office should have extended hours of business to better accommodate the neighborhood, ideally the same hours as Westland. Concern was also expressed that there are no mailboxes at this facility. This matter is being referred to the Planning/Economic Dev. Committee.

A Certificate of Appreciation will be given to the Hausers (owners of the property containing the post office and former Hilltop Market Place) at the January 9 HBA meeting; this is in recognition of their community support over the years.

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Zoning:

....2374-80 W. Broad, Anzuini family property owners – request is for an Administrative Waiver to change the current use of site to that of a bar/tavern. The Zoning Committee voted unanimously in favor of the request with the condition that the applicant improve and upgrade the parking area to the rear of the building. As there is no quorum, a vote will be taken at the February meeting.

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Announcements:

..... The City will be holding an Area Commission appreciation night on January 9. Members should have received invitations in the mail.

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Committee Reports:

.....No reports given by Recreation/Parks, Human Services/Education, Government/Legislation, Development Regulations/Public Service.

..... Community Relations – C.Patterson stated that the survey will appear soon on the web site. If anyone has questions they would like to see on the site, send them to Patterson.

..... Public Safety – J.Boggs said a meeting is scheduled for January 3, 6:30pm. He also said that the Development Reg/Public Service committee would be meeting afterwards to discuss 90-gallon trash containers in the Highland Ave. area north of W.Broad.

..... Planning/Economic Development – in the absence of chair Horn, Chair Baker distributed the updated 'Top 10' list.

.....Government/Legislation – although no official report given, it was noted that the revised Bylaws have been filed with the City.

..... Liquor Permit Review – J.Decker said that City Council addressed renewals at its December 2007 meeting and they voted to uphold the non-renewal request of the GHAC for A Cool Place.

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Old Business/Follow-up:

..... Chair Baker shared copies of the final version of the Columbus Area Commission/Civic Association Work Group Report. The next step in the process will be the formation of a coalition comprising members of City commissions and civic groups. An initial meeting is set for January 31, 6:30pm, J.Ashburn Youth Ctr.

..... Nothing to report regarding the possible move of Buckeye Ranch to the space vacated by Hilltop Marketplace.

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New Business:

..... The GHAC accepted the resignation of Chair Baker as both current chair and member of the GHAC. His recent election as a member of the board of Columbus City Schools prevents him from attending the GHAC. C.Patterson, as current vice-chair, will assume leadership until the next election of officers in July 2008.

..... The March meeting will need to be changed due to the state primary election to be held on the first Tuesday of March. This will be discussed and voted upon at the February meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
J.Manley, secretary