

Minutes of the Greater Hilltop Area Commission – May 6, 2008-05-28

In attendance: D.Bagley, J.Boggs, M.Cole, T.Corson, J.Decker, J.Keplar, S.Laughlin, J.Manley, C.Patterson, M.Potts, B.Spears, K.Whitman

Meeting called to order with the pledge to the flag. Minutes of the April 2008 meeting read and approved. Treasurer's report indicates a balance of \$252.64

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No zoning matters to undertake. One matter possibly for the June meeting. Members will be notified if a committee meeting is necessary.

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Presentations:

..... Lisa Jones of Habitat for Humanity made a presentation for support for building a house at 549 S. Oakley. There is a tenant/buyer for the property. Members were handed a packet showing plans for the site. The GHAC is being asked to provide a letter of support for a project on Thomas Ave. and Habitat would like to have this property included in that letter. Unanimous approval in the affirmative to modify letter to include Oakley site.

..... Gloria McCauley, Exec Dir. of BRAVO (Buckeye Regional Antiviolence Organization) addressed the GHAC regarding services provided for those who are suffering from domestic abuse/violence. While their services are primarily geared toward the gay/lesbian population, they help anyone in a violent domestic situation. A Q&A period followed.

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Announcements:

.....The Immigrant and Refugee Women's Health Conference will be held June 19. D.Bagley indicated she has registered for this event and is seeking reimbursement for the registration fee (\$35). Motion made and seconded (Boggs/Keplar) to waive the 30-day rule; unanimous in favor. Motion made and seconded (Decker/Corson) for reimbursement; unanimous in favor.

.....The City's Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for May 13.

.....Friends of Westgate Park's next meeting is May 8, 6:00pm.

.....B.Lee said that Bruce Black would like to come to either the June or July meeting to talk about Neighborhood Pride. She also handed out information on the Truancy Initiative that will run from June 5-August 24.

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Committee Reports:

.....Recreation/Parts – S.Laughlin referenced the May 8th meeting at Westgate. She also said that the Hilltop parks brochure is coming along. Additionally,

Friends of Westgate Park has been recognized as a stand-alone group by the Dept. of Rec/Parks. Future park clean-ups are being planned.

.....Community Relations – nothing to report, although C.Patterson indicated that M.Cole would like to feature Hilltop happenings on his radio program.

.....Human Services/Education – D.Bagley said the town hall meetings are over and that an agenda is being set for next year for the Health Advisory Group.

.....Public Safety – J.Boggs updated about the youth commission and that a presentation had been made at West High where applications were handed; applications were taken to Briggs and Franklin Heights. Deadline for applying is May 19 after which will follow the selection process. Boggs motioned to move from the table a previous motion to allow a member of the youth commission to serve on the GHAC as a non-voting member. He stated that he had spoken with J.Spurlock, City Attorney, and the Bylaws would not need to change to permit the addition of a youth commissioner. After discussion a vote was taken resulting in 9 yes, 2 no, 1 abstention for the youth commissioner to have a seat on the GHAC as a non-voting member.

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

.....Govt/Legislation – J.Keplan said the information meeting on April 5 went well. A committee meeting is scheduled for May 13. Deadline for applications for the GHAC election packet is May 23 and petitions are to be certified by May 29.

.....Development Reg/Public Service – M.Cole stated he has tried to contact Councilmember Ginther to come to a future GHAC meeting to address concerns about sidewalk/curb repairs.

.....Liquor permit – no activity for now.

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Old Business – none

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New Business – none, although a resident expressed concern that no one from the commission appeared to be on the Mayor's Bicentennial Committee.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
J.Manley, secretary