

Minutes of the Greater Hilltop Area Commission – June 3, 2008-06-30

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

Minutes of May meeting read and approved with correction.

Treasurer's report indicates a balance of \$174.41, with correction.

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Presentations:

..... Officer Ramos, 19th precinct, community liaison officer, handed out cards regarding the new curfew/truancy hours. He explained the policy and where those in violation would be taken until their parents are located. He also referenced a class on internet predators that's being given at the Policy Academy on June 5.

Sgt. Horton spoke about proposals being worked on to lessen vice activities along W.Broad St. corridor. He stated that, as runs permit, officers are being encouraged to park their cruiser and walk around their area for more visibility.

A short Q&A followed.

.....Bruce Black, City of Cols. Neighborhood Pride 2008, gave an update on this year's selected areas in the Hilltop. This is the 7th time Neighborhood Pride has come to the Hilltop. This year's Pride is scheduled from September 15-19, Sullivant to Mound, Columbian to Highland. Also, one of the activities for this event is the selection of a 'Beautiful Home' award; he suggested creating an ad hoc committee to canvas the Pride area to look for potential nominees for this award.

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Zoning:

.....Request for rezoning of property at 1125 Georgesville Rd. Applicant, Howard Hedrick, has been before the GHAC with an earlier rezoning (1065 Georgesville) and now wants to add the second property. Request is to rezone for commercial. Zoning committee had recommended approval. After short Q&A, a voice vote was taken with the result a unanimous approval in the affirmative.

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Accouncements:

..... On June 8, 4-6pm, there will be a cleanup at Westgate Park sponsored by the Friends of Westgate Park.

.....J.Boggs said the S.Ogden Block Watch is looking for sponsors of Natl Night Out. This year it is on August 5.

.....Hilltop Bean Dinner is Saturday, June 28

.....Spears Funeral Home renovation (due to fire damage) is now complete and the business will have an Open House on June 7, 1-6pm.

.....information sheets are available about an organization that helps peoples understand the democratic process in order to become better voters.

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Committee Reports:

.....Parks-Rec – park brochure is almost done. Friends of Westgate Park has received a \$7000 for the mural being planned.

.....Community Relations – nothing to report.

.....Human Services/Educ – Farmers' Market is scheduled to open on July 31. Inter Faith Health Project group meeting is scheduled for July 23rd.

.....Public Safety – youth commission is being tabled as only one applicant; working with the Mayor's Office on the camera project and hope to have a speaker for a future GHAC meeting; also working with Homes on the Hill for safety projects.

.....Planning/Economic Development – no report.

.....Govt/Legislation – 5 have expressed interest in being on the ballot for the annual GHAC election; three incumbents and two community members: Dave Horn, Sue Laughlin, Chuck Patterson, incumbents; John Contonio, Stanley Thornburgh, residents. The annual election is June 28 with voting at the Bean Dinner and Library.

..... Development Regulations/Public Service – nothing to report

.....Liquor Permit ad hoc – nothing to report.

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Old Business/Follow-Up:

.....the Budget Committee presented a budget for 2008-09 which showed a breakdown of estimated spending. Expected to receive \$2000 from the City.

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New Business:

.....members asked to think about adding a budget committee for the coming year.

.....Due to information received from the City, voting at the July meeting for the appointed seat and open seat (due to resignation) cannot be done by secret ballot, nor can voting for officers be done by secret ballot.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
J.Manley, secretary