

Minutes of the Greater Hilltop Area Commission – April 7, 2009

In attendance: D.Bagley, J.Boggs, J.Contonio, T.Corson, J.Decker, S.Hermiller, D.Horn, S.Laughlin, J.Manley, C.Patterson, M.Potts, B.Spears, S.Thornburgh, K.Whitman

Meeting opened with pledge to the flag. Secretary's report read and approved. Treasurer's report indicates a balance of \$878.74.

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Zoning:

....Village Communities, Ardent Property Mgt., Jill Tangeman, attorney of representation. Zoning request to change 14 acres of the housing site at 3855 Alkire Rd. from PUD6 to LAR12 14. This request had come before the GHAC at a previous meeting but applicant had agreed to provide more details of the site plan, as well as hold dialogue with current residents and surrounding community.

Tangeman stated the original development called for all single-family housing, but this was changed to a multi-family use (single homes/apartments) to better market the site. A 'good neighbor' agreement will be established with residents. The apartment area will be toward the back of the site and the whole area will be gated.

A Q&A session had questions ranging from traffic issues to building height to impact this would have on surrounding developments; many were from residents of developments near this one. After lengthy discussion a motion was made to cease the discussion, but this was withdrawn. Applicant committed to keeping the existing PUD6 as single-family. Based on the new commitment the GHAC voted on the zoning request with the results – 8 in favor and 6 not in favor.

....Tiffany Hunt, manager of Revol store on Sullivant Ave., indicated store has been cited by City Code officers for improper signage. Would like to place a promotional banner in front of the store and has begun working on steps to place a permanent sign on site. Asking for support from the GHAC to place a permanent sign. Hunt told to come before the zoning committee on April 21 and then state case before the entire GHAC at its May meeting.

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Committee reports:

....Public Safety – J.Boggs has nothing to report but indicated would be communicating information to the GHAC regarding future meeting of the committee.

....Health/Education – D.Bagley passed out an information flyer on the upcoming health concerns meeting at Wedgewood Complex. She indicated that several locations have become available for the Farmers' Markets, which will be starting in June.

....Community Relations – S.Thornburgh said the next meeting is scheduled for April 14, 6:30pm, at Minelli's. This will be to lay out plans for the future. He expressed concern that the GHAC has no process or plan in place to set an agenda or goals for a year. He made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> by Bagley) to develop goals and objectives for each GHAC year so we can address issues of the community. Vote: 7 yes, 6 no. (Prior to this vote a vote was taken to stop the discussion of the matter; unanimous to stop.)

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Old Business:

....M.Potts reported that the GHAC still has not received its funding from the City; he will inquire.

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New Business:

....2009 elections will be in June. The election packet will be available April 20 with a submission deadline of May 22, 5:00pm, to T.Corson.

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Announcements:

....The Hilltop Community Theater will be holding a fundraising spaghetti dinner on April 25.

....A Glenwood Park clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 9am-12N.

....The attorney representing the Tonti property on Briggs Rd. has decided not to appeal the court decision for demolition.

....L.Grazier reminded all of the Arbor Day events at Westgate Park, April 24.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
J.Manley, secretary