

**NORTHWEST CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 5, 2009  
MEADOW PARK CHURCH  
2425 BETHEL ROAD**

Board Trustees in attendance: Adair, Ashby, Carleton, Goodman, Lee, Rees, Presutti, Royal, Sandoval, Shaw, Voelkel

The following minutes were recorded by Board Secretary Jeanne Ashby  
President, Jennifer Adair, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Motion to approve August minutes was made by Bill Carleton, second by  
Voice vote taken, minutes approved.

**CITY REPORTS**

Isom Nivons reported that The Pride Center has hired a secretary from AARP. The Center has also been hosting several meetings for different area organizations. Clinton task force will be meeting tomorrow about the High St./EN Broadway intersection. The roundabout was nixed by the City.

In the University area, some residence are wanting Summit and 4<sup>th</sup> streets to become 2-way roads instead of the current 1-way roads.

There will be workshop with training on Mediation & Conflict Resolution on August, 26 at 7:00pm at 109 North Front Street.

With the passing of the tax levy there will be restoration of some services such as Yard Waste Service, Code Enforcement will stay in place, and some Rec Centers will re-open.

**PRESENTAION**

Sycamore Hills Representative, Amy Pinnegar, gave a presentation on the Community Garden that they are planning in the city park in their neighborhood. They need an official endorsement from the NWCA so they can continue with their plans. They want to "Grow Green" with a community garden of flowers and vegetables. The idea is to have the produce go to the neighbors first, then bring items to the homebound in their neighborhood. They also want to plant vegetables in a special section for the the homeless and an organization in Beechwold will be happy to take their produce.

A motion to endorse the Community Garden with a written letter to the City of Columbus, Parks and Recreation, and City Council was made by John Schmidt and second made by Carole Rees. Voice vote taken and it was approved.

**COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**MEMBERSHIP**

Jeanne Ashby reported that our Membership PLUS program is getting underway and that Home Depot is having a Community Day where the NWCA was invited to set up a booth and sell our memberships. It is August, 15. Volunteers are needed to work a few hours between 9:00am and 4:00pm.

### OSU AIRPORT

John reported that the ramp/runway pavement rehab project is going well.

Bill reported that the 150 Study in July with Doug Hammond said the FFA accepted the report by the consultants. In October the 150 Study Group will have the plans on what to do with the airport. Then there will be another Public Meeting.

### PARKS AND RECREATION

Jennifer reported the Carriage Place has received handicap accessible playground equipment and they will need help installing it. We will find out more about it in September.

### STUDENT INTERNS

We have 1 junior and 1 senior from Centennial that applied. We have 2 more openings for a total of 4 interns.

### **GRAPHICS, ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Application 09310-00179: 1621 Francisco Rd. (Atonement Church)

Requested to variance to building set back for the rear yards of neighbors due to proposed addition to church. Atonement Church neighbor, Rita Leckwatch of 4905 Laurwell Drive asked where the drainage of water will go from the church property. It currently drains into their yard. Craig Vander Veen, presenter for Rogers Krajnak Architects, told her that the new code will deem that it is now required to build a retention area that will keep that from happening. Motion to Approve Variance to 1621 Francisco Rd. as written, made by Marilyn, second by bill. Vote 10-0

Jeanne – Yes

Bill – Yes

Marilyn – Yes

Mark - Absent

Carole – yes

Joan – Yes

Ruth – Yes

Juana – Yes

Dave – Yes

Scott – Yes

Scott I – Yes

Jen – Abstain

Motions to Approve Rezoning of 6350 Sawmill Rd., with the following conditions:

The Northwest Commercial Overlay is applicable if there is a 20% or more expansion to the existing building (former Special Tee Golf Store) located on parcel 590-15900 at any time in the future.

The Billboard located on parcel 590-159017 will be removed once Tansky Sawmill Toyota has confirmation from the City of Columbus that the billboards are not permitted as a result of the Northwest Commercial Overlay.

A multiuse path/sidewalk will be constructed along State Route 161 (north boundary) of all parcels) to connect to the existing sidewalk on Sawmill Road at the time of redevelopment of the parcels owned by Tansky Sawmill Toyota.

The NWCA also requested that Tansky Toyota return to the Board when redevelopment plans have been determined, but prior to construction, in order for the Board to review the proposed project. Tansky Toyota agreed to this request.

Motion made by Bill, Second by Jeanne. Passes 9-1

Jeanne– Yes  
Bill – Yes  
Marilyn – Yes  
Mark – Absent  
Carole– Yes  
Joan - Yes  
Ruth – Yes  
Juana – Yes  
Dave – Yes  
Scott – Yes  
Jen – Abstain

Motion to approve Graphics application for 1041-1101 Bethel Rd.

Applicant’s requested variance to keep the existing sign in the same location (within 3 feet to the left or right) was acceptable and **approved** by a vote of 9 yes 1 no. The Northwest Civic Association understands that it is granting a variance of the graphics requirements as outlined in the Northwest Overlay if the sign has to be moved to the left or right in order to add additional foundation and pole for the existing sign to meet the City’s requirements for wind resistance and structural stability.

Application’s requested variance to add tenant panels to the existing sign was acceptable and **approved** by a vote of 9 yes to 1 no

Motion made by Jen, Second made by John

Jeanne – Yes  
Bill – Yes  
Goodman – Yes  
Mark – Absent  
Carole – Yes

Joan – Yes  
Juana – No  
Dave – Yes  
Scott – Yes  
Jen - Abstain

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Jennifer reported that the Bethel Road Cleanup took place on July,11.

The Olentangy speed request report came and they are going to leave the different speeds as they are.

The City was asking the NWCA if we knew of any business with liquor licenses that were abusing their privileges . Scott mentioned that there is a bar that is allowing inside smoking.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Make a Difference Day is coming up and Scott wants us to come up with ideas of something the NWCA could do for this event.

Juana Sandoval is resigning from the NWCA. She has enjoyed working with everyone a learned a lot about working on a board during her time with us. Jennifer thanked her for her service with the NWCA and that she would be missed.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Jennifer Adair 9:00pm

### **NEXT MEETING**

September 2, 2009 – 7:00pm

Meadow Park Church, 2425 Bethel Road, **Room 213**

