**MINUTES**

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NORTHWEST CIVIC ASSOCIATION**

**ZOOM MEETING**

OCTOBER 5, 2022, 7:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Cheryl Grossman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**TRUSTEES PRESENT**

Cheryl Grossman, Steve Donnell, Marilyn Goodman, Kori Mulligan, Sam Simoes, Stacey, Swanson, Monica Tuttle, Roy Wentzel; Student Trustees: Livy Cygan, Sarah Dada

**GUEST SPEAKER**

Mayor Ginther provided a brief overview on Issues 19, 20, and 21 which are charter amendments to update and modernized the auditor’s office, civil service process, and align the City of Columbus with the Ohio Revised Code.

Bond Issues 14-18 are also up for a vote. These will allow the City to borrow money to pay for capital improvements related to Health, Safety, and Infrastructure, Recreation and Parks, Neighborhood Development, Public Service, and Public Utilities.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Cheryl presented the minutes from our September meeting. Monica made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Marilyn. The minutes were then approved unanimously.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Treasurer Monica Tuttle presented the Treasurer’s Report there were no transactions this month. Kori made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report and the motion was seconded by Monica. The Treasurer’s Report was unanimously accepted.

**APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBERS**

There were no new members presented for approval.

**CITY REPORTS**

Police – Officer Hicks attended and informed the residents that all the statistics are within the normal range except for commercial robberies; however, it is believed that the two incidents were from the same individuals.

Fire – There was no attendance from the fire department at the meeting.

Neighborhood Liaison – Rebecca Deeds reported that Bethel International UMC Community Event this Friday October 7, 4:30-6:30pm. Free food, games, family event. Rebecca also reported that the following area commission trainings and events are coming up: Saturday October 8; Neighborhood Best Practices on Saturday October 15; Building and Zoning Services is October 29th; and Code Enforcement and Planning is on November 9th.

City Council Liaison – Harrison Poku-Yeboah reported on the recent endorsements of City Council. Councilmember Lourdes de Padilla is hosting a grant contest called 614 Beautiful. Neighborhood beautification grants up to $10,000.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Code of Regulations Update

Kori provided a brief overview on the updates to the Code of Regulations and the next steps for the members to vote on the updates to the Code.

Zoning

**5811 Olentangy River Road (CV22-072)**

* Monica presented a variance application which is an update to CV13-036 to provide for a boarding house and construction of an additional boarding house unit.
* The property has been operated as a boarding house since 2013. Two variances are being requested: 1) a variance to legitimize some already created parking that encroaches into the parking set back along Olentangy River Road; 2) a variance to allow a maximum of six (6) guestroom accommodations in the main estate home, one (1) guest room provided in the carriage house (in addition to an additional bedroom unit to be constructed for an Owner’s suite), and One (1) guest room provided in the newly-constructed gate house. An additional three-car parking garage will be added to the property to accommodate guests, so there is no impact to any surrounding property.
* Monica motioned to recommend approval for CV22-072 for 5811 Olentangy River Road with the note that we continue to have concerns about the sewer project. Kori seconded. The motion passed 5-0 with Sam abstaining due to being a neighbor.

OSU Airport

Marilyn reported on an email from Stephanie Morgan who reported that the airport master plan and the airport layout plan have been approved by the FAA. Still need an environmental assessment which will be discussed with the FAA next fall.

**GUEST SPEAKER**

Tony Celebrezze presented on the proposed updates to the zoning code. The zoning code dates back to the 1950s and does not reflect the development trends people want to see today. Zoning codes help lay the groundwork for where we live and what we want to see. Feedback from the community is going to be critical to see what we can do to do away with variances. Focus on this year and next is the transportation corridors.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Cheryl and Monica requested interest applications for being trustees and being on the zoning committee.

**Meeting adjourned.**