

**Columbus Development Commission
Policy Meeting (immediately following zoning meeting)**

September 11, 2014

6:30p.m. (following the 6:00 p.m. zoning agenda)
City of Columbus, I-71 North Complex
757 Carolyn Ave.
Public Hearing Room

Call to Order:

The meeting remained in session following the zoning portion of the meeting.

Members Present:

Michael J. Fitzpatrick, Chair
Jack Cooley
Maria Conroy
Marty Anderson
Kay Onwukwee

Planning Division Staff Present:

Christine Leed, Neighborhood Planner

Approval of July 10, 2014 Policy Meeting Record of Actions

The July 2014 record of action was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation, Discussion and Action

1. Third Avenue Urban Commercial Overlay Expansion

Christine Leed provided a summary of the Third Avenue Urban Commercial Overlay (UCO) Expansion project. Key information regarding the expanded boundaries of the UCO on W Third Ave:

- The Council adopted 2009 Fifth by Northwest Neighborhood Plan recommends commercial overlays on its key commercial corridors.
- The following overlays were subsequently adopted in 2010: West Third Ave and Northwest Blvd Intersection UCO; West Fifth Ave UCO; Chambers Rd/Northwest Blvd

UCO; King Ave/Northwest Blvd UCO; and the Olentangy River Rd CCO.

- In 2014 the Fifth by Northwest Area Commission requested that the city consider extending overlay status to additional portions of W Third Avenue.
- This proposal is in response to that request.
- The proposal includes extending the UCO designation on W Third Avenue from Doten to Edgehill.
- The UCO works in conjunction with existing zoning districts to improve the character of commercial corridors, facilitate streetscape continuity, and encourage pedestrian-friendly development.
- The Planning Division worked cooperatively with the Fifth by Northwest Area Commission in developing the proposal. The process included staff meetings with the association, two rounds of property owner mailings, a public open house and a project website. The area commission voted to support this proposal on August 5, 2014.

Chair Fitzpatrick commented about the importance of adopting these on the commercial corridors to support and improve neighborhoods. Jack Cooley moved to approve the West Third Avenue Overlay Expansion, Maria Conroy seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.