

# Area Commission/Civic Association Work Group

## AC/CA WORK GROUP REGULAR MEETING

12 September 2007

Columbus City Hall

### DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Columbus Area Commission / Civic Association Work Group was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Chair Gary Baker II, Secretary Christopher Gawronski being present. Members from the following areas were present: Clintonville, Driving Park, Fifth by Northwest, Franklinton, Greater Hilltop, Milo-Grogan, North Central, Northland, Northwest, SouthSide, Southwest, University. Minutes of the 22 August 2007, 25 August 2007 meeting were reviewed and approved.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Work Group revisited the content of its final report. Members offered the following suggestions to include in the preamble and conclusion of the report:

- Relate work to Columbus 2012 Bicentennial
- Add civic association issues to a list of future discussion
- Include a reference to the "Community Coalition" in the preamble, but do not list specific topics for consideration by the Coalition
- Use new term "civic advisory body" as appropriate
- Show attendance for all the member groups throughout the Work Group process

Dissenting opinions from any members will be included. Opinions should be sent to the group by email and will be included in the report by the Secretary.

The issue of Community Planning Areas and Commission Boundaries was again taken up by the Work Group for additional discussion. Proposed wording for a boundary change mechanism was introduced for discussion. Following discussion, the group declined to act on the proposal and retained the recommendation wording developed at the retreat. Public comment was received from Barbara Terzian and Katie Radford on this topic.

Recommendation #4 regarding funding for area commissions was taken up by the Work Group. Final wording for this recommendation was not considered at the retreat due to an oversight.

Following discussion on Recommendation #4 and public comment from Katie Radford, the meeting recessed at 8:10 p.m. without dissent at the request of the Chair and reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

On a motion by Gawronski the group agreed to the following wording on a roll call vote: "The City is requested to reduce restrictions on how area commission stipends are spent and to increase funding for area commissions to \$5,000 annually in order to provide additional funding to areas with fewer local resources."

YES

Clintonville (Gawronski)  
Driving Park (Holliman)  
Fifth by Northwest (Obester)  
Greater Hilltop (Baker)  
Milo-Grogan (Vaccaro)  
North Central (White)

YES

Southwest (Horn)  
University (MacConnell)

NO

None

On a motion by White the group agreed to change the word “should” to “shall” in Recommendations #1 & #16.

On a motion by Girves the group agreed to direct the Chair and Secretary to complete drafting of the final report including the recommendations as approved and dissenting opinions as submitted.

The Chair directed members to provide any dissenting opinions to the group by September 19, and the final report will be provided by September 26.

**The Work Group adjourned its final regular meeting at 8:42 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Gawronski, Secretary

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