

# Area Commission/Civic Association Work Group

## AC/CA WORK GROUP REGULAR MEETING

13 June 2007

Columbus City Hall  
MEETING MINUTES

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Columbus Area Commission / Civic Association Work Group was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Chair Gary Baker II, Secretary Christopher Gawronski being present. Minutes of the 23 May 2007 meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted on a motion by Mr. Vaccaro.

It was moved by Mr. Paul that quorum for the Work Group be established as those members present at a meeting of the Work Group. The motion carried without dissent.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Chair Baker called up the postponed motion for the Work Group to “allot time at the end of each meeting agenda for public comment and to limit speakers to three minutes.” Following discussion, Mr. Paul moved to amend the motion by substituting the following language for the original motion: “permit public comment on an agenda item at the time of the discussion of that topic at the discretion of the chair, provide for time at the end of each meeting for general public comment and limit speakers to three minutes.” The amendment was accepted without dissent as was the amended main motion.

The postponed topic regarding the status of non-[Columbus] resident members of area commissions and civic associations was again taken up by the Work Group. The city attorney was consulted and advised that no problems should arise from residency issues so long as commissions follow city code section 3109. Ms. Diggs moved to recommend “The City should allow each individual area commission to define its own residency requirements subject to the requirements of City Code Section 3109.” The motion was approved on the following roll call vote:

#### YEAS

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

Northland (Paul)  
Northwest (Adair)  
SouthSide (Diggs)  
Southwest (Horn)  
University (Hegley)  
Westland (Locke)

#### NAYS

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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Mr. Paul presented and moved approval of a resolution regarding Work Group representation of civic associations and the public. Following considerable discussion, an attempt by Mr. Horn to table approval of the resolution failed on a vote of 3 yeas to 5 nays. The resolution was approved 6 yeas to 2 nays.

The chair announced the next Work Group meeting will revisit the issues of staffing and financial support, and training and education, after which it will take up the issues of the status of community councils and civic associations, and community planning areas and commission boundaries.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Gawronski, Secretary

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These minutes were approved by the AC/CA Work Group on 27 June 2007.