

City of Columbus Greater Hilltop Area Commission

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G.H.A.C. Regular Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2019 – 7:00pm

Hilltop Library – 511 S. Hague Ave. – Columbus, Ohio 43204

2018 – 2019
Commission

Jay McCallister
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Josh Maddox

Shawn Maddox

Judy Manley

Geoffrey Phillips

Mike Purcell

Scott Stockman

Pam Weaver

I	7:00	<p>Call to Order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pledge of Allegiance • Roll Call – All Commissioners present • Motion to Approve January Minutes by Com. Huffman; 2nd by Com. Riley – Minutes approved
II	7:05	<p>Treasurer’s Report – Mr. Riley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Com. Josh Maddox mentioned that last month’s report also included \$69 for Radical Tees • Com. Huffman brought motion to table motion to approve Treasurer’s Report until listed \$69 is researched; Com. Weaver 2nd – Motion to table approved
III	7:07	<p>Council Member Remy – City’s Capital Budget Process – covers improvements throughout the community (i.e. infrastructure, recs & parks, bike lanes, etc); broader than the Hilltop streetscape planning;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remy will look into repair of Wilson bridge • Com. Bronder gave C.M. Remy minutes from last Parks & Recs meeting & Com. Philips reiterated need to restore Glenwood park • Community member expressed frustration with getting money for non-profits to fund outreach efforts • Council Member Shayla Favor introduced herself
IV	7:17	<p>Zoning – Shawn Maddox</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Z18-082 4203-4305 Sullivant Ave. - R4 to C-3 for parking and future development – Tabled to develop site plan • CV18-107 49 S Huron Ave - Accessory dwelling multiple variances – Applicants seeking to turn 2-car detached garage into studio apartment; Code doesn’t address accessory dwelling units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Zoning Committee vote was 4 yes, 2 no ○ Motion to Approve brought by Com. Shawn Maddox; 2nd by Com. Huffman – 10 yes, 3 no, 2 abstentions – Approved • Update on 4053 W. Broad St. – Com. Shawn Maddox meeting with Council Member Tyson on why Commission voted no; Council passed with 4-2 vote; write Council to express community desires <p>NEXT ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING: No meeting on Feb 19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Known Zoning at This Time
V	7:52	<p>Announcements – (Please limit to a <u>maximum</u> of 3 minutes) Commissioners, City Staff, Audience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Com. Philips: Joe Argiro elected President of Highland West • Com. Abid: My Project USA Annual Dinner 2/23/19 • CPD: Shot spotter tested today; will cover most of the Hilltop; should cut down time to contact CPD from 5-7 mins to 30-40 secs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chief Retirement celebration, 2/6/19, 1-3pm, 1000 N. Hague Ave. • Melissa Green: waiting on feedback about initial draft of changes for 3109 – please send; 2/23/19 Hilltop Community Planning meeting; Neighborhood Safety Strategy meeting tentative date 3/23/19 @ substation 10 (Big Run)

V	7:52	Announcements <i>Continued</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Reeves (Neighborhood Design) – 2/23/19, 9:00am; https://www.envisionhilltop.com • Mr. Argiro: Film Screening with Highland West Youth Garden, 2/6/19, Third Way Café • Carlie Booth: Meeting with community members to determine what legal help is needed • Esther Flores (1 Divine Line 2 Health) – Community Outreach, Safe Houses, Love Bug: Shared statistics on community served and goal to purchase house on Sullivant Ave to be used for community outreach
VI	8:02	Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alex Sauersmith - Hilltop Land Use Plan – provided summary of feedback <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Alex shared that Andrew Dyer performs legislative review of zoning applications & briefs the Council ○ Let Alex know if there are community events where he can come & share info
VII	8:22	Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Known Old Business
VIII	8:23	New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ryan Conklin - Highland Youth Garden - Requesting Letter of Support – Application for multi-year lease or purchase of land bank property <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Organic garden focused on youth education since 2009; currently use land owned by Oakley Full Gospel Baptist Church & a city land bank parcel ○ Com. Huffman recommends approval of letter of support; 2nd by Com. Weaver; Com. Philips brings motion to waive 30-day policy to vote tonight; 2nd by Com. Huffman – Approved ○ Com. Weaver offered to talk to Kiwanis about providing a letter of support as well
IX	8:33	Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:26 Purcell - Government and Legislation – Need to postpone Bean Dinner voting since City wants elections at end of Sept; mtg 2/13/19, 7pm, Pride Center, 1186 W. Broad St, to discuss proposed changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Melissa Green has only received feedback from 5 commissioners from all west side area commissions, so extending deadline for feedback; don't make major changes to elections b/c changes will likely not take place until next year • 8:27 McCallister - Public Safety – Next Meeting February 20, 7:30 PM, Ding Ho's 120 Philippi Rd. • 8:28 Josh Maddox – Community Relations • 8:29 Bronder – Recreation and Parks – next meeting 2/21/19, 6:30, York Steakhouse (free dinner if you get there by 6:30) – continuing discussion of goals for 2019 • 8:34 Stockman/Groves – Planning and Economic Development – continuing to support city's community planning efforts; sharing job opportunities for hilltop residents; want to focus on improving voting registration for hilltop residents; next mtg 2/18/19, 7pm, Josie's Hilltop • 8:39 Madison – Human Services and Education – working with McAllister to set up discussions re needs of Hilltop schools with city contacts • 8:40 Huffman – Liquor Permit • 8:41 McCallister – Chairman's Report
X	8:50	Adjourn Meeting - Commissioners Please Help Put Chairs and Tables Away

This agenda may be changed at the discretion of the chairman

March 5, 2019 - 7:00pm – Hilltop Library

Audience members are encouraged to participate in GHAC meetings.

Please Wait to be recognized - Please stand and state your name, address and any pertinent affiliation(s) for the record.

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GHAC Attendance as of 2/5/19

	3/6/18	4/3/18	5/1/18	6/5/18	7/3/18	8/14/18	9/4/18	10/2/18	11/13/18	12/4/18	1/8/19	2/5/19
Zerqa Abid							Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present
Neal Bronder	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Daniel Fagan											Present	Present
James Groves	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Bill Huffman	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present
Josh Maddox	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Shawn Maddox	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Nikol Madison	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Judy Manley	Present	Absent	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present
Jay McCallister	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Geoffrey Phillips							Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Mike Purcell	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Rich Riley	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Scott Stockman	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Pam Weaver							Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present

City of Columbus Greater Hilltop Area Commission (GHAC)

Recreation and Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2019 Hilltop Library

Present:

Neal Bronder-GHAC; Joe Argiro; Betty James; Michelle Phillips

Call to Order

Old Business

N. Bronder met with Rick Miller of the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department on January 14, 2019 to review the Goals and Strategic Recommendations for the Hilltop parks as laid out in "The Greater Hilltop plan". R. Miller pointed out that since Rhodes Park is leased from the state and the state is now only willing to do short term leases on the property The Department has no long term development plans for the park. Rick also mentioned that any park with in the original 1950 boundaries of the city was eligible Urban Redevelopment Funds if the citizens would apply for grant money. The Department will begin design work on adding a second athletic field at the Wilson Road Park in 2020 to move some of the little league activity from West Gate Park to the Wilson Road Park. Some of the goals listed in the plan that were accomplished are: expanding the Westgate Rec Center; upgrading Westmoor Park; repairs and new gym floor at Holton Rec Center; renovation of the Glenwood Rec Center.

New Business

We discussed the condition, community goals, planning issues, and strategic recommendations for the Greater Hilltop Area parks as presented in "The Greater Hilltop Plan" published by the City of Columbus in 2001. It was noted that since 2001 two new parks have been added to the Hilltop: Alkire Woods Park and Wilson Road Park; along with the Camp Chase Bikeway.

It was observed that parks with "Friends of Groups" do better than parks that don't. "Friends of Groups" bring a sense of community ownership and pride to a local park. The key to the success of such groups is the need for key individuals to take ownership of the group. It would be a worthy goal to encourage the formation of more "Friends of Groups" to adopt more parks in the Hilltop.

Columbus is a very generous community. There are many corporate citizens looking for opportunities to make a difference locally. There are local success stories like Highland Youth Gardens. It would be a worthy goal to connect corporate citizens with Hilltop parks to make needed improvements.

The city recognizes that it needs to do more for recreation activities in the western part of the city. There is a great need for a swimming pool in the western part of the Hilltop. In the past twenty years at least three of the private pools in the area have closed. Should the city build a new pool in the Hilltop? Should the city look into reopening the Valley View Pool?

We discussed the need to restore the picnic area at the bottom of the hill on Broad Street in Glenwood Park. This should be a priority for the Department for both recreation and as a means to improve the safety of the area.

With the great amount of children in the Wedgewood Apartments on Briggs Road there is a need for public transportation from the apartments to the Rec Centers in the Hilltop. We discussed the possibility of a summer naturalist program at Big Run Park for these children with public transportation.

There is a concern that the city has trouble filling staff positions in the rec centers and parks. When staff leave or are transferred some position go unfilled for months. This provides for inconsistent programing. There are rumors that rec center director positions will be consolidated with one director handling more than one center.

The city has embarked on a policy of charging fees for programing that once was free. Participation has decreased. Rumors are that the fees are going to be increased.

With all the planning processes going on for the Hilltop, we believe that this committee should prepare planning goals for the Greater Hilltop Area Parks. These goals should be presented to the Greater Hilltop Area Commission for adoption and then presented to the city planners and leaders.

Our next meeting will begin the process of setting goals for the improvement our parks in the Hilltop.

Next Meeting

Our next public/committee meeting will be Thursday February 21 6:30 pm at York Steak House 4220 W. Broad Street, free dinner for those who arrive at 6:30 pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT FEB.5TH 2019

TREASUER RICH RILEY-----GHAC

BEGINNING BALACE 2018-----2,800.00
EXPENCES 2018----- 675.91
BALANCE-----2,124.09

BEGINNING BALANCE 2019-----2,124.09
JAY MCCALLISTER RADICAL TEEZ-----69.00
ENDING BALANCE-----2,055.09

TREASURER RICH RILEY

