

WHCA Meeting Minutes June 8, 2005

Call to Order: 7:03 P.M.

Attendance: Brian Clark, Doug Curran, Tom Schwing, Brian Bahnsen, John Thomas, Chet Chaney, Frank DeLucia, Dennis Hennen, Tony Pello, David Walton, and Ken Sampson.

Special Presentation – OSU

Expansion: Dennis Hennen and Tony Pello of We Oppose Ohio State Airport Expansion (WOOSE) stated their group's position on the proposed expansion of the OSU Don Scott Airport. Hennen indicated that the expansion could have an impact on Worthington Hills. He said that the paths of air travel would not change, but that the volume would increase.

Hennen argued that the expansion was unnecessary except for corporate jets, but that there are three other airports in Franklin County that can accommodate those jets and with less environmental impact.

Hennen stated that the airport growth, which would cost an estimated \$26M, was not compatible with OSU's academic mission. He indicated that OSU plans on a runway extension and the addition of new hangers, which would result in an increase in traffic. The runway extension itself would cause a roughly 20% increase in traffic. According to Hennen, OSU's own consultant, DLZ, has stated that by just opening a southern hanger, jet operations would increase by 22,000 per year. Currently, the airport runs about 110,000 operations per year.

WOOSE is very frustrated that the OSU Board of Trustees will not hear its concerns. The OSU Airport Director is Doug Hammond, who reports to Dean Baeslack of the College of Engineering, who reports to the trustees.

Pello indicated that OSU has not done a full environmental impact study, which costs

about one million dollars and takes one to two years to complete. He argued that OSU's environmental assessment is clearly flawed.

WOOSE is concerned also about current noise complaints. Hennen and Pello asked the Association to endorse WOOSE's recommendations from its February 2005 report. Copies of those recommendations were circulated. Chet indicated that the Board would have to seek input from Hills residents, as there has been none to date. Pello indicated that, at a minimum, the Association could tell Hills residents that they can contact WOOSE or OSU for more information.

Secretary: The May minutes were read approved.

Treasurer: Brian Clark reported that 52% of Hills households were dues-paying Association members. 226 households have also made a landscape contribution. Chet, Tom and Brian agreed that the Association would get two board members to endorse any incoming check of over \$500. Also, Brian reported that per his discussions with an outside CPA, it would be cost prohibitive for the Association to have an audit, which costs about \$5,000. The report was approved.

Police: Perry – Officer John Thomas reported that last month there were complaints of 1. a theft on Clubview South, 2. a no ops/suspension on Clubview at Candlewood, 3. an assault on Blind Brook, and 4. telephone communications harassment (crank calls) on Blind Brook.

Sharon – No report.

Views from the Hills: Doug indicated that he needed the current mailing list for the newsletter.

Web Site: Karen requested past meeting minutes to post on the web. Doug stated that he would email those to her.

Grounds and Maintenance: Dave reported that 1. the annuals have been

planted, 2. he is working on a contract with a lighting designer, and 3. the landscape contract will be up at the end of the year.

Fireworks: Frank reported that he needs approval for the contract with Rozzi's Famous Fireworks, which requires a down-payment of 20% (\$2,000).

Community Activities: Brian Clark indicated that \$6,000 in sponsorship money has been raised for the parade so far. He also reported that no grand marshal had been secured for the parade. Possibilities include Mike Vrabel, Michael Redd, and veterans of WWII and the Korean War.

Resident Relations: Carol stated that two residences on Clubview complained about their street painting service. Those residences are not in the loop, literally, on Clubview Blvd. and, therefore, should not have received an "N" or "S" painted next to their street numbers.

School Relations/Scholarships: Chet announced that two \$500 scholarship winners have been selected.

Government/Utilities Services: Tom spoke with Ohio EPA regarding the creek behind Blind Brook. Ohio EPA has referred the matter to the Franklin County Health Department. Tom also reported that he has been unable to establish a meeting time with AEP. Tom intends to walk various grounds and look at vegetation and cables with an AEP representative.

Tom also stated that Ohio American Water Company is placing blue flags at Blind Brook and Clubview in areas where bad valves need to be replaced. Those areas will require major construction and all affected residents will be informed.

Government Relations/Zoning: Brian Bahnsen talked to John Hewitt of Perry Township regarding the property on Gables Court. Hewitt advised him that the township will likely take legal action. Brian also reported that the developer of the Southview

extension is proposing a roundabout for traffic.

New Business: Tom mentioned that a lot of people are using the new bike path behind Olentangy Valley Center.

Old Business: None.

Meeting adjourned: 9:06 P.M.