

**THE KENT CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
WED., OCTOBER 1, 2008**

This work session of Kent City Council was called to order by John Fender, Mayor & President of Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wed., October 1, 2008.

PRESENT: MR. AMRHEIN, MR. DELEONE, MR. FERRARA, MR. HAWKSLEY, MS. SHAFFER, MR. TURNER, MS. WALLACH & MR. WILSON

ALSO PRESENT: J. FENDER, MAYOR; J. SILVER, LAW DIRECTOR; G. ROBERTS, SERVICE DIR.; S. CHESTNUTWOOD, ADMIN. ASS'T TO THE SERV. DIRECTOR; AND L. COPLEY, CLERK OF COUNCIL

ABSENT: MR. KUCHAR, COUNCIL & MR. RULLER, CITY MANAGER

Mayor Fender explained the first item on their agenda were interviews for vacancies on various boards and commissions.

Steve Balazs, Incumbent, Board of Zoning Appeals: Mr. Balazs explained he lived in Ward 5, and was a property owner in Kent. He said he has served for two years on the Board of Zoning Appeals, and would be happy to serve again. He said he has enjoyed his service on the board, and believes they have a strong board.

There were no questions for Mr. Balazs.

Elizabeth Howard, Incumbent, Board of Zoning Appeals: Ms. Howard said she lives in Ward 5, and is applying for reappointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals. She explained that she is currently on the Board of Zoning Appeals, filling out an unexpired term, and would to continue serving on the board. She said they work well together, and she is starting to learn what is going on. Ms. Howard said she would like to continue serving in that capacity.

There were no questions for Ms. Howard.

Paul Sellman III, Incumbent, Board of Zoning Appeals: Mr. Sellman explained he grew up in Ward 1, having been a property owner since 1972. He said he has lived in Farmbrook for thirty years.

Mr. Sellman said he decided it was time to re-engage with the Board of Zoning Appeals. He explained he previously served two terms from 1979 to 1986. He said he left to be a Scoutmaster for his son. Mr. Sellman said he decided it was time to come back, and be a little more involved. He said he is not a current member, adding he is a past member.

There were no questions for Mr. Sellman.

David Wallace, applicant for the Cable Television Commission: Mr. Wallace said he has lived in Kent for fifteen years, having been a homeowner for eleven. He said he lives in Kent's south end. Mr. Wallace said he saw the opening in the newsletter and decided to apply, adding he would also like to serve on PARTA. Mr. Wallace said he wanted to do his part, adding he has not done anything, previously, in a direct way with the City.

Mr. Wilson asked if he knew they did not meet often, and Mr. Silver said that with the new regulations the previous year, he was unsure they would meet much at all. He said the state took over the oversight.

There were no questions for Mr. Wallace.

Mayor Fender said the final item on their agenda dealt with the annual recognition of the Adopt-A-Spot volunteers and sponsors. He introduced **Gene Roberts, Service Director**, at this time. Mayor Fender thanked all of the volunteers for making the City look good.

Mr. Roberts said that **Sheri Chestnutwood, Administrative Assistant to the Service Director**, would present the certificates at this time. He also thanked all of the volunteers, and displayed the locations in a slide show during the presentation.

The following stewards and sponsors were publicly thanked at this time. Those accepting certificates are listed below:

Theodore Roosevelt High School Choir, accepted by Donna Crews, Choir Director
Kent Environmental Council
Henry & Frances Christenson Foundation, accepted by Marilyn Sessions
Davey Tree Expert Company
Holly Shaffer
Home Savings Bank accepted by Marilyn Sessions
HomeMaid Plus
Huntington Bank
Ken & Maggie Kelling
Kiwanis Club of Kent accepted by two members
Mary Jane Boos
Ohio Edison accepted by Robin Patton
Master Gardeners of Portage County accepted by Marilyn Sessions
Rotary Club of Kent
Silver Meadows Apartments
Sue Nelson Designs
Woodsy's Music
Young & Associates
Kent Area Chamber accepted by Bill Hoover, Executive Director
Board of Health
Bower's Lawncare
Brian & Marilyn Sessions accepted by Brian Sessions
Star of the West Milling Company
Brownie Troop #855
Marian Steinert
Doris Brown, Cutler Real Estate
Grandparents Raising Young Again
LesleinLawn. Com
City of Kent Division of Engineering accepted Jim Bowling, Engineer

Mayor Fender commented that as Ms. Sessions came up for the third time, he wondered, jokingly, if she worked at all at Home Savings.

Mayor Fender said when he was a principal in Kent, for twenty-four years, one of his bosses was Dr. Stanton. He said that Dr. Stanton used to say the first thing people see when going to the school is the exterior, adding that Dr. Stanton made sure the exterior always looked good. He thanked those volunteers present for making Kent's exterior look good as people come to Kent.

Mayor Fender adjourned this meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Linda M. Copley, Clerk of Council

John Fender, Mayor & President of Council