

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council**  
**Minutes of the Special Committee Meeting**  
**January 28, 2008**

**Members:** Don Walters, Chair  
Diana Colavecchio  
Terry Mader

Mr. Walters called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. All members were present.

**Discussion:**

Mayor Robart indicated he was making two appointments to the Planning Commission. One appointee, Laura Petrella, was known to Council. She was out of town and unable to make the Council meeting but he did not want to postpone her appointment since there was a Planning Commission meeting soon. He stated that Mrs. Petrella is the CEO of the Chamber of Commerce and is well-known in the community. He feels she will be an excellent member. The second appointee is Stephen Washburn. He lives on 20<sup>th</sup> Street. He received his BS from the University of Akron in corporate finance and is a senior financial analyst for Penske Logistics in Beachwood. Mr. Walters asked Mr. Washburn how he came to be interested in the Planning Commission. Mr. Washburn stated he was interested in getting involved in the community and communicated his interest to the Mayor who informed him of some opportunities. He would be a good fit on the Planning Commission as he has an interest in real estate and land development. He felt the Planning Commission would be a good opportunity to learn about the City and to give something back to the community. Mr. Mader indicated Mr. Washburn appeared well qualified and welcomed him to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Walters asked whether there would be a conflict with Mrs. Petrella if Chamber matters came before the Planning Commission. Mr. Arrington indicated if the Chamber had an issue before the Commission, it could be a conflict but he did not think if a Chamber member had something that it would be a conflict. He said it is basically up to the individual member to determine if they feel they have a conflict with a matter.

Mrs. Colavecchio and Mr. James each welcomed Mr. Washburn. Mr. James added it was nice to see young blood volunteer.

***Committee recommended bringing out the Mayor's appointments for a vote.***

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.