



**Far South Columbus Area Commission – Commission Meeting Minutes Thursday, March 3, 2022, 6 pm.**

**Call to Order:** Meeting Called to order by Commissioner Draudt at 6:01 pm.

**Roll Call:**

**Commissioners Present:**

Commissioner Walcott	Commissioner Fisher
Commissioner Neale	Commissioner Eubanks
Commissioner Richardson	Commissioner Miller
Commissioner Walker (6:09 pm)	Commissioner Smith (6:13 pm)
Commissioner Patterson (6:13 pm)	Commissioner Draudt

**Commissioners Absent:**

Commissioner YaAshantawa

**Guests:**

Nicholas Bankston, Columbus City Councilperson	
JB Dorval, City of Columbus	Kevin Jones, City of Columbus
Samuel Runta, Franklin County Auditor’s Office	
Jill Frost, ADAMH	Patrick McClean, ADAMH
Katelin Hansen, Community Development For All People	
Sue Darby, YMCA Columbus	Debbie Jones, CHN
Ryan Cassell, CHN	Laurie Sutherland, CHN
Kimberly Mikanik, Applicant	Velma Kellermeyer, Resident
Connie Miller, Resident	Dr. Kenmore ADAMH

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Commissioner Fisher to approve the January 6, 2022 minutes as corrected; Seconded by Commissioner Neale. Voice vote:

All in favor 7, Opposed 0, Abstain 0 Motion passes.

**Treasurer’s Report for March:** Commissioner Walcott read the **March 3, 2022** Treasurer’s Report. The beginning balance on **1/22/2022** was **\$2,001.32**. Ending balance on **03/03/2022** was **\$1,712.73**.

Motion made by Commissioner Neale to accept the Treasurer’s Report as read; Seconded by Commissioner Richardson.

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Richardson	Yes	Neale	Yes	Eubanks	Yes
Walcott	Yes	Miller	Yes	Walker	Yes
Fisher	Yes	Patterson	Yes	Draudt	Yes

9 Yes      0 Nays      0 Abstentions      Motion passes.

**Speakers:**

Ryan Cassel, Chief Real Estate Development Officer, from Community Housing Network (CHN) gave a presentation on the Touchstone Field Place project and the progress that CHN and the YMCA is making on the development. Laurie Sutherland (CHN), Debbie Jones (CHN) and Sue Darby (YMCA) also participated. Phase one is 56 units (1 bedroom) and will house former residents from the Downtown YMCA. Per their PowerPoint presentation the project is just under 200 days behind in construction progress due to lumber issues, storm system work, COVID and weather. The new phase 1 completion date is December 2022, which will be about 90 days behind their anticipated opening date. Phase 2 which has yet to be funded completely by the Ohio Housing Finance Agency will be 44 units (1 bedroom) and will be occupied with 80% of the residents coming from 40 W. Long Street, this phase will be permanent supportive housing for individuals with a disability and a history of homelessness. If funded, groundbreaking will be summer of 2022. Good neighbor agreement Draft Copy #5 is available with Marion Franklin Civic Association and is unsigned but available for viewing. Discussion followed about the good neighbor agreement with Marion Franklin, with Commission Patterson voicing his concerns. CHN and Marion Franklin Civic were referred to mediation arranged through our community liaison if there was community interest. Commissioner Richardson asked the community to keep those less fortunate in mind. Commissioner Eubanks brought up the various community meetings held and the feelings of the community and the refusal by CHN of items requested in previous good neighbor agreements by the community, but that this will be brought back again to the Marion Franklin community for their input.

Councilmember Nicholas Bankston gave a presentation about his history of service in the community including as a former area commissioner, as CEO of Gladden Community House and now as a City Council member. This visit is part of his promise to visit every area commission in his first 100 days. Councilmember Bankston chairs the Economic Development, Technology and Small and Minority Business committees. He introduced his staff members and provided their contact information. Commissioner Richardson was introduced by Chair Draudt as our Economic Development Committee Chair to Councilmember Bankston. Councilmember Eubanks invited the councilmember to the Marion Franklin Civic Association’s next meeting. Lastly, Councilmember Bankston thanked all of the commissioners for their service to the community and city.

Pat McClean from ADAMH gave a presentation on behalf of ADAMH with Dr. Kenmore and Jill Frost from ADAMH. The Franklin County Mental Health and Addiction Crisis

Center is being constructed to take away the burden for crisis services placed on hospital ER's and divert these clients to more appropriate settings at ADAMH. The location is on Harmon Avenue with groundbreaking this summer with a ribbon cutting in 2024. An informative question and answer session followed the presentation.

Sam Runta from the Franklin County Auditors Office gave a brief presentation about the Franklin County Board of Revision and how it works in challenging your appraised property value including the mediation service and the mobile event at the Parsons Branch of the Columbus Library on 3/8/2022. Legal Aid is available for income qualified individuals. The Homestead Exemption was also discussed. Contact the Auditors office for more information.

Katelin Hansen from Community Development For All People gave a brief presentation on the Southside Neighborhood Community Leadership Academy. This is a 10-month program. Commissioner Fisher is a graduate of this program. The interviews start in April. Contact Community Development For All People for more information.

**Madam Chair Commissioner Draudt gave the floor to Commissioner Walker, Zoning Co-Chair.**

**Zoning Z21-093 for 3078 S. High Street:** Discussion occurred over this zoning with Kimberly Mikanik, architect for the applicant and there were numerous questions that were unable to be answered for the commissioners. The applicant was referred to the Scioto Southland Civic Association for their input/consideration and the item sent back to Zoning Committee meeting on March 17, 2022 for further discussion.

**Zoning Z21-081 for 6680 Lockbourne Road:** Commissioner Walker held a discussion about the document shared by Attorney Donald Plank on behalf of his applicant and the efforts to delineate the boundaries of the existing historic cemetery on the property. The applicant would use a 50-foot boundary line beyond the identified existing perimeter using an archeological survey with magnetic and ground penetrating radar. The drainage issues were also discussed.

**Other Commission Business:**

**Committee Reports**

**Recreation and Parks:** Brad Westfall from Recreation and Parks has requested a letter from the Area Commission of support for a grant for funding within our Area Commission boundaries.

Motion to send a letter in support of land purchase grant for Columbus Recreation and Parks made by Commissioner Walcott; Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

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As of this meeting, Commissioner Eubanks will be the new chair of Recreation and Parks with Commissioner Walcott serving as a member of the committee.

**Internal Governance:** Discussion about the conversion of 1 business and 1 clergy seat to at large seats on the area commission. These seats have been vacant for a long period of time and went unfilled at the last election due to no applicant for the 2 business seats, and the one clergy seat has also been vacant for a great period of time due to no qualified applicant. 50 letters were mailed to clergy and 50 to businesses in our Area Commission boundaries with no responses from qualified individuals. To the best of long-standing commissioners' recollections, it has been a very long time since the 2 clergy and 2 business seats have been completely filled. No action taken at this time, with further discussion to follow at future meetings.

**Health and Human Services:** No Report

**Community Outreach:** No report

**Environmental:** Commissioner Neale held discussion about the MORPC request for a letter of support for the Air Quality Study.

Motion to approve letter of support to the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for Air Quality Study Grant Funding made by Commissioner Neale; Seconded by Commissioner Fisher.

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**Economic Development:** No report

**Education:** Commissioner Miller briefly discussed the Columbus City school student community service hours availability program. Details will be in an email to follow to the

commission. There was also a discussion about the proposed levy planning for the November ballot by Columbus City Schools.

**Public Safety:** No additional report other than emailed documents.

**Executive and Resource:** No report.

**Old Business:**

Commissioner Miller reported to the Area Commission that a letter was received by the Area Commission signed by 27 residents of the Fairlane Mobile Home Park thanking the Area Commission for our support and providing the residents with connections to city resources and services in dealing with the homeless camps on the empty lot behind the CubeSmart property that is to the north of the park. Commissioner Miller toured the property and reported on the transformation/cleanup and the amazing progress made.

**New Business:**

Request for leave of absence by Commissioner YaAshantawa: Commissioner Draudt received an email from Commissioner YaAshantawa requesting a leave of absence from the area commission effective March 1, 2022 until May 5, 2022.

Motion made to approve a leave of absence for Commissioner YaAshantawa for a leave of absence from the Far South Columbus Area Commission from March 1, 2022 until May 5, 2022 made by Commissioner Fisher; Seconded by Commissioner Neale.

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Commissioner Richardson presented photos of the plaque presented to former Commissioner Sherman for her service. The plaque was sent to Ms. Sherman at her new library branch.

Chairperson Draudt brought forward 5 points of clarity/discussion/focus for all the commission. Discussion followed on this topic.

**City Reports:**

**Nancy Pryor Sully, Senior Legislative Aide, City Council Division of Community Engagement**

Please refer to her weekly email. Her email address is NPSully@columbus.gov

**Beth Fairman Kinney, Neighborhood Liaison, Department of Neighborhoods**

Beth discussed the possible adoption of the city-wide elections for area commissions and the best practices guidelines. Email to follow with this information.

State of the City address is upcoming, email invites will come out to everyone. The vote on the mask guidelines will be voted on Monday night. Beth discussed the new 311 website, and that street sweeping will now happen on every street in the city from Public Service. Columbus Public Health is now offering flu vaccines and COVID vaccines to homebound individuals. Please contact Columbus Public Health for details.

**Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Neale; Seconded by Commissioner Walker. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.**

All in favor 10, opposed 0, abstain 0. Motion passes

**Next regular meeting Thursday, April 7, 2022, 6 pm, at the Columbus Fire Training Academy.**

Submitted by: Commissioner Bruce C. Miller, Recording Secretary