



Far South Columbus Area Commission – Commission Meeting Minutes Thursday, April 6, 2023, 6 pm.

Call to Order: Meeting Called to order by Chairperson Walcott at 6:11 pm.

Roll Call:

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Patterson	Commissioner Fisher
Commissioner Smith	Commissioner Pate
Commissioner C. Miller	Commissioner B. Miller
Commissioner Walcott	

Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Byrd, Commissioner Walker, Commissioner Eubanks

Commissioners Excused:

Commissioner YaAshantawa.

7 commissioners present; 3 commissioners absent; 1 commissioner excused.
A quorum is present.

Guests:

Due to the large number of guests present, the guest attendance sign-in sheet shall serve as the official record, a copy of which is available from the recording secretary.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes as corrected from the March 2, 2023, meeting was made by Commissioner Fisher, and was seconded by Commissioner Smith . A voice vote was held by Chairperson Walcott:

7 commissioners in favor, 0 against, 0 commissioners abstained. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Connie Miller, the treasurer, reported a beginning balance on 2/26/2022 of \$2036.88. On 3/1/2023 an expense was made to best Buy for a tripod for the camera system in the amount of \$32.99. On 3/22/2023 an expense was made to Staples for office supplies in the amount of \$739.68 The ending monthly balance on 03/26/2023 was \$1264.21, with an available balance to the Area Commission of \$1172.92 (due to the funds owed to the City from years ago of \$91.29 that we have been carrying on our books.

Motion made by Commissioner B. Miller to accept the Treasurer's Report as read;
Seconded by Commissioner Fisher.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner Vote</u>
Fisher	Yes	Patterson	Yes	
Smith	Yes	B. Miller	Yes	
Pate	Yes	Walcott	Yes	
C. Miller	Yes			

7 Yes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions Motion passes

A discussion was held about our year end finances. Treasurer Connie Miller made a motion to move the balance within our budget to move all funds (\$1172.92) into the miscellaneous expense category for accounting and disbursement purposes. Seconded by Commissioner Patterson.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner Vote</u>
Fisher	Yes	Patterson	Yes	
Smith	Yes	B. Miller	Yes	
Pate	Yes	Walcott	Yes	
C. Miller	Yes			

7 Yes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions Motion passes

A discussion was held to pay our Zoom subscription bill and partial website subscription bill as invoiced. Motion made by Commissioner Patterson to pay these bills as discussed, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner Vote</u>
Fisher	Yes	Patterson	Yes	
Smith	Yes	B. Miller	Yes	
Pate	Yes	Walcott	Yes	
C. Miller	Yes			

7 Yes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions Motion passes

A discussion was held to purchase water bottles and notebooks with pens and promotional cards for the Area Commission to be distributed at various events to the public from various vendors in an amount not to exceed \$611.42. Motion made by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner B. Miller.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner Vote</u>
Fisher	Yes	Patterson	Yes	
Smith	Yes	B. Miller	Yes	
Pate	Yes	Walcott	Yes	
C. Miller	Yes			

7 Yes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions Motion passes

Public Safety Committee: Guest Speaker Assistant Police Chief Gregory Bodker

Assistant Police Chief Greg Bodker, along with Commander Duane Mabry as well as a large number of other command and supervisory staff from the Columbus Division of Police held a public forum on the re-organization and downsizing of the 13th police precinct as well as the relocation of the 13th police precinct into Zone 5 from Zone 2. Our residents east of Alum Creek will remain in the 20th precinct, and Zone 2; however, the 13th police precinct will now have a smaller footprint, with the northern boundary line being State Route 104. This should allow officers to better concentrate resources into handling calls in the Far South Columbus Area Commission. A question-and-answer session followed the presentation and that session can be viewed on our YouTube page at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8uRmC8dpJKk> .

Recognition Awards: Robert Maeder and Commissioner Deborah Smith

The Far South Columbus Area Commission presented to Southfield resident Robert Maeder for his work on trash, litter code enforcement and public engagement and neighborhood clean up events in the Greater Southfield Community a framed award recognizing his dedication to our community.

A second framed award was presented to one of our founding Area Commissioners, Commissioner Deborah Smith for all her years of service and dedication, and for her efforts in assisting Public Safety advisor Commissioner Bruce Miller with the efforts to rectify the Ambulance billing situation in our area, where residents were getting erroneous bills for ambulance service. Deborah has been a long-time tireless advocate, mentor and leader in our community and her leadership has been an amazing benefit to our community.

Internal Governance Committee:

A brief discussion was held as it relates to a second reading of the amendments of our by-laws as published in the minutes of last months meeting of the FSCAC. These amendments relate to changes in our elections process and need to be voted on for a second time per the bylaws in order to become effective.

Motion made by Commissioner C. Miller to accept the amendment to the Far South Columbus Area Commission By-Laws as submitted in the minutes of last month’s meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Fisher	Yes	Patterson	Yes		
Smith	Yes	B. Miller	Yes		
Pate	Yes	Walcott	Yes		
C. Miller	Yes				

7 Yes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions Motion passes

The Internal Governance committee stands on its written report as submitted to the Commission.

Chair Commissioner Walcott gave the floor to Commissioner B. Miller, who is filling in for Commissioner Walker to conduct the zoning hearings.

GC23-005 1465 &1595 London Groveport Road Columbus, OH 43207: The applicant was represented by DaNite Sign Company. This is a warehouse/industrial complex that is being constructed in 2 phases. The applicant is proposing monument style signs and some building signs that will be installed facing the East side of the buildings, away from the residences on Lockbourne Road. The nature of the signage will be to identify the tenants in the buildings and to provide directional/location signage for delivery truck drivers.

Motion made by Commissioner B. Miller to approve GC23-005 for 1465 & 1595 London Groveport Road Columbus Ohio 43207, Seconded by Commissioner Fisher.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner Vote</u>
Patterson	Yes	Fisher	Yes	
Pate	Yes	B. Miller	Yes	
C. Miller	Yes	Walcott	Yes	
Smith	Yes			

7 Yes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions Motion passes

CV23-017 1138-1140 Evergreen Road Columbus, OH 43207: The applicant represented themselves in this matter before the commission. This building is an existing commercial appearing building with two separate side-by-side entrances that have 2 different address numbers located within a residential neighborhood and is an existing non-conforming use, that in its past was a tax preparer's office and/or used for an accountant's office. The applicant proposes to turn one side of the building into an esthetician salon that would be owner operated and, in the future, turn the other half into living space that she would occupy with her family. She currently has a salon in another neighborhood in the city. She only would have one client to a time and there are three existing off street paved parking spaces on site of this property. Currently the building is being used for storage, and the applicant has bought the building from the previous owner and the tax office is closed.

Motion made by Commissioner Fisher to approve CV23-017 for 1138 & 1140 Evergreen Road Columbus Ohio 43207, Seconded by Commissioner B. Miller.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner Vote</u>
Patterson	Yes	Fisher	Yes	
Pate	Yes	B. Miller	Yes	
C. Miller	Yes	Walcott	Yes	
Smith	Abs			

6 Yes 0 Nays 1 Abstentions Motion passes

Z21-091, Z22-043 & CV23-025 for 30 and 103 Fornoff Road Columbus, OH 43207

The applicant NRP Group and Community Development For All People were represented by their agent Mr. Dave Perry. This is a multi building 4 story complex of affordable housing apartments of 1-4 bedroom units that are targeting the 20-80% AMI income bracket, targeting working families. There will be an up to 6500 square foot day care facility on site in the ground floor of the building that will be situated on the location of the to be demolished Rice Bowl restaurant. A partner to operate that day care is in final negotiations currently. This property has been through the commission once before as part of the 2 step Ohio Housing Finance Agency financing process, and the affiliated council variance is now before us, as well as a revote on the zoning with the variance to complete the process.

Motion made by Commissioner Fisher to approve Z21-091 for 103 Fornoff Road Columbus Ohio 43207, Seconded by Commissioner Patterson.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner Vote</u>
Patterson	Yes	Fisher	Yes	
Pate	Yes	B. Miller	Yes	
C. Miller	Yes	Walcott	Yes	
Smith	Yes			

7 Yes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions Motion passes

Motion made by Commissioner Fisher to approve Z22-043 for 30 Fornoff Road Columbus Ohio 43207, Seconded by Commissioner Patterson.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner Vote</u>
Patterson	Yes	Fisher	Yes	
Pate	Yes	B. Miller	Yes	
C. Miller	Yes	Walcott	Yes	
Smith	Yes			

7 Yes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions Motion passes

Motion made by Commissioner Fisher to approve CV23-025 for 30 & 103 Forno Road Columbus Ohio 43207, Seconded by Commissioner Patterson.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner Vote</u>
Patterson	Yes	Fisher	Yes	
Pate	Yes	B. Miller	Yes	
C. Miller	Yes	Walcott	Yes	
Smith	Yes			

7 Yes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions Motion passes

This completed the zoning business.

Committee Reports:

Community Outreach: Thanks to those that submitted updates to the website. Please continue to share items. Commissioner Fisher shared info about the Columbus Public Library Southfield Branch reconstruction project. Our City of Columbus provided area commission website has been updated so that the information on it is now in sync with our area commission managed website.

Economic Development: The next meeting of the Economic Development committee is on April 29,2023 from 1 pm to 3 pm at the Columbus Public Library S. High Street Branch in the Conference Room..

Education: open

Environmental:

Executive: stands on written report submitted

Public Safety: The Public Safety committee advisor stands on the written report as submitted. The Fire Department run report was presented and discussed.

Health and Human Services: no report

Internal Governance: The next Internal Governance Committee meeting will be at the Columbus Public Library S. High Street Branch in the Conference Room on April 22, 2023 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Recreation and Parks: Stands on written report submitted. It was announced that the Marion Franklin Pool has been approved for funding for replacement by the city by Chair Walcott.

City Reports:

Christopher Clark, Zone Initiative Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney’s Office

City Assistant Attorney Clark who is the FSCAC Zone Initiative Attorney for our area. He discussed some of our problem properties and their status currently in the code enforcement and Environmental Court process and held a question-and-answer session. Assistant City Attorney Clark also administered the oath of office to Commissioners Roshelle Pate and Connie Miller.

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

Nancy gave everyone her cell number. She discussed her open constituent hours and her newsletter.

Katherine Cull, Neighborhood Liaison, Department of Neighborhoods

Katherine discussed that 311 is now open until 7pm or there is a representative by appointment at the Reeb Center. She also explained to members of the Community her position and how she interacts with the community. May 31st is the new date of the Area Commission networking event at the East Market RailHaus. 6-7:30pm. 4th Thursday 10-11:30 pm affordable housing conversation at the Reeb Center. May 10th Narcan and Stop the Bleed training at the Reeb Center by RSVP through Katherine Cull.

Other Commission Business:

Speaker Slips:

Armando Telles, spoke to the commission about the upcoming City Council elections and the individual districts and what they mean to residents. He raised concerns about community wide understanding about the new process, the local issues of each district and how their City Council representative understands the issues of their proposed District and that he suggests a meeting to discuss or hold education sessions for our residents. A community forum on the new districts has been requested and the Commission as well as the City will work with the Civic Associations to set this up.

Maudie Grace, Area Commissioner from the Southside Area Commission spoke to the commissioners. She suggested that we form a coalition between our groups to become a stronger force when representing our neighborhoods with the City of Columbus, as several other Commissions have already done.

Motion made by Commissioner Patterson to form a coalition with the Southside Area Commission and others, Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner Vote</u>
Patterson	Yes	Fisher	Yes	
Pate	Yes	B. Miller	Yes	

C. Miller Yes Walcott Yes
Smith Yes

7 Yes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions Motion passed

Old Business:

New Business:

Discussion was held about the Zone-In Columbus hand out that Commissioner B. Miller passed out at the meeting and the WebEx presentation on 4/10/23. There was also discussion about the transit corridors and that South High Street in the Far Southside was selected as one of the 1st target neighborhoods in this new project.

The announcement of the availability of election petitions was made. Petitions are available as of Friday April 15th from Commissioner Connie Miller, at the South High Street Branch of the Columbus Public Library, at The Reeb Center from Katherine Cull or on our website. There are 3 seats up for election this year.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Fisher; Seconded by Commissioner Smith. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

All in favor 7, opposed 0, abstain 0. Motion passes

Next regular meeting Thursday, May 4, 2023, 6 pm, at the Columbus Fire Training Academy.

Submitted by: Commissioner Bruce Miller, Recording Secretary