**Far South Columbus Area Commission – Commission Meeting Minutes Thursday, June 2, 2022, 6 pm.**

**Call to Order:** Meeting Called to order by Commissioner Draudt at 6:03 pm.

**Roll Call:**

**Commissioners Present:**

Commissioner Walcott Commissioner Miller

Commissioner Neale (left 8:51pm) Commissioner Patterson (left 8:29 pm)

Commissioner Smith Commissioner YaAshantawa (left 8:51 pm)

Commissioner Eubanks Commissioner Walker

Commissioner Fisher Commissioner Richardson (left 8:29 pm)

Commissioner Draudt

**Guests:**

Diana Azarian, Columbus CARE Coalition Dan, Columbus CARE Coalition

Scott Skinner, NRP Group Zac Linsky, LDG Development

Mike Gilbert, Applicant Brad Woltz, Applicant

David Hodge, Attorney Laura Comek, Attorney

Emily Myers, Heer to Serve Jeff Watters, Heer to Serve

Leif Autzen, Heer to Serve Joey Zusat, Heer to Serve

Malcom Shakve, Heer to Serve Zosif Cav, Heer to Serve

Francene Harris, Heer to Serve John K. Harris, Heer to Serve

Jackson Deheaver, Heer to Serve Dianna Williams, Heer to Serve

Dru Batte, Heer to Serve Cristin Day, Heer to Serve

Zachary Sparks, Columbus DSA Chelsea McGlinch, Columbus DSA

Elizabeth Blackburn, First Collective James Stephens, First Collective

Ben Colburn, First Collective

Amber Boardman, Central Ohio Revolutionary Socialists

April Murnahan, Resident Amanda King, Resident

David Harewood, Resident Anthony Parker, Resident

Kate Malobabic, Resident Chad Gentry, Resident

Connie Miller, Resident

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes as submitted from the May 5, 2022, meeting was made by Commissioner Walcott, and was seconded by Commissioner Smith. A voice vote was held by Chair Draudt:

All in favor 11, Opposed 0, Abstain 0 Motion Carries

**Treasurer’s Report for June:** Commissioner Walcott read the **June 1, 2022** Treasurer’s Report. The beginning balance was **$1,413.10**. Ending balance was **$242.27.** Expenses were as listed in the detailed budget line items of the report.

Motion made by Commissioner Fisher to accept the June 1, 2022, Treasurer’s Report as corrected; Seconded by Commissioner YaAshantawa.

**Commissioner Vote** **Commissioner Vote** **Commissioner Vote**  Richardson Yes Fisher Yes Eubanks Yes

Neale Yes Smith Yes Walker Yes

Miller Yes Patterson Yes Walcott Yes

YaAshantawa Yes Draudt Yes

11 Yes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions Motion passes.

Treasurer Walcott also discussed that our new Memorandum of Understanding and supporting Documentation has been submitted to the Department of Neighborhoods so that we may receive our funding for the next budget year. As part of this discussion, we must approve a budget for the 2022-2023 operating year. The typical stipend from the Department of Neighborhoods is $2500.00 and our typical budget is $1000.00 for consumable supplies, $1000.00 for miscellaneous expenses and $500.00 for administrative expenses. This includes budgeting for bank fees throughout the year and the post office box fee of $143.96 per year to the U.S. Post Office.

Motion made by Commissioner Walcott to approve the 2022-2023 budget for the Far South Columbus Area Commission at the amounts of $1000.00 for consumable supplies, $1000.00 for miscellaneous expenses and $500.00 for administrative expenses; Seconded by Commissioner Fisher.

**Commissioner Vote** **Commissioner Vote** **Commissioner Vote**  Miller Yes Neale Yes Smith Yes

Walker Yes Walcott Yes Fisher Yes

Eubanks Yes Patterson Yes Richardson Yes

YaAshantawa Yes Draudt Yes

11 Yes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions Motion passes.

Discussion was held to amend the previously approved purchase of a camera system for the Area Commission to a less expensive model that was suggested by the CTV (City of Columbus) technician. This system will still not require an area commissioner to devote time to operate it, allowing the commissioners to handle their meeting duties, and save us funds in our budget. There was discussion as to why make this motion now as to rather us waiting until the stipend is replenished, and discussion followed.

Motion to amend the item passed at the Far South Columbus Area Commission Meeting in April 2022 for the purchase of an OWL Labs Camera system to broadcast meetings to the public so that it now states a camera made by Logitech (Brio Pro Ultra HD), a Yeti Microphone Profession Series (Black), and all necessary cables and accessories needed in an amount not to exceed $1000.00 made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Patterson.

**Commissioner Vote** **Commissioner Vote** **Commissioner Vote**  Eubanks Yes Walcott Yes Fisher Abs

Neale Yes Miller Yes Walker Yes

Smith Yes Patterson Yes Richardson Yes

YaAshantawa Yes Draudt Yes

10 Yes 0 Nays 1 Abstentions Motion passes.

**Speakers:**

**Presentation from Diana and Dan, Columbus Care Coalition:**

Columbus CARE Coalition provides hope, help and healing to neighborhoods, families and individuals experiencing trauma. Areas that they cover are assisting families/friends/neighborhoods after violent crimes/homicides, trauma informed counseling and mental health referrals. The CARE coalition is a team out of Columbus Public Health that works with other community resources to link communities with resources to provide trauma informed mental health care and to provide stabilization after an event has happened. They also work in anti-violence programming and youth programming. The other area they are involved in is the social workers that work in the 911 center and the social workers that are paired with the police in rapid response teams.

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

**Zoning CV22-024 30 Fornoff Road:** Presentation made by Dave Perry, attorney and Scott Skinner from NRP group. Question and answer session was held and all commissioner questions answered.

Motion to approve the zoning CV22-024 for 30 Fornoff Road made by Commissioner Walcott; Seconded by Commissioner Walker.

**Commissioner Vote** **Commissioner Vote** **Commissioner Vote**  Neale Yes Walcott Yes Fisher Yes

YaAshantawa Yes Eubanks Yes Smith Yes

Walker Yes Patterson Yes Richardson Yes

Miller Yes Draudt Yes

11 Yes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions Motion passes.

**Demolition Permit for 2260 Lockbourne Road:** The applicant did not attend the hearing; however this is a City of Columbus owned property that we previously had a demolition permit hearing for on another structure. The city is now requesting to demolish this additional building which has been found to have outlived its useful lifespan.

Motion to approve the demolition permit for 2260 Lockbourne Road made by Commissioner Walker; Seconded by Commissioner Walcott.

**Commissioner Vote** **Commissioner Vote** **Commissioner Vote**  Miller Yes Walcott Yes Patterson Yes

Walker Yes Patterson Yes Richardson Yes

Eubanks Yes Smith Yes Draudt Yes

Neale Yes YaAshantawa Yes

11 Yes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions Motion passes.

**Demolition Permit for 1140 Williams Road:** The applicant did not attend the hearing; This is the old church property on Williams Road near Lockbourne Road that recently had a fire and has been the subject of numerous code violations and is collapsing and is taped off with hazard tape. \*\*This is an address correction\*\*

Motion to approve the demolition permit for 1140 Lockbourne Road made by Commissioner Walker; Seconded by Commissioner Miller.

**Commissioner Vote** **Commissioner Vote** **Commissioner Vote**  Neale Yes Fisher Yes Eubanks Yes

Walcott Yes Richardson Yes YaAshantawa Yes

Patterson Yes Miller Yes Draudt Yes

Smith Yes Walker Yes

11 Yes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions Motion passes.

**Zoning Z22-023 for 2270 Williams Road:** The applicant was represented by their attorney, David Hodge and the applicant Brad Woltz. A presentation was given to the commission including an updated site plan and limitation text along with tighter objectionable use standards and updated landscaping standards

Motion to approve zoning Z22-023 for 2270 Williams Road made by Commissioner Walker; Seconded by Commissioner Walcott.

**Commissioner Vote** **Commissioner Vote** **Commissioner Vote**  Neale Yes Walcott Yes Smith Yes

YaAshantawa Yes Eubanks Yes Fisher Yes

Walker Yes Patterson Yes Richardson Yes

Miller Yes Draudt Yes

11 Yes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions Motion passes.

**Zoning CV22-027 for 2270 Williams Road:** The applicant was represented by their attorney, David Hodge and the applicant Brad Woltz. A presentation was given to the commission including an updated site plan and limitation text along with tighter objectionable use standards and updated landscaping standards

Motion to approve zoning CV22-027 for 2270 Williams Road made by Commissioner Walker; Seconded by Commissioner Fisher.

**Commissioner Vote** **Commissioner Vote** **Commissioner Vote**  Walcott Yes Fisher Yes Miller Yes

Neale Yes Eubanks Yes Walker Yes

Smith Yes Patterson Yes Richardson Yes

YaAshantawa Yes Draudt Yes

11 Yes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions Motion passes

**Zoning CV22-045 for 3460 S. High Street:** The applicant was represented by Mike Gilbert. A presentation was given to the commission including an updated site plan and limitation text along with updated landscaping and parking designs.

Motion to approve zoning CV22-045 for 3460 S. High Street made by Commissioner Walker; Seconded by Commissioner Walcott.

**Commissioner Vote** **Commissioner Vote** **Commissioner Vote**  Eubanks Yes Neale Yes Smith Yes

Walker Yes Walcott Yes Fisher Yes

Miller Yes Patterson Yes Richardson Yes

YaAshantawa Yes Draudt Yes

11 Yes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions Motion passes.

**Zoning CV22-038 for 4025 S High Street:** The applicant was represented by Attorney Laura Comek and Zac Linsky (LDG Group), applicant. A presentation was given to the commission including a site plan and limitation text. Discussion was held about the income guidelines, potential mosquito control issues, access to public/mass transit

Motion to approve zoning CV22-038 for 4025 S. High Street made by Commissioner Walker; Seconded by Commissioner Walcott.

**Commissioner Vote** **Commissioner Vote** **Commissioner Vote**  Neale Yes Fisher Yes Miller Yes

YaAshantawa Yes Eubanks Yes Walcott Yes

Walker Yes Patterson Yes Richardson Yes

Smith Yes Draudt Yes

11 Yes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions Motion passes.

As an information point, this adds approximately 500 new recently approved units of affordable housing and 1200 units over the last year.

Due to the Rise Up Columbus event being held at the Scioto Southland Recreation Center on June 16, 2022 which is the same night as the regularly scheduled zoning committee meeting, the following action was taken:

Motion to move the regularly scheduled zoning committee meeting scheduled for June 16, 2022 at 6pm to be held at the Columbus Fire Training Academy to June 23, 2022 made by Commissioner Walker; Seconded by Commissioner Neale.

**Commissioner Vote** **Commissioner Vote** **Commissioner Vote**  Eubanks Yes Walcott Yes Fisher Yes

Neale Yes Miller Yes Walker Yes

Smith Yes Patterson Yes Richardson Yes

YaAshantawa Yes Draudt Yes

11 Yes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions Motion passes.

No other zoning business.

**Community Outreach:**  No written report. Commissioner Fisher wanted to thank Commissioners Neale, Patterson, YaAshantawa and Smith for their invaluable assistance at the wellness fair that was held in the Southfield Community on Saturday May 14, 2022. The FSCAC will be attending the Rise Up Columbus event and will have a table at the event that will be manned by members of the Commission.

**Economic Development:** Commissioner Richardson stands on her written report and requests that everyone is mindful that the economic development committee is just starting out and that we all as a commission be mindful of that. She as chair of the Economic development committee requested that all commissioners share with her any information that is related to economic development with her team directly. A discussion was also held about Southside THRIVE and their economic development announcements.

**Education:** Commissioner Miller stands on the written report as submitted.

**Public Safety:** Commissioner Miller presented a handout for the Colonial Acres apartment complex citywide clean-up effort in late June. The Division of Police is requesting resident assistance in this effort. Public Safety Committee Chair Commissioner Miller had a few updates to his written report. City Zone Attorney Christopher Clark has returned to work after his leave. The Marion Franklin Rec Center has been approved for cameras and extra park patrols, but no other parks in the area commission have been approved. Project Safe Streets data has not been released to the Area Commission as of today’s meeting.

**Environmental:** Commissioner Neale stated that she had a brief report. She has requested updates from Assistant City Attorney Steve Dunbar as to ACE Iron and Metal and the concrete landfill site. Commissioner Draudt requested that she be provided the 311 case ID number for the auto parts facility on S. High Street that was started by Commissioner Miller. Commissioner Miller stated he would provide that info to the Commission.

**Executive and Resource:** Commissioner Draudt discussed a training session to be held for all commissioners. This will be held in person at the Marion Franklin Recreation Center. A date was selected of July 23, 2022, from 9 am to 10:30am. A voice vote was held to approve the meeting.

11 yes 0 no 0 abstentions

Discussion was held about the Williams Road Corridor project support letter.

Motion to approve the letter of support for the Williams Road Corridor Project made by Commissioner Walcott; Seconded by Commissioner Richardson.

**Commissioner Vote** **Commissioner Vote** **Commissioner Vote**  Miller Yes Neale Yes Smith Yes

Walker Yes Walcott Yes Fisher Yes

Eubanks Yes Patterson Yes Richardson Yes

YaAshantawa Yes Draudt Yes

11 Yes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions Motion passes.

**Health and Human Services:** Commissioner YaAshantawa asked everyone to wear orange on June 3-5 in memory of the shooting victims from Uvalde, Texas. Commissioner Miller added to the discussion with a flyer providing information about a bill in the US Congress sponsored by Senators Portman and Brown to update the asset amounts that recipients who receive SSI and SSDI can hold.

**Internal Governance:** Commissioner Walcott submitted a written report, but she wanted to verbally discuss how we handle discussions with city officials, how we have interactions with outside organizations and who we copy on our conversations. Additionally, there was a discussion on the public meetings law/regulations.

**Recreation and Parks:** Commissioner Eubanks gave a verbal report as well as submitted a written report. The rec and parks committee will be holding a standing meeting the last Thursday of every month at 6pm moving forward. A discussion was held about the Rise UP CBUS event. This will be the first event held at a recreation center city wide and the committee is requesting that everyone promote the event. Discussion was also held about the summer programming at both rec centers within the community.

**Other Commission Business:**

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:**  Chair Draudt recognized the following speakers who submitted speaker slips:

Emily Myers: is a 13-year resident of the Far Southside, who spoke on the topic of homelessness, the clean-up of the former Heer Park and the vicinity of homeless camps.

Jeff Watters: spoke on the issue of the eviction of the unhoused individuals as well.

John Harris: spoke about the homeless camp sweep/clean-up.

There was extensive discussion between members of the area commission, Katherine Cull, from the city, and the speakers to come to some consensus and an understanding as to this issue.

**City Reports:**

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

Nancy discussed the May 23, 2022 City Council meeting and gave the highlights. Nancy’s email address is NPSully@columbus.gov

**Katherine Cull, Neighborhood Liaison, Department of Neighborhoods**

Katherine Cull announced the re-opening of the Reeb Center to the public on June 13, 2022. June 23, 2022 she will be holding a training on 311 at the Reeb. She also gave brief info on Celebrate One.

**Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Fisher; Seconded by Commissioner Smith. Meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm.**

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

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

Submitted by: Commissioner Bruce C. Miller, Recording Secretary