



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

**Call to Order:** Meeting Called to order by Chairperson Walcott at 6:06 pm.

**Roll Call:**

**Commissioners Present:**

Commissioner Smith	Commissioner Eubanks
Commissioner YaAshantawa	Commissioner Walker
Commissioner C. Miller	Commissioner B, Miller
Commissioner Patterson	Commissioner Walcott
Commissioner Fisher	

9 commissioners present; 0 commissioners absent; 0 commissioners excused  
A quorum is present.

Commissioner Walker thanked the entire Commission and community for their thoughts, well wishes and prayers during his absence from the commission.

**Guests:**

Steve Studenmund, Metro Parks	Tariana Parfenova, Metro Parks
Dan Kaderly, Metro Parks	Ruining Quian, Metro Parks
Rosalie Hendon, Columbus Parks/Rec	Tina Mohn, Columbus Parks/Rec
Zac Linsky, LDG Development	Laura Comek, Attorney (LDG Development)
Maura Moher, Rama Consulting	Emily Myers, Resident
Roshelle Pate, applicant	Armando Telles, Ohio Voice
Anthony Celebrezze, City of Columbus	

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes as submitted from the July 7, 2022, meeting was made by Commissioner Fisher, and was seconded by Commissioner Smith. A voice vote was held by Chairperson Walcott:

8 commissioners were in favor. 1 commissioner abstained. Minutes approved.

A motion to approve the minutes as submitted from the July 21, 2022, special meeting was made by Commissioner Fisher, and was seconded by Commissioner Smith. A voice vote was held by Chairperson Walcott:

6 commissioners were in favor, 3 commissioners abstained. Minutes were approved.

A motion to approve the minutes as submitted from the October 6, 2022, meeting was made by Commissioner Smith, and was seconded by Commissioner Fisher. A voice vote was held by Chairperson Walcott. 7 commissioners voted in favor. 2 commissioners abstained. The minutes were approved.

**Treasurer’s Report for November:** Commissioner Connie Miller, the treasurer, reported a beginning balance on 5/30/2022 of 242.27. On 7/12/2022 the area commission received the annual stipend from the City of Columbus Department of Neighborhoods of \$2500.00. That gave us an ending balance of \$2742.27 in the checking account as of 11/3/2022.

The available balance available to be utilized by the commission is lower however (\$2650.98) as the area commission bank account is still carrying \$91.29 that is owed to the City of Columbus from a 2-year previous error by the city. Treasurer Miller has noted this in her report.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith 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</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Fisher	Yes	YaAshantawa	Yes	Smith	Yes
Eubanks	Yes	C. Miller	Yes	B. Miller	Yes
Walker	Yes	Patterson	Yes	Walcott	Yes

9 Yes      0 Nays      0 Abstentions      Motion passes

**Speakers:**

**Meeting turned over to Vice Chair Eubanks to continue meeting.**

Commissioner Eubanks discussed the Parks and Recreation committee, which she is the chairperson of. Committee Chair Eubanks floated an idea to have every other meeting of the Recreation and Parks committee at the Marion Franklin Recreation Center, while the other is to be held at the Scioto Southland Recreation Center. Further discussion on this matter is to be held at a later date.

Commissioner Eubanks brought up holding a coffee with the community event in the Southfield community to have a coffee with the commissioners event on Saturday December 3, 2022 from 10 am to 12 noon at the Marion Franklin Recreation Center. Discussion followed.

Motion made by Commissioner Eubanks to hold a coffee with the commissioners event at the Marion Franklin Recreation Center on Saturday December 3, 2022 from 10am until 12 noon; Seconded by Commissioner YaAshantawa.

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

8 Yes      0 Nays      1 Abstentions      Motion passes

**Steve Studenmund, Planning Manager Metro Parks:**

Mr. Studenmund gave a presentation about the newest Metro Park to join their facilities, which will be in our area, named Great Southern Metro Park. A map and artists renderings were presented to the area commissioners and the public. This park is approximately 60 acres in size and run from the inside of the 270 loop, behind the Great Southern Shopping Center and will run all the way up to and include the site of the former Heer Park. The park will be located between these areas and the neighboring quarry properties and the Scioto River. Connections are planned with the Scioto Greenway Trail and the Audubon Metro Park. This park will be dog friendly and have waterfront access possibly. Several employees of Metro Parks gave additional presentations and answered commission and community questions. Metro Parks will be back every 6 months to discuss progress.

**Rosalee Hendon and Tina Mohn-City of Columbus Recreation & Parks:**

Rosalee Hendon gave updates on a couple of parks within our area commission boundaries. Heer Park is still officially closed and will be redeveloped in coordination with Metro Parks. Stockbridge Park- The city now owns 11 acres approximately. The old school building was demolished, and seeding will be occurring and tree planting of about 2400 trees will be occurring this fall. The asphalt trail has been completed. Three Creeks Park- The house in the park and the barn will be demolished in early 2023. The historic buildings will stay. The sycamore fields playground equipment will be replaced end of next year with accessible playground equipment. The farmland at Three Creeks Park is currently unleased, so a grant application is being submitted to restore the wetlands. Further details will come at a later date. A discussion was held about a walkthrough on the interior and exterior of Marion Franklin Recreation Center, outdoor plantings, shelters and other amenities. A future meeting was planned.

**Vice-Chair Commissioner Eubanks gave the floor to Commissioner Walker, Zoning Co-Chair.**

**Demolition Permit- 3460 South High Street Columbus Ohio 43207 :** The applicant was not at the meeting, however this is the location previously approved for zoning for the new urgent care center. The old Fifth Third Bank building needs to be torn down so that the new urgent care facility can be built on the site with the new setbacks and design limitations and parking lot in the rear.

Motion made by Commissioner Walker to approve the demolition permit for 3460 S. High Street, Seconded by Commissioner B. Miller.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
YaAshantawa	Yes	Fisher	Yes	Walker	Yes
C. Miller	Yes	Smith	Yes	B. Miller	Yes
Eubanks	Yes	Patterson	Yes	Walcott	Yes

9 Yes      0 Nays      0 Abstentions      Motion passes

**Zoning CV22-113 4025 S. High Street Columbus, Ohio 43207:** A presentation was given by Zac Linsky and Laura Comek about this property. The number of apartments is being reduced to 200 units from 300 units. Also, the breakdown of the number of and various affordability percentages has changed, with the final approval of those figures to be determined by the Ohio Housing Finance Agency in the near future. The applicant is still in discussions with COTA about the concerns about the bus stop/bus access issues. Because only one of the 2 variances needed by the applicant were presented to the area commission within the time limits, the applicant must return to the December full area commission meeting as the public was not properly notified.

No other zoning business.

**Presentation of Roshelle Pate for appointment to a vacant commission seat:**

Ms. Pate gave a brief presentation about herself, her history, her service to the community through her Food Soldier community outreach and her history of service as a military veteran (Air Force). She is a graduate of Columbus City Schools.

Motion made by Commissioner Eubanks to appoint Roshelle Pate to a vacant seat on the Far South Columbus Area Commission; Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
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Smith	Yes	Fisher	Yes	Walcott	Yes

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**Presentation by Deputy Director Anthony Celebrezze, City of Columbus Building and Zoning Services**

Deputy Director Celebrezze discussed the process that the city is going through for the rewrite of the zoning code for the city. The current zoning code was written in the 1950's. A consultant (Lisa Wise and Associates) has been hired and is working with the city on this major re-write. RAMA Communications is also participating in this process. Communication with civic groups/area commissions and citizens is they key reason that other cities that have done this process have failed or had a bad outcome nationwide. Columbus is going to have involvement of all of these organizations throughout the process. The director noted that the Far South is different that the southside which is different than downtown and the zoning code needs to reflect that, including walkability, transit and car use. Urban vs. surburban style planning and layout. Transit corridors will be 1<sup>st</sup> in this rewrite, then the individual neighborhoods will be 2<sup>nd</sup>. Timeline-transit corridors January 2023-January 2024, then pivot to neighborhood areas. A question and answer period followed.

**Naming of committees:**

**Community Outreach:** Commissioner Fisher, chair.

**Economic Development:** Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Eubanks, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner YaAshantawa, Commissioner Walker.

**Education:** open

**Environmental:** open

**Executive and Resource:** Chairperson Walcott, chair

**Public Safety:** Commissioner Bruce Miller, chair.

**Health and Human Services:** Commissioner YaAshantawa, chair.

**Internal Governance:** Commissioner Connie Miller, chair.

**Recreation and Parks:** Commissioner Eubanks, chair.

**Other Commission Business:**

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:**

Commissioner Walker requested that a city attorney be requested to our December meeting to swear in the new commissioners and those re-elected/appointed who wish to do so. Chair Walcott advised the panel that this request is in process.

**Post Office Box:** A discussion was held about the discontinuation of the post office box and Katherine Cull stated that the area commission can use the Reeb Center as our official mailing address. The post office closed our post office box due to non-renewal during the summer recess.

Motion made by Commissioner Walcott to discontinue the Far South Columbus Area Commission post office box; Seconded by Commissioner Connie Miller.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Patterson	Yes	Fisher	Yes	Walker	Yes
C. Miller	Yes	Smith	Yes	B. Miller	Yes
Eubanks	Yes	YaAshantawa	Yes	Walcott	Yes

9 Yes      0 Nays      0 Abstentions      Motion passes

**City Reports:**

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

Not present.

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

Report as written

**Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Patterson; Seconded by Commissioner Walker. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.**

All in favor 9, opposed 0, abstain 0. Motion passes

**Next regular meeting Thursday, December 1, 2022, 6 pm, at the Columbus Fire Training Academy.**

Submitted by: Commissioner Bruce Miller, Recording Secretary