



Far South Columbus Area Commission – Commission Meeting Minutes Thursday, June 1, 2023, 6 pm.

Call to Order: Meeting Called to order by Chairperson Walcott at 6:08 pm.

Roll Call:

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner YaAshantawa	Commissioner Fisher
Commissioner Smith	Commissioner Pate - 6:15 pm (arrival)
Commissioner Walker	Commissioner B. Miller
Commissioner C. Miller	Commissioner Walcott

Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Byrd, Commissioner Patterson, Commissioner Eubanks

8 commissioners present; 3 commissioners absent; A quorum is present .

Guests:

John Williams-Applicant
Anthony Collins-Applicant
Buzz Thomas-Resident

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2023, meeting was made by Commissioner C. Miller, and was seconded by Commissioner Fisher . A voice vote was held by Chairperson Walcott:

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

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Connie Miller, the treasurer, reported a beginning balance on 4/26/2023 of \$339.90. The City of Columbus did their annual account sweep/deduction this year in the amount of \$39.90 as per the Memorandum of Agreement. The ending monthly balance on 05/26/2023 was \$300.00, and per emails with the city treasurer and the Department of Neighborhoods, we are claiming the balance left over from the \$91.29 carry over as rightfully the Far South Columbus Area Commission's to use as the City has failed to claim it after multiple treasurers attempting to fix this issue. The final yearly closeout and new year MOA has been submitted early to the City of Columbus and our bank account is frozen until our new stipend is direct deposited.

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

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

7 Yes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions Motion passes

A discussion was held about our roster for the Far South Columbus Area Commission, and the need to make some updates to the document for continuity of terms for elections/ balancing the number of expiring seats for each year. This document had been emailed to each Commissioner prior to the meeting. All dates in the emailed document will change to an expiration month of June as per the updated election section of our by-laws. This is a vote to be taken to correct the expiration dates for term years.

Motion to approve the updated roster for the Far South Columbus Area Commission made by Commissioner Fisher, Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

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

8 Yes 0 Nay 0 Abstentions Motion passes

Chair Walcott discussed the community meeting with Mayor Ginther that was held recently and requested that each Commissioner dig into this list and make a commitment to take on one of these action items by the end of the evening. Chair Walcott stated that she will share contact information and assist each Commissioner in any way she can to help them move the needle forward on each item.

Chair Walcott gave the floor to Commissioner Walker to conduct the zoning hearings.

BZA22-166 897 Lock Avenue Columbus, OH 43207: The applicant is back before the Commission after being turned down by the Board of Zoning Adjustment. The applicant has now made substantial reductions in the size of their garage and reduced the size of the building to below the City maximum size. The only item remaining that the Applicant needs a variance on is the minimum rear and side yard setbacks, which are 2 feet currently, but by Code should be 3 feet.

Motion made by Commissioner Walker to approve BZA22-166 for 897 Lock Avenue Columbus Ohio 43207, Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

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

8 Yes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions Motion passes

BZA22-103 2879 & 2909 Lockbourne Road Columbus, OH 43207: This is BZA case that was tabled at our previous month’s meeting to obtain clarification from the City Departments on. There is support from the Marion Franklin Civic Association on this application.

Motion made by Commissioner Walker to approve BZA22-103 for 2879 & 2909 Lockbourne Road Columbus Ohio 43207 as amended, Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner Vote</u>
C. Miller	Abs	Fisher	Yes	
Walker	Yes	Pate	Yes	
YaAshantawa	Yes	B. Miller	No	
Smith	Yes	Walcott	Yes	

6 Yes 1 Nays 1 Abstentions Motion passes

BZA23-047 811 Lock Avenue Columbus, OH 43207

The applicant is proposing a garage in the rear yard of a residential structure that is above the maximum permitted size per City Code. The applicant did not attend the zoning meeting or the monthly meeting of the Area Commission.

Motion made by Commissioner Walker to approve BZA23-047 for 811 Lock Avenue Columbus, Ohio 43207, Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner Vote</u>
Walker	Yes	Smith	Yes	
YaAshantawa	Yes	B. Miller	No	
Fisher	Yes	Pate	No	
C. Miller	Yes	Walcott	No	

5 Yes 3 Nays 0 Abstentions Motion passes

This completed the zoning business.

Committee Reports:

Community Outreach: Commissioner Fisher gave a report on various community events including a Summer Youth Program. Flyers were distributed. This was Commissioner Fisher's last meeting as a commissioner with us and she was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Commission.

Economic Development: Stands on written report.

Education: open

Environmental: no report

Executive: no report

Public Safety: see written report as submitted.

Health and Human Services: Code Blue event to be held at the Wesley Church of Hope on September 23, 2023 to support and provide outreach to our youth and conduct a violence prevention seminar. This will be a wraparound event for families and a whole family support service connection. The time is to be determined for the event.

Internal Governance: The next meeting of the by-laws committee is on June 17, 2023 from 9am to 12 noon. It will be held at the S. High Street branch of the Columbus Library. Elections for the FSCAC will June 3rd at the S. High branch of the Library as well. Please see written report for further details.

Recreation and Parks: no report.

City Reports:

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 email newsletter. Nancy discussed the public hearing for the Capital Improvement Budget public hearing for the city at the Scioto Southland Rec Center on Tuesday June 6, 2023 at 6pm. We will be the first community hosting a public hearing. Weekly recycling at the curbside will begin citywide June 12, 2023.

Katherine Cull, Neighborhood Liaison, Department of Neighborhoods

Katherine discussed Project Safe Streets and Summer Safety programming. Further details are in her email blast.

Christopher Clark, City Attorney's Office

3344 Parsons Avenue was filed today at Municipal Court. There is no explanation for the delay in filing. 23EVH60403 is the case number. 278 Rumsey Road is in

Environmental Court July 18. Dollar General on Lockbourne has agreed to redo their retention pond and water should not be there more than 48 hours. Next court date is July 13, 2023 in Environmental Court.

Other Commission Business:

Old Business:

New Business: Action Items:

Domestic Violence Signage in rest rooms for victims- Reverend Dr. YaAshantawa

Signage for Southfield Community- Commissioners Pate and Eubanks

Streetlights out of service Gates and Champion area, Lockbourne and Kobell – Katherine Cull

Marion Franklin Pool – Commissioners Eubanks, Patterson, Smith and others

Sidewalk and Crosswalk Obetz Road – Commissioner Walcott

Sidewalks as listed in Southfield – Lori Fisher

Traffic from old Columbus Castings Site – Commissioner Walker, also the Hamilton Meadows area

Shotspotter – Commissioner Walcott

Gun Locks – Commissioner Pate

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Fisher; Seconded by Commissioner YaAshantawa. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

All in favor 8, opposed 0, abstain 0. Motion passes

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

Submitted by: Commissioner Bruce Miller, Recording Secretary