

FAR SOUTH COLUMBUS AREA COMMISSION
MINUTES - July 11, 2024

COMMISSIONERS ROLL CALL	PRESENT (P)	ABSENT (A)
Thomas	P	
Shreve		A
Walker		A
Morris	P	
Smith	P	
Eubanks		A
Patterson	P	
Walcott	P	
Yaashantawa		A
Maeder	P	

QUORUM

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Meeting called to order: 6:10 pm

GUESTS (NAMES)

Lynne McCord, City of Columbus
Kimberly Cole, LinkUS Community Relations Mgr for COTA
Curtis Brown, South Side resident

MOTION

To approve minutes	
Made by: Thomas	Second: Patterson

VOTE - Verbal

Eubanks	Patterson	Yaashantawa
Shreve	Smith	Walcott
Thomas	Morris	Walker
Maeder		

Yeas: 6	Nays: 0	Abstentions: 0
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The Election Committee

Maeder
Thomas
Smith

Election date – Saturday, October 19, 2024, 3rd Saturday from 10:00a – 12:00p.

Tentative Election site – Marion Franklin Community Center, 2801 Lockbourne Rd.

Petition distribution August 16, 2024, get from South High Library, 3540 South High St.

The commissioners Running

Eubanks
Patterson

Yaashantawa is eligible for reappointment to clergy

The Development Tracker website from email is based on Commission Area. You will be able to see what development will be in your area because some will not come to the Commissions anymore.

Microphone on order and will be available for September's meeting.

There are 1500 Hot Cards available for use. Please contact Treasurer or Katherine Cull if you need suppliers.

By-Laws have been approved and posted on the City's website.

COTA LINKUS

COTA will be asking for ½ mil or 0.5% sale tax increase to pay for LinkUS to increase from 7.50 to 8%.

It will go to creating 3 routes improving transit creating sidewalks and new bike paths.

The reason why Columbus is implementing the LinkUS option over other mass transit options is because our city currently, does not have enough density for other transit options.

Rickenbacker Transit Center will open in 2025 it will offer one stop service center for riders

- Health facilities
- Mid-Ohio Food/Grocery
- Day Care

LinkUS passage

- Will add 8 more COTA//Plus vehicles
- Not 24 hr service at first – goal 24 hr service
- Will phase in all hydro-fleet bus

Safety on LinkUS / COTA buses

Drivers are equipped with 2-way radios. If trouble occurs drivers call Strategic Response Team to deescalate situation. They are not armed and are trained to deescalate situations before they become volatile.

If the situation has elevated, will call Columbus Police Response Team.

COTA Mainstream

COTA Mainstream is a origin to destination service for those who have functional limitations which keep them from fixed route buses

Mainstream Service – reserve shared ride with COTA call COTA reservations department, fax or by web.

Mainstream-on-Demand Service – Reserve private, accessible same day non-stop door-to-door service.

To be eligible for service

- Complete application
- Assessment interview at 1330 Fields Ave, Mobility Office
- Meet eligibility requirements for the service

Fare

- ADA trips \$3.50 one way
- Non-ADA trips total fare based on trip mileage. Cost minimum is \$5

Schedule Rides

- An hour or more in advance calling Mainstream-on-Demand (614)344-4488
- Your Mainstream ADA ID client number is required to make a reserve a ride

Service Hours (7 days a week)

- Monday – Friday, 5:30 am – 10:00 pm
- Saturday – Sunday, 7:30 am – 7:30 pm

ALL Center Hours

- Monday – Friday, 5:30am – 8:00 pm
- Saturday – Sunday, 7:30 am – 7:30 pm

COTA//PLUS

An affordable on demand service offered by COTA.

There are three COTA service areas

- Grove City
- Westerville
- South Side

South Side

Hours of operator 7 days a week from 5:30 am – 8:00 pm

Service area coverage is from Nationwide Children's Hospital to Marion Franklin Community Center.

Fare Type

Base	\$3 / ride
Day Pass	\$6
Weekly Pass	\$20
Connection to bus stop	NO Fare

Call Customer Care Center at 614-308-4400

Download COTA//Plus app

- APP store
- Google Play store

Job Family Services (JFS)

Every 2nd Wednesday

Marion Franklin Community Center

2801 Lockbourne Rd

From 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

1st Come 1st Serve

- Senior benefits
- Food stamps
- Other financial aid programs
- Senior options
- Child support
- Benefits Eligibility
- Emergency assist
- Childcare assistance
- Etc.

3 Commission Area Projects

- 1. Transportation
- 2. Litter, trash, debris
- 3. Crime

New Business

The residents from High Street to Landers have 8 to 9 4 wheelers running up to Canyon Run at least 1 or more times a week disturbing residents.

Old Business

None

MOTION

To adjourn meeting	
Made by: Patterson	Second: Maeder

VOTE

Eubanks	Patterson	Yaashantawa
Shreve	Smith	Walcott
Thomas	Morris	Walker
Maeder		

Yeas:	Nays:	Abstentions:
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Next meeting:

Location: FSCAC, 2901 Parsons Ave, Cols, OH

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Meeting adjourned: 8:00 pm