

Far South Columbus Area Commission Minutes  
July 16, 2020

Commissioners Present

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| Becky Walcott Interim Chairman                | Delores Richardson |
| Bonnie Draudt Interim Vice Chairman/Treasurer | Robert Patterson   |
| Deborah Smith Recording Secretary             | Summer Sherman     |
| John Ferrell                                  | Michael Walker     |
| Eileen Neale                                  | Zawadi Yaashantawa |
| Alyse Byrd                                    |                    |

Guests

|                       |  |
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| Beth Fairman Kinney   | Neighborhood South Side Pride Center, Program<br>Manager/Community Liaison |
| Nancy Pryor sully     | City of Columbus City Council/Senior Legislative<br>Advisor                |
| Kevin McCain          | Councilman Rob Dorans Legislative Aide                                     |
| Jack Reynolds         | Representative for BZA 20-032 Application                                  |
| Lori Fisher           | Commissioner Candidate , Resident  |
| Brandyn McElroy       | Commissioner Candidate, Resident   |
| Shirleen Anderson     | Marion Franklin Civic Association  |
| Sheila Eubanks        | Marion Franklin Civic Association  |
| Rev. Dr. Garry Draudt | Resident   |

Meeting called to order at 6:36 pm by Commissioner Walcott, at this time she appointed Commissioner Smith as Acting Interim Chairman for this meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance group participation. Prayer was delivered by Dr. Yaashantawa.

The Minutes from June were not received. They will be reviewed in September's meeting.

Guest Speaker: Kevin McCain. Rob Dorans Legislative Aide

Mr. McCain related that the Far South Columbus Area Commission will be the first Commission to be a part of Tech Enhancement Project, sponsored by City Council.

City Council passed funding of \$50,000 dollars to provide all Commissions to get up-dated equipment.

Each Commission will be provided (\$2,200.) two thousand two hundred dollars to purchase equipment of their choice.

This is a one-time program and the Chairman must submit an application for this funding prior to the end of November 2020.

Repairs for equipment will be the Commission's responsibility not the City.

Name (1) one person on the Commission who will be responsible for equipment.

**Reading of Correspondence**

Presented by Beth Fairman Kinney

Reading of Resignation Letter from Erick Bellomy.

Erick did not submit his request for reinstatement and members wanted to know if the Liaison had contacted Mr. Bellomy to clarify his intent. The matter was tabled until Liaison has the opportunity for discussion with Mr. Bellomy.

The other issue to be considered is the attendance. Commissioner Smith put motion on floor to Table decision until next meeting. Motion second by Commissioner Yaashantawa.

**Roll Call**

|         |     |            |     |             |     |
|---------|-----|------------|-----|-------------|-----|
| Walcott | Yes | Neale      | Yes | Byrd        | Yes |
| Draudt  | Yes | Richardson | Yes | Walker      | No  |
| Smith   | Yes | Patterson  | Yes | Yaashantawa | Yes |
| Ferrell | Yes | Sherman    | Yes |             |     |

Vote

Ayes 10                      Nays 1                      Abstentions 0

Motion passes.

Letter of Intent: Two applicants were considered for serving on commission, Lori Fisher and Brandyn McElroy. Each presented insight on why they wanted to serve on this Commission and discussed their skills that they bring to this body.

Motion by Commissioner Patterson to have Lori Fisher accepted to the Commission . Motion second by Commissioner Bryd.

Roll Call

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| Walcott | Yes | Neale      | Yes     | Byrd        | Yes |
| Draudt  | Yes | Richardson | Abstain | Walker      | Yes |
| Smith   | Yes | Patterson  | Yes     | Yaashantawa | Yes |
| Ferrell | Yes | Sherman    | Yes     |             |     |

Vote

Ayes 10                      Nays 0                      Abstentions 1

Motion passes.

Lori Fisher’s term expires June 2023.

Commissioner Walcott motions that Brandyn McElroy be accepted as a Commissioner. Motion second by Commissioner Draudt.

Roll Call

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| Draudt  | Yes | Richardson | Yes | Walker      | Yes |
| Smith   | Yes | Patterson  | Yes | Yaashantawa | Yes |
| Ferrell | Yes | Sherman    | Yes |             |     |

Vote

Ayes 11                      Nays 10                      Abstentions 0

Motion passes.

Brandyn McElroy's term expires June 2021.

Commissioner Byrd's absences were due to personal, and family issues.

Motion by Commissioner Patterson to reinstate Commissioner Byrd to the Commission. Second by Commissioner Richardson.

Roll Call

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| Draudt  | Yes | Richardson | Yes | Walker      | Yes |
| Smith   | Yes | Patterson  | Yes | Yaashantawa | Yes |
| Ferrell | Yes | Sherman    | Yes |             |     |

Vote

Ayes 11                      Nays 0                      Abstentions 0

Motion passes.

John Ferrell's absences were due to illness.

Motion by Commissioner Walcott to have Commissioner Ferrell reinstated to Commission. Motion seconded by commissioner Draudt.

Roll Call

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| Walcott | Yes | Neale      | Yes | Byrd        | Yes |
| Draudt  | Yes | Richardson | Yes | Walker      | Yes |
| Smith   | Yes | Patterson  | Yes | Yaashantawa | Yes |
| Ferrell | Yes | Sherman    | Yes |             |     |

Vote

Ayes 11                      Nays 0                      Abstentions 0

Motion passes.

**Governance Committee**

**Chairman Zawadi Yaashantawa**

Election was held Saturday June 6, 2020 from 10:00 am – Noon at South High Street Library Branch 3540 South High Street outside under the front overhang.

Election Committee Commissioners were Neale and Sherman.

Candidates were Commissioners Walcott and Draudt.

**Elections Results**

|         |          |
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| Walcott | 25 votes |
| Draudt  | 16 votes |

Both Commissioners terms expire June 2023.

Election of officers

Commissioner Smith opens the floor for nomination of chairman.

Commissioner Patterson nominates Commissioner Richardson. Commissioner Richardson accepts nomination.

Commissioner Ferrell nominates Commissioner Walcott. Commissioner Walcott declines nomination.

No other nominations, floor closes nominations.



Commissioner Patterson nominates Commissioner Smith for Treasurer.  
Commissioner Smith accepts nomination.

No other nominations. Floor closes nominations.

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| Draudt  | Yes | Richardson | Yes | Walker      | Yes |
| Smith   | Yes | Patterson  | Yes | Yaashantawa | Yes |
| Ferrell | Yes | Sherman    | Yes |             |     |

Vote

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|------|----|------|---|-------------|---|
| Ayes | 11 | Nays | 0 | Abstentions | 0 |
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Motion passes.

Commissioner Smith Treasurer for 2020-2021.

Commissioner Smith opens floor for Recording Secretary nominations.

Commissioner Neale nominates Commissioner Sherman for Recording Secretary.  
Commissioner Sherman accepts nomination.

No more nominations on floor. Floor closes nominations.

Roll Call

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| Draudt  | Yes | Richardson | Yes | Walker      | Yes |
| Smith   | Yes | Patterson  | Yes | Yaashantawa | Yes |
| Ferrell | Yes | Sherman    | Yes |             |     |

Vote

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| Ayes | 11 | Nays | 0 | Abstentions | 0 |
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Motion passes.

Commissioner Sherman Recording Secretary for 2020-2021.

Treasurer Report – None submitted for this meeting. Commissioner Smith and Beth Kinney (DON) will set up transfer papers with Huntington Bank with new signature.

**Zoning Committee**

**Co Chairman Robert Patterson Zone 1**

**Co Chairman Michael Walker Zone 2**

BZA 20-032

Zion Lutheran Church

1100 Obetz Road

Columbus, Ohio 43207

Zion Lutheran Church is asking for variance to sell the Parsonage 1.10 acres because its upkeep is no longer cost effective.

City Code 332.06 Rural Residential lots size to be a least 5 acres.

The City will use a tenth (.10) of an acre to create 40 by 113 feet ride of way.

The actual Parsonage acreage will be 1 acre.

The Parsonage acreage will still be zoned Rural Residential with one single family house on lot.

Commissioner Walker recommends approval of BZA 20-032 application. Second by Commissioner Yaashantawa.

**Roll Call**

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| Walcott | Yes | Neale      | Yes          | Byrd        | Yes |
| Draudt  | Yes | Richardson | Yes          | Walker      | Yes |
| Smith   | Yes | Sherman    | Yes          | Yaashantawa | Yes |
| Ferrell | Yes | Patterson  | left meeting |             |     |

Vote

Ayes 10                      Nays 0                      Abstentions 0

Motion passes.

2020-007

W Castle

108 W Castle Road

City Variance to delete Ride of Way from 2 lots

Owner has 4 lots. Two lots are divided by Ride of Way. Deleting Ride of Way will combine all four lots. The lots are located at the end of W Castle Road and does not affect other residents.

Commissioner Walker motions to approve 2020-007 application. Second by Commissioner Draudt.

Roll Call

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|---------|---------|------------|--------------|-------------|-----|
| Walcott | Abstain | Neale      | Yes          | Byrd        | Yes |
| Draudt  | Yes     | Richardson | Yes          | Walker      | Yes |
| Smith   | Yes     | Sherman    | Yes          | Yaashantawa | Yes |
| Ferrell | Yes     | Patterson  | left meeting |             |     |

Vote

Ayes 9                      Nays 0                      Abstentions 1

Motion passes.

**Committee Reports**

**Economic Development**

**Chairman John Ferrell**

Ninety South Side businesses applied for Federal loans due to COVID 19.

## **Recreation Parks**

**Chairman Bonnie Draudt**

Elk Run Park 3600 Henvon Road Bike path to be completed by 2021.

## **Public Safety**

**Chairman Becky Walcott**

No new business to report.

## **Environmental**

**Chairman Eileen Neale**

Have a list of residents in Cambria Area further info in August 2020.

Commissioner Sherman to draft letter to the City on behalf of this Commission regarding Policing policy. Commissioners can forward their comments to Commissioner Sherman.

## **City Reports**

Nancy Pryor Sully – Encouraged us to register to vote and Complete the Census for 2020. Virtual Counsel Meeting July 27<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm GOV'T TV.

Beth Kinney (DON) – Area Commission Training -Wednesday- July 22, 2020 – Conflict Management/Resolution. Contact Toya to confirm attendance.

Food Produce Give-Away at Marion Franklin Community Center 2801 Lockbourne Road Thursday July 23, 2020 at 3:00 pm.

Round Table Meeting Thursday July 23, 2020 at 3:00 pm.

Community Guest: Sheila Eubanks/ Shirleen Anderson (Marion Franklin Civic) Discussion about Touchstone – Good Neighbor Agreement per Miss Eubanks –

Bob Patterson will be the contact person regarding this topic. It was made clear that this Commission is not involved in the Good Neighbor Agreement.

Next Meeting is WebEx Thursday September 3, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

Commissioner Yaashantawa made motion to adjourn meeting. Second by Commissioner Neale.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm