



Minutes | Regular Meeting of the Far South Columbus Area Commission

Thursday, September 3, 2020 | 6:30 pm

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:34 by Chair Richardson. Followed by the prayer and pledge.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present

Delores Richardson, Chair
Deborah Smith, Treasurer
Brandyn McElroy
John Ferrell
Robert Patterson
Zawadi Yaashantawa

Eileen Neale, Vice Chair
Summer Sherman, Recording Secretary
Lori Fisher
Mike Walker
Becky Walcott
Bonnie Draudt

Guests Present

Nancy Pryor Sully, Senior Legislative Advisor, City Council Division of Community Engagement
Beth Fairman Kinney, Neighborhood Liaison, Department of Neighborhoods
Matt Smydo, Director of Education, City of Columbus
Erin Beck, Director of Special Projects, City of Columbus
Channon Barnes, Youth Sports Manager, Columbus Recreation & Parks Department
Reverend Garry L. Draudt

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from June were reviewed and approved. Motion to approve by Commissioner Walcott and seconded by Commissioner McElroy.

Minutes from July were reviewed and approved as corrected. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Walcott and seconded by Commissioner McElroy.



Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Smith provided the Treasurer's Report for July. The ending balance was \$186.01. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Fisher. Motion passed.

Commissioner Smith provided the Treasurer's Report for September. The ending balance was \$3,686.01. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Draudt and seconded by Commissioner Walcott. Motion passed.

Presentations

Erin Beck, Director of Special Projects for the City of Columbus

Erin Beck shared information about the Community Choice Aggregation initiative, which is on the November 3, 2020 ballot.

Commissioners asked questions about the clean energy plan, including the energy source, related infrastructure, and anticipated impact on jobs.

Matt Smydo, Director of Education for the City of Columbus

Matt Smydo shared information about the proposed City Charter amendment to create a Civilian Review Board to receive citizen complaints regarding policing. The proposed amendment is on the November 3, 2020 ballot.

Commissioners asked a variety of questions about the anticipated structure and appointment process for the Civilian Review Board. Matt Smydo also fielded questions about the work group that is currently establishing recommendations for the future board.

Charnon Barnes, Youth Sports Manager, Columbus Recreation & Parks Department

Char Barnes spoke of the Youth Sports Office's plans to renovate ball diamonds at Sammons Park. She applied for the Cleveland Indians Diamond Improvement Grant and sought a letter of support from the commission.



Commission Business

Letter to Mayor & City Council Re: Protests & Policing

Commissioners discussed the letter drafted by Commissioner Sherman with written input from members. Additions were requested before a motion was made to submit the letter.

Review of Revised Bylaws

Review and approval of revised Bylaws was tabled until the October meeting due to recently requested revisions from the Department of Neighborhoods.

Appointment of Committee Advisors

Commissioners requested appointment or removal from Advisor positions:

- *Internal Governance* (vacant): Commissioner Yaashantawa stepped down as Advisor.
- *Health & Human Services* (Yaashantawa): Commissioner Yaashantawa volunteered as Advisor.
- *Recreation & Parks* (McElroy): Commissioner Draudt stepped down; McElroy volunteered.
- *Community Outreach* (Fisher): Commissioner Fisher volunteered as Advisor.
- *Public Safety* (vacant): Commissioner Walcott stepped down.
- *Environmental* (Neale): Commissioner Neale requested to remain Advisor.
- *Economic Development* (Ferrell): Commissioner Ferrell requested to remain as Advisor.
- *Education* (Sherman): Commissioner Sherman requested to remain as Advisor.
- *Zoning* (Patterson/Walker): Commissioners Patterson and Walker remain as Zoning co-Chairs.

Main Motions with Roll Call

Motion: Reinstate John Ferrell to the Far South Columbus Area Commission. Moved by Commissioner Draudt and seconded by Commissioner Yaashantawa. Motion passed.

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



Motion: Send a letter from the FSCAC to the Youth Sports Office, in support of their application for the Cleveland Indians Diamond Improvement Grant. Moved by Commissioner Walcott and seconded by Commissioner Draudt. Motion passed.

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Fisher	Yes	Sherman	Yes		
McElroy	Yes	Smith	Yes		

Motion: Send the letter drafted by Commissioner Sherman to Mayor Ginther and City Councilmembers, with additions recommended by Commissioners. Moved by Commissioner McElroy and seconded by Commissioner Draudt. Motion passed.

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McElroy	Yes	Smith	Yes		

Motion: Send a letter to the city requesting that signage be erected: 1) to identify the Cambria neighborhood and 2) to identify the Far South Columbus Area Commission on Groveport Rd. Moved by Commissioner Walcott and seconded by Commissioner Yaashantawa. Motion passed.

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McElroy	Yes	Smith	Yes		

Motion: Table approval of Bylaws revisions until the October meeting, so the Bylaws Committee can review edits requested by the Department of Neighborhoods. Moved by Commissioner McElroy and seconded by Commissioner Yaashantawa. Motion passed.



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Motion: Accept the resignation letter from Commissioner Erick Bellomy. Moved by Commissioner Draudt and seconded by Commissioner Neale. Motion passed.

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Ferrell	Yes	Richardson	Yes	Yaashantawa	*
Fisher	Yes	Sherman	Yes		
McElroy	Yes	Smith	Yes		

*Commissioner Yaashantawa left the meeting at 9:24 pm, prior to the roll call vote.

Committee & Advisor Reports

Zoning | Commissioner Walker

There were no zoning applications to be heard in September. Commissioner Walker briefly informed members of two zoning applications (Z20-060 & Z20-070) to be discussed at future meetings. Commissioners discussed the need for members to review the South Central Accord.

Internal Governance | Commissioner Yaashantawa

Commissioner Yaashantawa provided a brief update regarding Bylaws revisions. Approval of Bylaws was tabled until the October meeting.

Recreation & Parks | Commissioner Draudt

Commissioner Draudt provided an update about the bike path at Elk Run Park, which is expected to be completed this year.

Public Safety | Commissioner Walcott

Commissioner Walcott provided updates about the new Zone 2 Commander Elrico Alli, and the sunset of the Safe Streets program. She also reported on a 13th precinct Blockwatch Committee meeting with Sheila Eubanks of the Southfield area.



Environmental | Commissioner Neale

Commissioner Neale reported on a survey she conducted in the Alum Crest and Cambria neighborhoods, which identified resident concerns with dust, noise, truck traffic, and transportation. Commissioner Neale initiated a discussion about lack of signage in the Cambria neighborhood.

Education | Commissioner Sherman

Commissioner Sherman shared updates about area school districts, access to free meals, and library and community services that support students with virtual learning.

Unfinished Business

Guest Reverend Gary Draudt discussed a letter he sent the commission regarding transparency during virtual meetings, and thanked commissioners for their attention to his concern.

City Reports

Nancy Pryor Sully provided updates from City Council and invited commissioners to attend the virtual Council Community Meeting on Thursday, September 17.

Beth Fairman Kinney provided updates from the Department of Neighborhoods and shared information about community resources. She highlighted the opening of Scioto Southland (formerly Indian Mound) Community Center and the launch of fall programming at local recreation centers. Beth also informed commissioners of upcoming training opportunities.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Neale, seconded by Commissioner McElroy. **Meeting adjourned at 9:44 pm.**

The next regular meeting of the Far South Columbus Area Commission is Thursday, October 1 at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held virtually via Webex.

Submitted By: Summer Sherman, Recording Secretary
