

**Far South Columbus Area Commission Minutes
January 9, 2020**

Commissioners Present:

**Becky Walcott, Vice President
Bonnie Draudt, Treasurer
Alyse Byrd, Correspondence Secretary
Deborah Smith, Recording Secretary
John Ferrell
Eileen Neale**

**Robert Patterson
Delores Richardson
Summer Sherman
Michael Walker
Dr. Zawadi Yaashantawa**

Commissioner Not Present

**Robin Watson, President
Erick Bellomy**

Guest

Beth Fairman Kinney	South Side Neighborhood Pride Center, Program Mgr./Community Liaison
Nancy Pryor Sully	City of Columbus City Council/Senior Legislative Advisor
William Shannon	BZA19-122 1280 London Groveport Road-Owner
Donald Johnson	Hamilton Township Resident
Erica Crawley	Ohio 26th House District Representative
Justin Muellor	BZA19-122 1280 London Groveport Road Representative

Meeting called to order 6:37 pm.

Commissioner Draudt motions to accept Minutes with noted corrections. Second by Commissioner Walker.

Treasurer Report

Bonnie Draudt, Treasurer

Start Balance	12/05/2019	\$2,304.35
Ending Balance	01/09/2020	\$2,304.35

Complete Treasurer Report is in Attachments.

Motion to approve Treasurer Report as read by Commissioner Walker. Second by Commissioner Yaashantawa.

**Voice Vote
Motion Approved**

Commissioner Richardson has contacted Dr. Pierce.

Dr. Pierce is willing to provide training sessions

- **The sessions are 1-2 hours long**
- **The fee is \$100.000 per hour**
- **Dr. Pierce prefers 2 hour training sessions**
- **Dr. Pierce will provide training that the Commission requests**
- **Commissioner Richardson has requested that the Commissioners make written suggestions on the area of training desired**

The Commission previously approved \$300.00 for training. The Commission prefers two 2 hour training sessions, need to allocate an additional \$100.00 to training to have the \$400.00 for the two training sessions.

Motion by Commissioner Draudt to allocate an additional \$100.00 training to pay Dr. Pierce’s \$400.00 fee. Second by Commissioner Yaashantawa.

Roll Call

Walcott	Yes	Draudt	Yes	Ferrell	Yes
Smith	Yes	Neale	Yes	Walker	Yes
Patterson	Yes	Byrd	Yes	Yaashantawa	Yes

Sherman Yes Richardson Yes

Vote

Ayes 11 Nays 0 Abstentions 0

Motion approved

Zoning Committee

Chairman Becky Walcott

Co-Chairman Robert Patterson

BZA19-122

1280 London Groveport Road

Columbus, Ohio 43207

A Variance from 3312.27(2) making setback 10 feet rather than 25 feet

Residential Concerns

A survey was done because a resident believed Company property was encroaching their property. The Survey concluded that residential property west of the site was encroaching 10 feet – 15 feet on Company property. This was resolved by the Company designating this a green space.

Collins Road currently a private road will remove most truck traffic off of London Groveport Road.

The flooding issue will be addressed by dropping lime and concrete and installing storm pipes to push water to Retention Pond.

1280 London Groveport Road didn't have zoning hearing because it was zoned correctly.

Chief complaint of residents were that they were never notified.

Hamilton Township residents are not opposed to progress but feels the City and Company have not abided by South Side Accord Agreement.

No noise barrier for residence close to site. No barrier to shield near by residences from lights shinning into their homes.

One resident on west side of site facing truck docks is 15 feet away says he will be affected by lights shinning on his property and noise from trucks at the docks.

Residents said that because of construction, noise and dust prevented them from enjoying their yards and outdoors. Couldn't open their windows, use pools because of dust and noises.

Mr. Shannon said all buildings are up and he was close to leasing the site.

Motion to approve Variance for BZA19-122 application by Commissioner Walker. Second by Commissioner Draudt.

Roll Call

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

Vote

Ayes 5 Nays 4 Abstentions 2

Motion approved

Zoning Committee Meeting January 16, 2020, 6:30 pm at Fire Safety Academy 3639 Parsons Avenue.

State Representative Erica Crawley introduced herself to the Commission.

The Events and House Bills that were discussed are in Attachments.

**Environmental Committee
Chairman Eileen Neale**

Commissioner handed out Ohio EPA New Releases.

The Releases on Waste Management and Air Quality are Area Commission concerns.

The Ohio EPA Release is in the Attachments.

Question for EPA Area Commission visit will the proposed licensing rules for Waste Facilities improve or not improve quality of life in Communities.

Area has illegal dumping of tires, compose, salvage and scraps.

There will be a site visit to Ace Iron and Metal.

In March Ms. Carron of EPA will visit the Commission.

**Internal Governance Committee
Chairman Zawadi Yaashantawa**

Concentrate on updating By-Laws.

First Committee meeting will be February 3, 2020 6:00 pm at Wesley Church of Hope United Methodist 2935 Bulen Avenue.

Commissioner Yaashantawa passed out drafts copies of By-Laws for review. Propose changes are in red.

The Chair is to be addressed as either Madam Chairman or Mr. Chairman.

The Handout “Can the Chairman of a Meeting vote is in the Attachments.

The City Code 3109 had only two changes.

All Area Commission Commissioners will have three year terms. Commissioners are under the Department of Neighborhoods.

Economic Development Committee

Chairman John Ferrell

Chairman Ferrell appreciates the Economic Development suggestions submitted by the Commissioners.

The Chairman is analyzing the suggestions and City demographics to develop Strategies. The Strategies will be presented in the Spring.

Education Committee

Chairman Summer Sherman

Chairman Sherman obtained Groveport Madison School Contact data.

Recreation and Parks Committee

Chairman Bonnie Draudt

Metro Park has purchased land from I-270 to Herr Park.

This land will be for Canoes, kayaks, walking and bike paths. It will have Park rangers for security.

Metro Park is interested in partnering with Herr Park. If Herr partners with Metro Park it will have walking and bike paths and Park Rangers for security.

Public Safety Committee
Chairman Beck Walcott

13th Precinct will meet this month and team up the Zone 2.

13th and 20th Precinct are under staffed.

Meeting in January to meet with new Chief to discuss reassignment of officers or more efficient use of officers.

Executive Committee meeting is February 20, 2020 6 pm at Fire Safety Academy 3639 Parsons Avenue.

City Reports

January 20, 2020 4:00 pm at East High School 1500 East Broad Street MLK March sponsored by City of Columbus Department of Neighborhoods.

Next Meeting is February 6, 2020 6:30 pm at Fire Safety Academy 3639 Parsons Avenue

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Draudt. Second by Commissioner Walker.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 pm.