



## **Minutes | Regular Meeting of the Far South Columbus Area Commission**

Thursday, October 1, 2020 | 6:30 pm

### **Call to Order**

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Meeting called to order at 6:42 by Chair Richardson. Followed by the prayer and pledge.

### **Roll Call**

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#### **Commissioners Present**

Delores Richardson, Chair  
Deborah Smith, Treasurer  
Brandyn McElroy  
Michael Walker  
Zawadi Yaashantawa

Eileen Neale, Vice Chair  
Becky Walcott  
Robert Patterson  
Bonnie Draudt  
Lori Fisher

#### **Commissioners Absent**

Alyse Byrd  
Summer Sherman, Recording Secretary

John Ferrell

#### **Guests Present**

Nancy Pryor Sully, Senior Legislative Advisor, City Council Division of Community Engagement  
Beth Fairman Kinney, Neighborhood Liaison, Department of Neighborhoods  
Rachelle Martin, Executive Director, NAMI Franklin County  
Sheila Eubanks, Resident

### **Approval of Minutes**

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Motion to approve minutes with corrections by Commissioner Walker. Seconded by Commissioner McElroy. Motion passes.



## **Treasurer's Report**

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Commissioner Smith provided the Treasurer's Report for September. The ending balance was \$3800.00.

**Motion to approve corrected Treasurer's Report by Commissioner Walker.** Seconded by Commissioner Draudt.

Commissioner Name	Vote	Commissioner Name	Vote	Commissioner Name	Vote
Richardson	Yes	Fisher	Yes	Walcott	Yes
Neale	Yes	McElroy	Yes	Yaashantawa	Yes
Smith	Yes	Patterson	Yes		
Draudt	Yes	Walker	Yes		

Motion passed.

October's Treasurer Report was tabled until the November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, so that Commissioner Smith can present a corrected report.

## **Presentations**

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### **Issue 24 and ADAMH | Rachelle Martin, Executive Director, NAMI Franklin County**

Rachelle Martin presented information about Issue 24, which is on the November ballot.

- Renewal of 2.2 mills of an existing levy and an increase 0.65 mills, for a tax of 2.85 mills to benefit mental health, alcohol, and drug programs for children, adults, and families, at a rate not exceeding 2.85 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.285 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a 5 year period. First due in calendar year 2022.
- Tax per year for homeowners is \$285 per \$100,000 of assessed value (an increase of \$65 per \$100,000 of assessed property value).
- Without the levy, ADAMH projects \$14 million dollars deficit. Support is needed because Franklin County suicide deaths have increased 45%, and the Franklin County population is expected to increase 8% in next 8 years. 85% of people served live below poverty line.



## Commission Business

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### Revised Bylaws

Commissioners discussed the revised bylaws. A proposal was made to add Resource Chairman to the bylaws under Committees and Committee Advisors, in Section 13 on page 15.

**Motion to add a Resource Chairman to the Bylaws by Commissioner Walcott.** Seconded by Commissioner Yaashantawa.

Commissioner Name	Vote	Commissioner Name	Vote	Commissioner Name	Vote
Richardson	No	Fisher	Yes	Walcott	Yes
Neale	Yes	McElroy	No	Yaashantawa	Yes
Smith	Abstain	Patterson	Abstain		
Draudt	Yes	Walker	Yes		

Ayes 6                      Nays 2                      Abstention 2

Motion passed.

### Area Commission Technology Grant

Commissioner Walker suggested the FSCAC use \$2,200 allocated by the City to purchase a projector and screen so that PowerPoints, maps and area sites can be projected on a screen. Commissioner Walker agreed to write up how these resources will be used by the Commission, and send it Chairman Richardson. She will use information to answer questions on the grant application.

### Commission Correspondence Updates

- Letter to Councilman Hardin approved last month.
- Letter was received from Councilman Hardin.
- Letter for Sammons Park was approved last month.
- A letter to Matt Smydo expressing the Far South's interest in being represented on the Civilian Review Board will be sent.



**New Business**

- Commissioners Walcott, McElroy and Draudt informed the Commission about concerns and inquiries they received from residents regarding BZ 20-070.
- Commissioner Walcott motioned that the commission send out notifications for Zoning Meetings. She rescinded her motion when Commissioner Walker shared that he will send out notifications for the October Zoning Meeting. He also will contact the Hamilton Township Trustees. The Zoning meeting is by Webex on October 15, 2020 at 6:30 pm.
- Commissioner Draudt has checked on purchasing a table, chairs, and tent for Area Commission Outreach and Voting because COVID 19 prevents using usual places. Cost details:

**Staples** Table folds, adjustable, able to sit or stand at table. *Cost \$46.99*  
**Amazon** Table adjustable, but not as nice as Staples table. *Cost \$42.99.*  
**Staples** Gray metal chairs. *2 chairs cost \$59.99; 4 chairs cost \$119.48.*  
**Amazon** Solid rounded chairs. *6 chairs cost \$129.99.* (but not safe because of roll)  
**Amazon** 8 X 8 tent enclosed on 3 sides with fixed weights and 4<sup>th</sup> side awning or door. *Cost \$195.99 with coupon.*

Total for table, chairs and tent = \$366.92.

The City considers these items office equipment and not an acceptable commission purchase.

**Motion by Commissioner Draudt to draft a letter to Mr. Hooie explaining the Commission’s need for table, chairs, and tent.** Seconded by Commissioner Yaashantawa.

Commissioner Name	Vote	Commissioner Name	Vote	Commissioner Name	Vote
Richardson	Abstain	Fisher	Yes	Walcott	Yes
Neale	Yes	McElroy	Yes	Yaashantawa	Yes
Smith	Yes	Patterson	<i>left meeting</i>		
Draudt	Yes	Walker	Yes		

Ayes 8                      Nays 0                      Abstentions 1

Motion passed.



## **Committee & Advisor Reports**

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### **Recreation & Parks | Commissioner McElroy**

Scioto Southland Community Center is now open and is being utilized by the community. The center has a meeting room available.

### **Outreach | Commissioner Fisher**

Commissioner Fisher has updated the website at [www.farsouthcolumbus.com](http://www.farsouthcolumbus.com). Bios and pictures are still needed from Commissioners.

### **Zoning | Commissioners Patterson and Walker**

The Zoning Committee Meeting will be held on October 15, 2020 at 6:30 pm via Webex. Commissioner Walker will send notification cards to impacted residents, and will forward the traffic report to commissioners when it becomes available. He will also forward questions and answers to Commissioners.

## **City Reports**

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Nancy Pryor Sully and Beth Fairman Kinney shared updates from the City and Department of Neighborhoods.

- Voter registration at Unity Baptist Church, 1355 Mt. Vernon Avenue, from noon – 4 pm.
  - The next City Council Meeting is Monday October 5, 2020 at 5 pm; tune in through Webex or the government channel on TV.
  - On October 7, 2020 at 5 pm, tune in to Dash Bounce Safety Reform with the Safety Committee.
  - The City will have a website for all Area Commissions, which includes public information, meeting dates, and links to websites. Each Area Commission must send a member to City Website training. Commissioner Fisher volunteered to take the training.
  - New Commissioner Training is scheduled for October 22, 2020.
  - MORPC is offering hot sports for those students who are not in Columbus Public Schools, but are in charter, parochial, and private schools whose families cannot afford internet.
  - Fuel up at Columbus City Schools: Free meals distributed at Cedarwood and Watkins Elementary Schools.
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## **Comments from Residents**

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Sheila Eubanks shared her concern that Commissioners be informed about future Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) projects on the Far South Side.

## **Adjournment**

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Motion to adjourn by Commissioner McElroy, seconded by Commissioner Fisher. **Meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.**

**The next regular meeting of the Far South Columbus Area Commission is Thursday, November 5 at 6:30 pm.** The meeting will be held virtually via Webex.

Minutes Recorded By:

Deborah Smith, Treasurer

Submitted by:

Summer Sherman, Recording Secretary