



Agenda | Regular Meeting of the Far South Columbus Area Commission Thursday, November 5, 2020 | 6:30 pm

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:36 pm by Chair Richardson. Followed by the prayer and pledge.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present

Delores Richardson, Chair
Deborah Smith, Treasurer
Brandyn McElroy
Michael Walker
Alyse Byrd
John Ferrell

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

Commissioners Absent

Zawadi Yaashantawa

Guests Present

Nancy Pryor Sully, Senior Legislative Advisor, City Council Division of Community Engagement
Beth Fairman Kinney, Neighborhood Liaison, Department of Neighborhoods
Tiara Ross, City Attorney's Office
Jeff Brown, Attorney, Smith & Hale
Bruce Miller, Resident

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes by Commissioner Walcott. Seconded by Commissioner Draudt. Motion passes.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Smith provided a corrected Treasurer's Report for October. The ending balance was \$3,694.30 on October 1, 2020.



Motion to approve the October Treasurer’s Report by Commissioner Walcott. Seconded by Commissioner Draudt. Motion passes.

Commissioner Name	Vote	Commissioner Name	Vote	Commissioner Name	Vote
Fisher	Yes	Patterson	Yes	Walker	Yes
Walcott	Yes	Sherman	Yes	Richardson	Yes
Smith	Yes	Neale	Yes	Ferrell	Yes
Draudt	Yes	Byrd	Yes	McElroy	Yes

Commissioner Smith provided the Treasurer’s Report for November. The ending balance was \$3,666.34 on November 5, 2020.

Motion to approve the November Treasurer’s Report by Commissioner Draudt. Seconded by Commissioner Fisher. Motion passes.

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Fisher	Yes	Patterson	Yes	Walker	Yes
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Zoning

DEMOLITION PERMIT APPLICATION | 2997 S. HIGH STREET

Commissioner Walker presented information about a Demolition Permit Application for the future site of the Windmill Pointe apartments. The request was to demolish an existing, boarded up structure.

Motion by Commissioner Walker to approve the Demolition Permit Application for 2997 S. High Street, as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Walcott. Motion passes.

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BZA20-1-2 – 2200 | VARIANCE REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY TRAILER

Commissioner Walker presented information about BZA20-102 – 2200 – a variance request for a temporary trailer at 2200 Spiegel Drive. The request was made to support social distancing and not to exceed 90 days.



Motion by Commissioner Walker to approve variance request BZA20-102 – 2200 as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Fisher. Motion passes.

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

Z20-070 – HARTMAN FARMS REZONING

Commissioner Walker requested a brief discussion about rezoning application Z20-070 for the Hartman Farms property. Commissioners shared concerns and questions about the proposed setback, mounding and screening, sound buffering, and lack of a site plan or known developer. Commissioners requested we explore alternatives for a site visit, in light of restrictions communicated about visiting the property. Commissioners also requested that representatives from the City attend a future commission meeting to discuss broader concerns about rezoning applications in this region.

A preliminary traffic study should be out before the Zoning Committee meeting on November 19.

Other Commission Business

APPROVAL OF BYLAWS

Motion by Commissioner McElroy to approve the final draft of the Far South Columbus Area Commission’s updated Bylaws. Seconded by Commissioner Walcott. Motion passes.

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Walcott	Yes	Sherman	Yes	Richardson	Yes
Smith	Yes	Neale	Yes	Ferrell	Yes
Draudt	Yes	Byrd	Yes	McElroy	Yes

Discussion: A signed copy of the new Bylaws will be sent to all commissioners, in a bound spiral notebook; an index page will be included to ease lookup of items. Commissioner Fisher shared that the Bylaws will also be uploaded on the FSCAC website.

Motion by Commissioner Walcott to approve \$500 in commission funds for the printing and binding of the Far South Columbus Area Commission Bylaws for each commissioner. Seconded by Commissioner Fisher. Motion passes.



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AREA COMMISSION TECHNOLOGY GRANT

Commissioners discussed which items to purchase with the Area Commissioner Technology Grant. The deadline to apply is November 30. Commissioner Ferrell shared the results of a survey he sent to all commissioners to solicit input.

Motion by Commissioner Ferrell to use grant funds for a projector, screen, and two 24” monitors for a cost of \$2038.88. Seconded by Commissioner McElroy. Motion passes.

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Walcott	Yes	Sherman	Yes	Richardson	Yes
Smith	Yes	Neale	Yes	Ferrell	Yes
Draudt	Yes	Byrd	*	McElroy	Yes

* Commissioner Byrd was not in the meeting at the time of the roll call vote.

Committee Advisor Reports

Internal Governance | Commissioner Draudt

A request to purchase a tent, table and chairs for outdoor elections was not approved, because they fall outside of the description of allowable expenses. Commissioner Draudt is following up on this request with the Department of Neighborhoods.

Community Outreach | Commissioner Fisher

Commissioner Fisher launched a neighborhood survey on our website. Ten responses from residents were received, reflecting safe neighborhoods and clean streets as priorities. Commissioner Fisher is working on a community engagement campaign and will be attending training in December regarding the city’s new webpage for Area Commissions. She also plans to update our brochure.

Public Safety

Commissioner Walcott reported on an Operation Safe Streets initiative that removed over 44 guns. Chair Richardson mentioned a new initiative from CelebrateOne, connected with Safe Routes to School.



Environmental | Commissioner Neale

Commissioner Neale reported on a meeting she attended about the City's Climate Action Plan and environmental justice. She also reported on her outreach to the City Attorney's Office regarding loud booms heard along South High Street; noise from the quarry and from the PSC company further north are in compliance with city code. Commissioner Neale provided updates on Ace Iron and Metal and the need for infrastructure improvements in the Cambria Community.

Education | Commissioner Sherman

Commissioner Sherman provided updates on area school districts offering remote, blended, or in-person learning, the Columbus City Schools Fuel Up! Meals program, and Learning Extension Centers. She also shared updates from Columbus Metropolitan Library, highlighting a program at the South High Branch involving Social Work interns from Ohio State.

City Reports

Nancy Pryor Sully and Beth Fairman Kinney shared updates from the City and Department of Neighborhoods, primarily city-sponsored events occurring in the month of November.

Beth Fairman Kinney shared that Code Enforcement Officer Carl Yinger passed away. She also noted that a new cohort for Leadership Academy will be upcoming.

Commissioners asked Beth Fairman Kinney about the possibility of posting signage on properties that are under review for a zoning change. Beth is following up with Building & Zoning for more information.

Resident Comments

Resident Bruce Miller introduced himself and expressed his interest in becoming a Commissioner.

Adjournment

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

The next regular meeting is Thursday, December 3 at 6:30 pm via Webex.

Submitted by:

Summer Sherman, Recording Secretary
