



## **Minutes | Regular Meeting of the Far South Columbus Area Commission** Thursday, December 3, 2020 | 6:30 pm

### **Call to Order**

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Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm 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  
Alyse Byrd  
John Ferrell  
Zawadi Yaashantawa

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

#### **Commissioners Absent**

None absent

#### **Guests Present**

Nancy Pryor Sully, Senior Legislative Advisor, City Council Division of Community Engagement  
Beth Fairman Kinney, Neighborhood Liaison, Department of Neighborhoods  
David Hooie, Department of Neighborhoods  
Jeff Brown, Attorney, Smith & Hale  
Todd Cunningham, Engineer, EMH&T  
Mark Tyler, Hamilton Local Schools  
Adam Collier, Hamilton Local Township  
Jill Guinan, Celebrate One  
Amy Rico  
Amanda Hansel  
Matt McQuade  
Don Rice  
Kimberly Bridges



## Approval of Minutes

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**Motion to approve November minutes by Commissioner Walcott.** Seconded by Commissioner Walker. Motion passes.

## Treasurer's Report

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Commissioner Smith provided the Treasurer's Report for December. The ending balance was \$3,551.35.

**Motion to approve the December 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
Yaashantawa	Yes				

## Zoning

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### Z20-070 | HARTMAN FARMS

Jeff Brown with Smith & Hale and Todd Cunningham with EMH&T provided brief presentations summarizing the rezoning proposal and plans for the Hartman Farms site. Mark Tyler spoke on behalf of Hamilton Local Schools in support of the rezoning application.

Commissioner questions followed. Discussion touched on a variety of topics including zoning restrictions and possible future uses, screening and landscaping, the unnamed buyer, and the AEP facility at the site.

Resident Amy Rico spoke, expressing concern about property values and loss of green space.

**Motion by Commissioner Walker to approve Rezoning Application Z20-070 for the Hartman Farms property.** Seconded by Commissioner Richardson. Motion *does not* pass.



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

Commissioner Walker requested comments from Commissioners who did not support the rezoning, to inform a letter to City Council.

## **Other Commission Business**

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### **PROPOSAL FOR UIRF (CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT) FUNDING**

Commissioner Neale suggested that far south communities collaborate on one application submitted by the commission, recognizing needs shared by many neighborhoods. Commissioners discussed and shared support for the idea. Commissioner Neale requested input from fellow Commissioners by December 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES (EXTENSIONS TO DECEMBER)**

Commissioner Draudt explained that our new Bylaws require that Officer and committee appointments take place in January of each year. Current Commissioners, Officers, and Committee Chairs can nominate themselves or be nominated – just as we did in July of 2020. Appointments will last through December 31, 2021 (instead of expiring in July).

## **Committee Advisor Reports**

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### **Internal Governance | Commissioner Draudt**

A request to purchase a tent, table and chairs for outdoor elections is now approved. Costs have changed since the last quote. Purchase of all items will be \$392.52, an increase of \$45.07.

**Motion by Commissioner Fisher to approve funding for purchase of election supplies – specifically a tent and outdoor table and chairs.** Seconded by Commissioner Neale. Motion passes.



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Draudt	Yes	Byrd	Yes	McElroy	Yes
Yaashantawa	Yes				

Commissioner Draudt also reminded commissioners that the virtual meeting allowance under House Bill 197 has been extended.

#### **Health and Human Services | Commissioner Yaashantawa**

Commissioner Yaashantawa referred members to her emailed report. She recognized the contributions of teachers and other frontline workers, and noted that news on the COVID-19 vaccine is expected soon.

#### **Recreation and Parks | Commissioner McElroy**

Commissioner McElroy shared that the property behind Kroger and Walmart was purchased by Metro Parks. The intention is to develop the area into a traditional park setting, but plans have been on hold due to COVID-19. McElroy noted that many Community/Recreation Centers have been closed due to increasing COVID-19 numbers and the local Stay at Home Advisory. He also shared information about holiday meal support offered by Scioto Southland and Marion Franklin Community Centers.

\*\*\* Commissioner Patterson left the meeting at 8:45.

#### **Community Outreach | Commissioner Fisher**

Commissioner Fisher reported on the Area Commission website training she attended, and her efforts to update our site. The city-sponsored site can be found at [cbusareacommissions.org/farsouth](http://cbusareacommissions.org/farsouth).

#### **Environmental | Commissioner Neale**

Commissioner Neale shared a brief update.

#### **Economic Development | Commissioner Ferrell**

Commissioner Ferrell shared that Career Tech for Columbus City Schools recently won a \$9 million grant; he will be asking what funds can be allocated for the far south side. Work is underway with Rickenbacker to offer an aviation exploration program for students at Marion Franklin High School and Buckeye Middle School.

#### **Education | Commissioner Sherman**

Commissioner Sherman provided updates on area school districts offering remote, blended, or in-person learning, Learning Extension Centers, and Columbus Metropolitan Library. She highlighted a library-sponsored Social Services Fair and CML's "One Book, One Community" program.



## Zoning | Commissioner Walker

Commissioner Walker shared updates about the Southside Digital Academy, and shared that the commission will vote on Z20-60 (Thornton's Station) in January. Commissioner Walker also asked for a volunteer to write the majority opinion letter regarding the Hartman Farms vote; Commissioner Fisher volunteered.

## City Reports

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\*\*\* Commissioner Yaashantawa left the meeting at 8:58 pm.

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

- Nancy Pryor Sully also informed Commissioners of the application for the Council Residential Districting Commission.
- Beth Fairman Kinney reminded Commissioners about the extension of House Bill 197 and allowance for continuing virtual meetings.

Commissioners asked Beth Fairman Kinney about the possibility of using Zoom (instead of Webex) for future Commission meetings. Beth confirmed that commission funds can be allocated for a Zoom subscription.

**Motion by Commissioner McElroy to allocate funds needed for a basic Zoon account – no more than \$200 per year.** Seconded by Commissioner Fisher.

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Draudt	Yes	Byrd	Yes	McElroy	Yes
Yaashantawa	*				

\* Commissioners Patterson and Yaashantawa were not present during the vote.

## Guest Comments

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Jill Guinan with CelebrateOne promoted a December 15<sup>th</sup> press conference with Mayor Ginther to recognize the impact of CelebrateOne and share plans for the future.



## **Adjournment**

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Motion to adjourn by Commissioner McElroy, seconded by Draudt. **Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.**

**The next regular meeting is Thursday, January 7 at 6:30 pm via Zoom.**

Submitted by:

Summer Sherman, Recording Secretary