



Minutes | Regular Meeting of the Far South Columbus Area Commission

Thursday, April 1, 2021 | 6:30 pm

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:35 by Chair Richardson.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present

Commissioner Fisher
Commissioner Sherman
Commissioner Neale
Commissioner Smith
Commissioner Patterson

Commissioner Walcott
Commissioner Yaashantawa
Commissioner Byrd
Commissioner Draudt
Commissioner Richardson

Commissioners Absent

Brandyn McElroy
Commissioner Walker

Guests

Michael Pogoda, Pogoda Companies (Rezoning – 3469 S. High St.)
Jim Jakubus, Construction Manager with Pagoda Companies (Rezoning – 3469 S. High St.)
Laura Comek, Columbus Limestone, Inc. (399 Haul Rd.)
Kyle Dodderer, Resident (Zoning Variance – 421 Rathmell Rd.)
Brooke White, MORPC
Nancy Pryor Sully, Senior Legislative Aide, City Council Division of Community Engagement
Beth Fairman Kinney, Neighborhood Liaison, Department of Neighborhoods

Approval of Minutes

March meeting minutes should be amended to reflect that Commissioner Neale seconded the approval of the February minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Walcott to improve March minutes with the correction.
Seconded by Commissioner Yaashantawa. Motion passes.



Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Smith presented the Treasurer's Report for April. The starting balance on March 4th was \$2954.58. The ending balance was \$1,759.77 on April 1st.

The Consumable Supplies budget is in the negative by \$296.33 after multiple reimbursements for ink and office supplies. Commissioner Smith requested that we transfer \$296.33 from Miscellaneous Expenses to the Consumable Supplies budget.

It was noted that Commissioner Draudt has a quote of \$668.38 for Polo Shirts, including shipping costs.

Motion to accept March Treasurer's Report by Commissioner Walcott. Seconded by Draudt. Motion passes.

Commissioner Name	Vote	Commissioner Name	Vote	Commissioner Name	Vote
Fisher	Yes	Patterson	*	Richardson	Yes
Walcott	Yes	Sherman	Yes	Yaashantawa	Yes
Smith	Yes	Neale	Yes		
Draudt	Yes	Byrd	Yes		

*Commissioner Patterson could not be heard during the roll call vote, as he was still attempting to connect to the virtual meeting.

Motion to move \$296.33 from Miscellaneous Expenses to the Consumable Supplies budget by Commissioner Walcott. Seconded by Fisher. Motion passes.

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Fisher	Yes	Patterson	*	Richardson	Yes
Walcott	Yes	Sherman	Yes	Yaashantawa	Yes
Smith	Yes	Neale	Yes		
Draudt	Yes	Byrd	Yes		

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Motion by Commissioner Walcott to approve the purchase of polo shirts and mock turtle necks for Commissioners quoted at \$668.36. Seconded by Commissioner Neale. Motion passes.

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Fisher	Yes	Patterson	*	Richardson	Yes
Walcott	Yes	Sherman	Yes	Yaashantawa	Yes
Smith	Yes	Neale	Yes		
Draudt	Yes	Byrd	Yes		

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Motion to approve up to \$700 for hiring a consultant for community engagement by Commissioner Walcott. Seconded by Commissioner Draudt. Motion passes.

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Presentations

MORPC | Brooke White, Senior Air Quality and Sustainability Specialist

Brooke White shared information about the Franklin County air quality monitoring project, which will monitor for particle air pollution at select sites across central Ohio. This type of pollution has been linked to heart and lung diseases and more severe outcomes with COVID-19. The goal is to assess disparities in pollution and identify environmental justice issues across the county. MORPC is seeking input from communities on monitor placement; 2 monitors have been dedicated to our zip code.



Homeowners or businesses can host a monitor. Monitors are small and can be attached with zip ties, but require access to Wifi and an external power outlet. Commissioner Neale has suggested several locations on the far south side, including near Georgia Pacific, Sherwin Williams, 2505 Groveport Road, and the Cambria neighborhood. Ideal locations are located east-northeast of known polluters. Commissioners were invited to share additional suggestions and contact information for business or home owners who express willingness to participate.

Brooke White: bwhite@morpc.org;

Jennie McAdams: jenniemcadams@franklincountyohio.gov

Zoning

BZA21-023 and SP21-024 (421 Rathmell Rd.)

Commissioner Walcott introduced Kyle Dodderer, homeowner at 421 Rathmell Road. His property is a 2.5 acre lot, which he wishes to split into a 1.5 acre tract and 1 acre tract. The property is currently zoned rural but is surrounded by residential zoning and smaller lots. A variance is needed for Kyle Dodderer to refinance his property.

Motion to approve application BZA21-023 by Commissioner Walcott. Seconded by Commissioner Fisher. Motion passes.

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Fisher	Yes	Patterson	Yes	Richardson	Yes
Walcott	Yes	Sherman	Yes	Yaashantawa	Yes
Smith	Yes	Neale	Yes		
Draudt	Yes	Byrd	Yes		

CV21-027 and BZA21-024 (399 Haul Rd.)

Commissioner Walcott introduce Laura Comek, representing Columbus Limestone, Inc. The rezoning is to enable Columbus Limestone to store vehicles for sale (not junk) in an area adjacent to an active work site. Mature trees screen the area in question, which is distanced from neighbors on Shelley Dr. BZA21-024 is a special permit to allow a temporary trailer to serve as an office.

Laura Comek shared that Columbus Limestone, Inc. will be generating 21 jobs on the south side in a variety of capacities, and will update the Commission as jobs become available.



Motion by Commissioner Walcott to approve BZA21-24, special permit for 399 Haul Rd. to allow Columbus Limestone, Inc. to erect a temporary trailer to serve as an office.

Seconded by Commissioner Neale. Motion Passes.

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Fisher	Yes	Patterson	Yes	Richardson	Yes
Walcott	Yes	Sherman	Yes	Yaashantawa	Yes
Smith	Yes	Neale	Yes		
Draudt	Yes	Byrd	Yes		

Motion to approve CV-21-027 “to allow for vehicle storage and ancillary use/development standards associated therewith to be varied” by Commissioner Walcott. Seconded by Commissioner Draudt. Motion passes.

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Z21-012 (3469 S. High St.)

Michael Pogoda and Jim Jakubus representing Pogoda Companies explained Z21-012, which would rezone the property at 3469 S. High St. from C4 to LM. This rezoning would allow the existing business to add 20,000 square feet of exterior self-storage facilities, as exterior storage is not allowed under C4. Jim Jakubus spoke to questions presented at the Zoning meeting regarding safety and security in the surrounding area.

Motion by Commissioner Walcott to approve Z21-012 for 3460 S. High, Z21-012, to allow for exterior self-storage facilities. Seconded by Commissioner Draudt. Motion passes.

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Smith	Yes	Neale	No		
Draudt	Yes	Byrd	Abstain		



Other Commission Business

Heer Park (Commissioner Walcott)

Commissioner Walcott noted that the City decided to close the park but allow unsheltered residents to maintain camps nearby. She shared concerns about local businesses and children who would benefit from access to a park in their neighborhood.

Economic Development (Commissioner Richardson)

Chair Richardson reported on the successful meeting with Councilmember Tyson, and the commitment from City leaders to continue the conversation with far south Commissioners and community members.

Commissioner Training Example (Commissioner Sherman)

Commissioner Sherman shared an idea from the South Side Area Commission for self-guided Commissioner training. The example shared by Beth Fairman Kinney covered topics like implicit bias, Zoning laws, redlining, environmental concerns, neighborhood history, and more.

Medical Leave

Commissioner Smith requested approval for a two month medical leave.

Motion to grant medical leave for Commissioner Smith for 2 months by Commissioner Walcott. Seconded by Commissioner Yaashantawa. Motion passes.

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Committee Advisor Reports

Health & Human Services | Commissioner Yaashantawa

Commissioner Yaashantawa referred to her emailed report, featuring information about FAACES (Family Adolescent Child Community Engagement Services). Chad Anderson with FAACES will join our May meeting.

Education | Commissioner Yaashantawa

Commissioner Sherman referred to her emailed report and highlighted upcoming community engagement meetings for the Columbus City Schools Facilities Master Plan.



City Reports

Nancy Pryor Sully, Senior Legislative Aide, City Council Division of Community Engagement

- Councilmember Tyson reassured Nancy that the conversation about economic development on the far south side will continue beyond her upcoming departure.
- Seeking 3-5 Capital Budget priorities from Area Commissions and civic groups in the next two weeks. Submitting ideas does not guarantee selection.
- Spoke with Officer Peck about Heer Park, and he has been in conversation about ATV use in the area. Discussion with the City Attorney and others are underway about addressing this issue.
- Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony is from 12-1 pm on April 9th, thanks to efforts from the Department of Neighborhoods, City Council and the local Jewish community.

Beth Fairman Kinney, Neighborhood Liaison, Department of Neighborhoods

- The next Opportunity Clinic for the COVID-19 vaccine is Wednesday, April 7 – you must live in an eligible zip code, including 43207.
- Columbus Recreation and Parks are open for Spring session Aquatics, April 5 – May 15. Sign up by calling the Aquatics Center.
- The Zoning Code survey has been extended; please share with friends and neighbors who would like to provide input.
- My Brother's Keeper Virtual Job Fair will be held on April 10th for youth summer employment and internships (students 15 and up).
- Visit golunch.club for the latest food giveaway updates.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Neale, seconded by Draudt. **Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.**

The next regular meeting is Thursday, May 6th at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

Submitted by: Summer Sherman, Recording Secretary
