



Minutes | Regular Meeting of the Far South Columbus Area Commission

Thursday, June 3, 2021 | 6:30 pm

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair Richardson.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present

Commissioner Fisher
Commissioner Sherman
Commissioner Neale
Commissioner Walker
Commissioner Patterson

Commissioner Walcott
Commissioner Yaashantawa
Commissioner Draudt
Commissioner Richardson

Commissioners Absent

Commissioner Smith (on approved leave)
Commissioner Byrd

Guests

Kevin Fleahman, (CV21-006 1920 Williams Road)
Jon Stevenson, (CV21-006 1920 Williams Road)
Jack Reynolds (BZA21-049, Hound Dogs Towing)
Josh Ingold, (BZA21-049, Hound Dogs Towing)
Bruce Miller, Resident
Nancy Pryor Sully, Senior Legislative Aide, City Council Division of Community Engagement
Beth Fairman Kinney, Neighborhood Liaison, Department of Neighborhoods

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the May meeting minutes by Commissioner Fisher. Seconded by Commissioner Draudt. Motion passes.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Draudt presented the Treasurer's Report for June. The beginning balance was \$391.29 on May 6th. The ending balance on was June 3rd was \$391.29. The Department of Neighborhoods will be withdrawing \$91.29.

Motion to approve the June Treasurer’s Report by Commissioner Neale. Seconded by Commissioner Yaashantawa. Motion passes.

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

Zoning

BZA21-049 (2918 Parsons Ave., Hound Dog's Towing)

Jack Reynolds, representing Josh Ingold of Hound Dogs Towing, provided context about the application. Hound Dogs Towing was cited in November of 2020 for not having a special permit for an impound lot. The special permit triggers spacing requirements the site cannot meet. A variance is requested to reduce the required setback for an impound lot from residential property from 600 feet to 40 feet. Jack Reynolds explained that the actual site of the impound lot is 350 feet from the nearest residential property; however, the Hound Dogs Towing property line is just 40 feet away.

An additional variance is requested for interior storage. This variance would reduce the distance required between the fence and parked vehicles from 20 feet to 0 feet. Jack Reynolds and Josh Ingold noted that the vehicles behind the fence would not be visible to residents or passersby.

Commissioners asked several questions about the property, the nature and location of proposed screening (a fence), how and where towed vehicles are stored, and how long they are held.

A concern was expressed that approving the application would allow vehicles to be stored as close as 40 feet from residential property in the future. Jack Reynolds noted that he can ask the Board of Zoning Appeals to approve the request on condition of a site plan, which would limit vehicle storage to the designated area only.

Motion by Commissioner Walcott to table the vote on BZA21-049 to seek additional input from the Scioto Southland Civic Association. Seconded by Patterson. Motion passes.

Commissioner Name	Vote	Commissioner Name	Vote	Commissioner Name	Vote
Fisher	Yes	Patterson	Yes	Walker	Abstain
Walcott	Yes	Sherman	Yes	Richardson	Yes
Draudt	Yes	Neale	Yes	Yaashantawa	Yes

Z21-040 (3500 Alum Creek Dr., Storage of Recreational Vehicles)

Commissioner Walker reported that the applicant requested to postpone the vote until the July Commission meeting.

CV21-006 (1920 Williams Rd., Commercial Storage Building)

Jon Stevenson represented the applicant. The owner wishes to erect a 50X100 warehouse behind a residential property for commercial storage. The variance would permit limited commercial storage and the applicant would provide screening. The use is ancillary storage for the resident’s business, including trailers and trucks that are not in use.

It was noted that flyers were sent to neighbors about the zoning application, and there was no response.

Motion to approve CV21-006 as submitted by Commissioner Walker. 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
Draudt	Yes	Neale	Yes	Yaashantawa	Yes

Other Commission Business

Commissioner Fisher followed up on her previous mention of fundraising for season pool passes for area families. She noted that Columbus pools are free this summer for all families, and parents can register for 2 hour blocks.

Committee Advisor Reports

Internal Governance | Commissioner Draudt

- At their last meeting on May 24th, Commissioners Draudt and Fisher discussed letters and brochures to send to businesses and clergy to raise awareness of our appointed seats. Commissioner Walcott also volunteered to assist with the 2021 elections.
- All Commissioner shirts are received and can be picked up from Commissioner Draudt.
- Commissioners are still working on a contact list of businesses, civic groups, and block watches, if anyone would like to assist.
- On July 2nd, Declarations of Candidacy will be posted on the website and hard copies will be available at the South High Branch of Columbus Metropolitan Library (3540 S. High St.) They must be returned by August 6th and the election will be on September 11th.
- The next meeting of the Internal Governance committee is September 27th at 7 pm.

Health & Human Services | Commissioner Yaashantawa

Commissioner Yaashantawa referenced her email updates. She encouraged members to attend upcoming meetings with Chad Anderson and Family, Adolescent, Child, Community Engagement Services (FACCES).

Community Outreach | Commissioner Fisher

Commissioner Fisher is working to spark interest in appointed business and clergy vacancies, and promote general awareness of the commission. She displayed a draft tri-fold brochure, which includes a tear-off section for people to mail in feedback. A vote at a future meeting will be needed to cover printing costs. When Commissioner Smith returns from leave, we will look into acquiring a P.O. Box for mailings.

Education | Commissioner Sherman

Commissioner Sherman referred to her emailed report and highlighted the Emergency Broadband Benefit program.

Zoning | Commissioner Walker & Commissioner Patterson

No new zoning applications have been received at this time.

City Reports

Beth Fairman Kinney, Neighborhood Liaison, Department of Neighborhoods

Beth Fairman Kinney shared that City departments are searching for meeting spaces, knowing that locations like libraries and community centers may have limited hours or closed meeting rooms. Commissioners discussed the viability of parks, churches and other spaces for the July meeting.

Beth shared updates on upcoming Area Commission training and highlighted a variety of community resources, including: COVID Vaccine clinics, Walk-In Recovery services, Project Taillight (light repairs on vehicles for income eligible residents), National Night Out, and summer feeding programs from the Mid-Ohio Food Collective.

Beth displayed a draft asset map in the City's GIS system. The notion of an asset map for the far south side was shared during the economic development meeting with Councilwoman Tyson and Carla Williams Scott from the Department of Neighborhoods.

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

Nancy Pryor Sully reminded Commissioners about the [Council Residential Districting Commission – survey](#) and invited encouraged participation. Area Commission Chairs are asked to speak at the upcoming Districting Commission meeting. Nancy also noted that the upcoming City Council meeting will be streamed online.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Draudt, seconded by Walker. **Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.**

The next regular meeting is Thursday, July 1st at 6:30 pm. Meeting location TBD.

Submitted by: Summer Sherman, Recording Secretary