



Far South Columbus Area Commission – Commission Meeting Minutes Thursday, January 6, 2022, 6 pm.

Call to Order: Meeting Called to order by Commissioner Draudt at 6:04 pm.

Roll Call:

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Neale	Commissioner Miller
Commissioner Fisher	Commissioner Patterson (6:20 pm)
Commissioner Walcott	Commissioner Draudt
Commissioner Richardson	
Commissioner Smith	

Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Walker
Commissioner YaAshantawa

Guests:

Rev. Dr. Gary Draudt, Resident	John Damrath, Applicant
Connie Miller, Resident	Don Plank, Applicant
Eugene Lumpkin, Resident	Roy Lowenstein, Applicant
Sheila Eubanks, Resident	Tina Mohn, City of Columbus
Jonathan Blauvelt, Resident	Chief Martin Hafey, Hamilton Township Fire Dept.
Gloria Blauvelt, Resident	Christie Ward, Mayor of Lockbourne
Yvonne Blauvelt, Resident	Leon Blauvelt, Resident
Lynnette Davis, Resident	

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Commissioner Richardson to approve the December 2021 minutes as submitted; Seconded by Commissioner Smith. Voice vote:

All in favor 7, Opposed 0, Abstain 0 Motion passes.

Swearing in of Commissioners: Commissioner Fisher and Commissioner Miller were administered their oath of office by Assistant City Attorney Steve Dunbar.

Treasurer’s Report for December: Commissioner Smith read the **December** Treasurer’s Report. The beginning balance on **12/02/2021** was **\$2,460.82**. Ending balance on **01/06/2022** was **\$2,001.32**.

Motion by Commissioner Walcott to accept the Treasurer’s Report as read; Seconded by Commissioner Fisher.

<u>Commissioner Name</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner Name</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Richardson	Yes	Neale	Yes	Fisher	Yes

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Walcott	Yes	Smith	Yes		
Smith	Yes	Draudt	Yes		

7 Yes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions Motion passes.

Madam Chair Commissioner Draudt gave the floor to Commissioner Walcott who was Acting Zoning Chair due to the absence of Commissioner Walker.

Zoning BZA21-163 for 3900 S. High Street: Motion to approve a zoning adjustment at 3900 S. High Street made by Commissioner Walcott; Seconded by Commissioner Richardson.

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Walcott	Yes	Miller	No	Fisher	Yes
Patterson	Yes	Smith	No	Draudt	Yes
Richardson	Yes	Neale	Yes		

8 Yes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions Motion passes

Council Variance CV21-125 for 2870 Alum Creek Drive: Motion to approve a council variance for 2870 Alum Creek Drive by Commissioner Walcott; Seconded by Commissioner Miller.

<u>Commissioner Name</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner Name</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Neale	Yes	Walcott	Yes	Richardson	Yes
Fisher	Yes	Miller	Yes	Draudt	Yes
Patterson	Yes	Smith	Yes		

8 Yes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions Motion passes.

Zoning Application Z21-093 for 3075 S. High Street: Applicant or their representative did not show up to the meeting.

Zoning Z21-081, Lockbourne Road Rezoning to L-M:

Applicant Donald Plank presented the informational changes that occurred to the limitation text after the Area Commission voted on this zoning application and the application was heard at the City of Columbus Development Commission Meeting on 12/09/2021 and new revisions to Limitation Text developed from that 12/09/2021 hearing as well as to the site plan as it relates to the historic cemetery and screening and buffering along the property lines. Members of the Area Commission asked numerous in-depth questions of the applicant as well as numerous members of the public and officials from neighboring municipalities.

Other Commission Business:

Committee Reports

Recreation and Parks:

Presentation from Columbus Recreation and Parks on the New Stockbridge Park: Tina Mohn from Columbus Rec and Parks gave a presentation to the commission that included a site plan with detailed planting designs, maintenance schedules, layouts and other details for the new Stockbridge Urban Forest. This project is being funded through a Federal/State

combined grant and will not only be an educational opportunity for our residents but also students from the Forestry Department at Ohio State University. This is a new concept for Rec and Parks which includes design elements to reduce ATV traffic/redirection onto appropriate pathways. Major work will begin in early Spring of 2022 weather conditions permitting.

Internal Governance: No Report

Health and Human Services: No Report

Community Outreach: Commissioner Fisher presented the new Area Commission brochures which were well received by the membership.

Environmental: Commissioner Neale introduced her invited guest Assistant City Attorney Steve Dunbar. He provided an update on ACE Iron and Metal and the concrete landfill. Commissioner Neal represented the Area Commission in front of Judge Mingo at Environmental Court to inform the court just how ACE has impacted the community and did a fantastic job per City Attorney Dunbar. The remediation process continues at ACE on a court set schedule. The concrete landfill is a far different story. They are on their 3rd contractor to attempt the removal of concrete and they are in violation of the court-imposed schedule to have this work in process. January 10, 2022 is the next court status conference. Commissioner Neale will keep the commission apprised of the situation. There was discussion related to the new senior housing and the concrete landfill being in close proximity to the housing and the impact this could have on the new senior development. City Attorney Dunbar promised to return every 60 days to update the entire commission on the status on both properties.

Old Business:

Lynette Davis, a resident of the Fairlane Mobile Home Park spoke to the members of the Area Commission about issues with homeless individuals who are living in large camps on land to the North and west of the Mobile Home Park. To access their camps the homeless are driving through fences erected by the mobile home park to separate their property from the neighboring property and destroying them. In addition, there are issues with large amounts of trash, discarded syringes, theft, vehicle damage, crime, and fires being set. Ms. Davis was connected to Christopher Clark, Beth Fairman-Kinney and other city resources including the police neighborhood liaison officer for assistance.

New Business:

Appointment of Sheila A. Eubanks to vacant seat: Ms. Sheila A. Eubanks has submitted her biography and photograph to the Area Commission and requested appointment to a vacant at large seat on the far South Columbus Area Commission. The floor was opened to commissioners to ask Ms. Eubanks questions, and several were asked. Upon completion of the question-and-answer session a question was asked about the seat Ms. Eubanks would be occupying. Her seat is the seat listed as beginning January 1, 2022 and ending on December 31, 2024.

Motion to appoint Ms. Sheila A Eubanks to a vacant seat on the Far South Columbus Area Commission with a term expiring on December 31, 2024, made by Commissioner Walcott and seconded by Commissioner Smith.

<u>Commissioner Name</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner Name</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Walcott	Yes	Miller	Yes	Fisher	Abstain
Patterson	Yes	Smith	Yes	Draudt	Yes
Richardson	Yes	Neale	Yes		

7 Yes 0 Nays 1 Abstentions Motion Passes

Appointment of Standing Committees and Advisors:

Commissioner Becky Walcott- Treasurer, Recreation and Parks, Internal Governance
 Commissioner Bonnie Draudt- Chair, Executive Chair, Resource Chair
 Commissioner Bruce Miller- Recording Secretary, Education, Public Safety
 Commissioner Delores Richardson- Vice Chair, Economic Development
 Commissioner Eileen Neale- Environmental
 Commissioner Lori Fisher- Community Outreach
 Commissioner Mike Walker-Zoning Chair
 Commissioner Robert Patterson- Zoning Vice Chair
 Commissioner Zawadi YaAshantawa- Health & Human Services

City Reports:

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

Nancy provided the Area Commission with the list of new committee chair assignments for City Council Members:

Council President Shannon G. Hardin - Rules and Reference
 President Pro-Tem Elizabeth Brown – Finance
 Recreation and Parks
 Education

Emmanuel V. Remy – Public Safety
 Environment
 Administration

Shayla Favor – Housing
 Criminal Justice & Judiciary
 Health & Human Services

Rob Dorans – Public Utilities
 Zoning
 Workforce Development
 Building and Zoning Policy

Nicholas Bankston – Economic Development
 Small and Minority Business
 Technology

Lourdes Barroso de Padilla – Public Service and Transportation
 Neighborhoods and Immigrant, Refugee and Migrant Affairs
 Veterans and Senior Affairs

Beth Fairman Kinney, Neighborhood Liaison, Department of Neighborhoods

Advised the commission that Director Bernita Reese is now in place at Columbus Rec and Parks. MLK Day signs are available at 1410 Cleveland Avenue. Discussed the MLK March, look for an email with details on this event and other MLK Day events from her. She is trying to get MLK items down to the Reeb Center. The MLK Day breakfast is done by the State of Ohio and not the City or Franklin County.

**Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Walcott; Seconded by Commissioner Neale.
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.**

All in favor 8, opposed 0, abstain 0. Motion passes

Next regular meeting Thursday, February 3, 2022, 6 pm, at Marion Franklin Rec Center

Submitted by: Commissioner Bruce C. Miller, Recording Secretary