



**Far South Columbus Area Commission – Commission Meeting Minutes Thursday, May 5, 2022, 6 pm.**

**Call to Order:** Meeting Called to order by Commissioner Draudt at 6:08 pm.

**Roll Call:**

**Commissioners Present:**

Commissioner Neale	Commissioner YaAshantawa
Commissioner Smith	Commissioner Walker
Commissioner Eubanks	Commissioner Richardson
Commissioner Fisher	Commissioner Walcott (7:18pm)
Commissioner Miller	Commissioner Draudt

**Commissioners Absent:**

Commissioner Patterson

**Guests:**

George Zonders, City of Columbus	Kevin McCain, City of Columbus
Charles Newman, City of Columbus	J.D. Groves, IMPACT
Diane Reynolds, ACE Iron and Metal	Samantha Mohny, ACE Iron and Metal
Vicki Rathburn, Zoning Applicant	Kim Mikanik, Rambling House/Zoning
Ben Colburn, First Collective	Elizabeth Blackburn, First Collective
Emily Myers, Heer to Serve	Connie Miller, Resident

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes as submitted from the April 7, 2022, meeting was made by Commissioner Neale, and was seconded by Commissioner Richardson. A voice vote was held by Chair Draudt:

All in favor 9, Opposed 0, Abstain 0 Motion Carries

**Treasurer’s Report for March:** Chair Draudt read the **May 1, 2022** Treasurer’s Report. The beginning balance was **\$1,661.87**. Ending balance was **\$370.22**. Expenses were as listed in the detailed budget line items of the report.

Motion made by Commissioner Richardson to accept the Treasurer’s Report as read; Seconded by Commissioner Neale.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Richardson	Yes	Fisher	Yes	Eubanks	Yes
Neale	Yes	Smith	Yes	Walker	Yes
Miller	Yes	YaAshantawa	Yes	Draudt	Yes

9 Yes      0 Nays      0 Abstentions      Motion passes.

## **Speakers:**

### **Presentation from Charles Newman, City Department of Public Service:**

Mr. Newman gave a presentation about the City's request for the Far South Columbus Area Commission to join with the City of Columbus and to send a letter in support for a grant application to the Federal Department of Transportation for \$7 million. This will allow the city to totally reconstruct the Williams Road corridor with sidewalks, fix traffic congestion, drainage issues, fix the railroad crossings that are currently causing traffic stoppages that are averaging 30 minutes or greater 8 to 10% on average. This grant if obtained will allow initial planning and community involvement in 2023. Franklin County, MORPC and the City will all be involved, and it will take 5.5 years to complete once the study begins. Currently there is approximately \$2 million dollars secured already, and the \$7 million will finalize the funding needed. A sample support letter was presented to the commission. The Divisions of Police and Fire, our 2 Federal Senators, the State and local governments are all in support of this project. Surrounding municipalities are also in support of this project. Chair Draudt asked how large of a stretch of Williams Road will be covered. Mr. Newman referred the commissioners to page 1 of his presentation which states "The limits of the corridor's plan start at Williams Road western terminus near the Scioto River and extend to its eastern terminus at Hamilton Road (SR 317)". It was also stated that this project will not stop any other plans for projects that have been planned along Williams Road. Commissioner Neale asked if the grant isn't awarded what happens? The city will apply for alternate funding from different sources as the city realizes that this is a dangerous road/corridor.

### **Presentation from Public Utilities:**

Kevin McCain from Councilmember Dorans office spoke to the commission about the issues raised with drainage in the far southside. He brought George Zonders and Greg from stormwater control. A very technical discussion followed. A future meeting will be set up so that our documents and photos that were submitted can be reviewed by the stormwater management team and a discussion can be held. One point made is that retention ponds, their design and maintenance is the sole responsibility of the property owner and if they fail, do not work from their creation point or have issues after construction, is a code enforcement issue and their maintenance, repairs, redesign and regular upkeep are the property owner's responsibility.

### **Presentation from Ohio State University Dept. of Emergency Medicine:**

Dr. Carson Reider, PhD gave a presentation on the RESET study, which is a clinical trial of a new medication used in the treatment of life threatening non-controlled seizures that do not respond to other forms of already available medications. This presentation is being given because this is a public notice requirement as patients will not be able to give informed consent to the administration of this drug, as they will be unconscious and having a seizure and will be unlikely to have family/next of kin nearby when needed. This study and the protocol follow Federal and State guidelines and has been approved by the City of Columbus Health Department as well as the State Health

Department. Details on how to opt-out if a person desires are in the brochures available on their website and in our meeting room. Ohio State/Columbus is one of five sites in the US to participate in this study.

**ACE Iron and Metal:**

Diane Reynolds, Attorney and Samantha Mohny, Compliance Manager spoke to the commission about ACE Iron and Metal. ACE is under new management at this time and the piles of materials are down and they are no longer accepting several types of materials. Ms. Mohny said we should never see the piles be up above where they are currently. Ms. Mohny also expressed her desire to fill one of the vacant business seats on the Far South Columbus Area Commission. Commissioner Neale stated that she would be heard at our June meeting for the seat.

**IMPACT:**

J.D. Groves gave a presentation about the new electric car charging requirements being proposed. He presented a handout to the commission which is very technical and detailed, and I would refer all commissioners to that handout for the statistics and information contained within. The data within the handout is not yet finalized per Mr. Groves and will be adjusted by City Council before it is voted on by City Council. Discussion occurred around funding as it relates to affordable housing projects, retrofits of existing housing and existing business requirements if/when they remodel. January 2024 is current target date.

The chair placed the commission in recess for 5 minutes at 7:28 pm

The chair placed the commission back into regular order at 7:34 pm

**Madam Chair Commissioner Draudt gave the floor to Commissioner Walker, Zoning Co-Chair.**

**Zoning CV22-028 2139 Refugee Road:** The applicant or their agent did not appear. We proceeded to hear this request using the application and city staff report along with data gathered from when the applicant appeared at the zoning committee meeting. There was significant discussion from numerous commissioners about this request.

Motion to approve the zoning CV22-028 for 2139 Refugee Road made by Commissioner Walker; Seconded by Commissioner Draudt.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Neale	No	Walcott	No	Fisher	No
YaAshantawa	No	Eubanks	No	Smith	No
Walker	Yes	Miller	No	Richardson	No
				Draudt	No

1 Yes      9 Nays      0 Abstentions      Motion fails.

**Zoning Z22-019 for 3163 S. High Street:** The applicant Vicki Rathburn made a presentation to the commission. This rezoning is required so that the applicant can replace a damaged sign for their law office located within the building that was damaged by an intoxicated driver.

Motion to approve zoning Z22-019 for 3163 S. High Street made by Commissioner Walker; Seconded by Commissioner Fisher.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Walcott	Yes	YaAshantawa	Yes	Miller	Yes
Neale	Yes	Fisher	Yes	Walker	Yes
Smith	Yes	Eubanks	Yes	Richardson	Yes
				Draudt	Yes

10 Yes                      0 Nays                      0 Abstentions                      Motion passes.

**Zoning Z21-093 for 3075 S. High Street:** The applicant was represented by their agent, Architect Kim Mikanik. A presentation was given to the commission including an updated site plan and limitation text. Changes were requested in tree types from deciduous to evergreen as well as adjustments to fencing and mounding along the northern border next to the new apartment community. The applicant will be back at a future date for the variance related to the 600 feet for the distillery.

Motion to approve zoning Z21-093 made by Commissioner Walker; Seconded by Commissioner Richardson.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Eubanks	Abs	YaAshantawa	Yes	Smith	Abs
Walker	Yes	Neale	Yes	Fisher	Yes
Miller	No	Walcott	Yes	Richardson	Yes
				Draudt	Yes

7 Yes                      1 Nays                      2 Abstentions                      Motion passes.

No other zoning business.

**Community Outreach:** Commissioner Fisher reported that she is still looking for volunteers for the Community Wellness Fair, please see her if interested. Also she has information in her written report about the COTA Adopt a Stop program. Please see her written report for her full report to the commission.

**Economic Development:** Commissioner Richardson gave a summary of the Sharon Ware report. Discussion was held about the community involvement and trust building within the community. Goal setting and targets were discussed along with the setting of

timelines. Commissioner Richardson also shared that Former Recording Secretary Summer Sherman sent us a thank you note for the plaque and that she had dropped off all her materials at the S. High library for pick up and that she appreciated all of the connections she had made at the Area Commission and enjoyed/valued her time with us. She also announced that she is expecting a son in July of 2022. We wish her well.

**Education:** Commissioner Miller announced that the survey contained within the resignation letter from the principal of Marion Franklin High School is not working. The school is aware of this and is working to fix this technical issue. All other items are contained in the written report submitted.

**Public Safety:** Commissioner Miller stated that a copy of the letter of support sent to the Ohio House of Representatives for House Bill 408 is available for viewing at this evening's meeting. The public safety chair shared an email from City Councilman Remy informing the public that the non-emergency telephone number for the City of Columbus (614) 645-4545 has a new phone tree menu that was made public accidentally with no public notice or testing. As a result, users will have to go through an extensive menu to get to a live dispatcher if one of the 8 choices presented do not cover their situation. Please do not hang up, as this will just cause you to go to the back of the cue, just hang on and you will have your call answered. All other items are contained in the written report as submitted.

**Environmental:** Commissioner Neale stated that there is no report other than what was submitted in her written report.

**Executive and Resource:** Commissioner Draudt stated there is no report other than the list of Commission property that has been sent out to all commissioners.

**Health and Human Services:** Commissioner YaAshantawa reported on Walking with a Doc which is being held at the Marion Franklin Recreation Center. Dates are 5/7, 5/21, 6/4, 6/18, 7/2, 7/16, 8/8, 8/20. Walks are held inside during bad weather.

**Internal Governance:** Commissioner Walcott thanked Commissioner Miller for distributing the election petitions at the meeting this evening in her absence, as she joined the meeting via Zoom. Election candidate petitions are to be returned to Commissioner Walcott by August 27, 2022 and the election will be held Saturday September 10, 2022 from 10 am until 12 noon at the S. High Street branch of the Columbus Public Library. Please contact Commissioner Walcott with any questions.

**Recreation and Parks:** Commissioner Eubanks gave a verbal report with a written report to follow. Officer Amanda Hoover has received written approval from Columbus Police to serve on the Rec and Parks Committee of the Area Commission. Commissioner Eubanks reported on the Safety Day that was recently held at the Marion Franklin Rec Center and the various activities held, the attendance and the community participation, including students who gained community service hours. Finally,

Commissioner Eubanks gave a brief overview about the liquor permit hearing with the Dollar General on Lockborne Road. Both Commissioner Eubanks and Commissioner Patterson testified on behalf of the neighborhood before the Liquor Control Board against this permit along with City Departments.

**Other Commission Business:**

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** Chair Draudt discussed an offer made by Council President Hardin to secure funding for the far South Columbus Area Commission to further the efforts of Vice Chair Richardson and the Economic Development Committee in rebranding and remarketing the Far South Columbus Area Commission territory. Discussion followed about the amount and how this funding was to be obtained and what it would be used for. Council President Hardin requested a vote of the Commission as a show of our support in his efforts to secure these funds.

Motion made to indicate support to the Columbus City Council of an application for a funding item for the Far Southside for a marketing campaign, community rebranding campaign and a professionally designed community strategic vision plan for the Far South Area Commission in coordination with the Columbus City Council, Far South Columbus Area Commission, and other parties to be determined made by Commissioner Draudt; Seconded by Commissioner Richardson.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Eubanks	Yes	YaAshantawa	Yes	Fisher	Yes
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				Draudt	Yes

10 Yes                      0 Nays                      0 Abstentions                      Motion passes.

**City Reports:**

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

Nancy discussed the Promise Program is reopening in August. May 18<sup>th</sup> is a Council Community Meeting at the Glenwood Center from 6 to 7:30 pm. Nancy also gave a report about the Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony that was held this past Friday at City Hall and encouraged everyone to watch the video on the City YouTube channel. Nancy’s email address is NPSully@columbus.gov

**Katherine Cull, Neighborhood Liaison, Department of Neighborhoods**

Katherine sent out a written report due to illness. We wish her a speedy recovery.

**Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Miller; Seconded by Commissioner Walker. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.**

All in favor 10, opposed 0, abstain 0. Motion passes

**Next regular meeting Thursday, May 5, 2022, 6 pm, at the Columbus Fire Training Academy.**

Submitted by: Commissioner Bruce C. Miller, Recording Secretary