



**Far South Columbus Area Commission – Commission Meeting Minutes Thursday, May 4, 2023, 6 pm.**

**Call to Order:** Meeting Called to order by Chairperson Walcott at 5:59 pm.

**Roll Call:**

**Commissioners Present:**

Commissioner YaAshantawa	Commissioner Eubanks
Commissioner Patterson	Commissioner Fisher
Commissioner Walker	Commissioner Pate – 6:28 pm (arrival)
Commissioner C. Miller	Commissioner B. Miller
Commissioner Walcott	

**Commissioners Absent:**

Commissioner Byrd, Commissioner Smith

9 commissioners present; 2 commissioners absent; A quorum is present .

**Guests:**

Douglas Shreve – Resident	Doris Felder – Resident
Carolyn Harrison – Resident	Ellen Turner – Resident
Anthony Collins – Resident	Olivia Doggett – Resident
Jamie Kee – Resident	Melissa Rapp – Resident
Angie Meddock – Resident	Norwood Thomas - Resident

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2023, meeting was made by Commissioner Walker, and was seconded by Commissioner Fisher . A voice vote was held by Chairperson Walcott:

8 commissioners in favor, 0 against, 0 commissioners abstained. Minutes approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Commissioner Connie Miller, the treasurer, reported a beginning balance on 3/26/2023 of \$1264.21. Expenses were as listed in her detailed monthly report. The ending monthly balance on 04/26/2023 was \$339.90, with an available balance to the Area Commission of \$248.61, due to the funds owed to the City from years ago of \$91.29 that we have been carrying on our books.

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

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner Vote</u>
Walker	Yes	Patterson	Yes	
Fisher	Yes	B. Miller	Yes	
YaAshantawa	Yes	Eubanks	Yes	
C. Miller	Yes	Walcott	Yes	

8 Yes      0 Nays      0 Abstentions      Motion passes

A discussion was held about our new budget for the Fiscal Year May 2023 through April 2024. A discussion was held about the changes to the expense categories by the Department of Neighborhoods and the following amounts were decided: \$1500.00 assigned to Miscellaneous Expenses and \$1000.00 to Consumable Supplies, with the understanding that we may have to adjust this at a later date as questions are answered by the city. Motion to approve the Budget for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year for the Far South Columbus Area Commission made by Commissioner Fisher, Seconded by Commissioner Patterson.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner Vote</u>
YaAshantawa	Yes	C. Miller	Yes	
Fisher	Yes	B. Miller	Yes	
Walker	Yes	Eubanks	Yes	
Patterson	Yes	Walcott	Yes	

8 Yes      0 Nay      0 Abstentions      Motion passes

**Guest Speaker: Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging - Erica Holslest, LSW**

COAAA plans, funds, and delivers services that help older adults and individuals with disabilities remain safe and independent in their homes. With the assistance of area providers, COAAA arranges and coordinates services to help individuals with activities of daily living such as homemaking, transportation, home delivered meals, personal care, and more. COAAA offers education and resources to caregivers, professionals, and the public and advocates for programs and policies that benefit older adults and individuals with disabilities. COAAA manages services for 15,000 people and funds services for another 25,000 older adults in eight counties. Our speaker provided handouts and resource guides to those in attendance and answered numerous questions about resources in the community for older adults.

The eight counties in COAAA’s planning and service area are Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Pickaway, and Union. Their website is [www.coaaa.org](http://www.coaaa.org) .

**Chair Walcott gave the floor to Commissioner Walker to conduct the zoning hearings.**

**BZA23-036 1080 & 1100 Obetz Road Columbus, OH 43207:** The applicant is purchasing this 4.5 acre site to build an outbuilding for storage of his vehicles and mover/tractor as this lot connects to his existing residential lot, which is the former parsonage of the Church property that this 4.5 acre site was purchased from. There was neighbor input at the zoning hearing that was positive in nature, and building and zoning services had no substantial concerns.

Motion made by Commissioner Walker to approve BZA23-036 for 1080 & 1100 Obetz Road Columbus Ohio 43207, Seconded by Commissioner Patterson.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner Vote</u>	
Eubanks	Abs	Pate	Yes	Walcott	Yes
YaAshantawa	Yes	C. Miller	Yes		
Walker	Yes	Fisher	Yes		
Patterson	Yes	B. Miller	Yes		

8 Yes      0 Nays      1 Abstentions      Motion passes

**GC23-009 6201 Collings Drive Columbus, OH 43137:** This is a signage application for an Amazon warehouse that is located in an industrial park that is surrounded by other warehouse/industrial buildings. There were no entities that showed up at the zoning meeting with any concerns about the application.

Motion made by Commissioner Walker to approve GC23-009 for 6201 Collings Drive Columbus Ohio 43137, Seconded by Commissioner B. Miller.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner Vote</u>	
Patterson	Yes	Eubanks	Yes	Walcott	Yes
Walker	Yes	C. Miller	Yes		
YaAshantawa	Yes	Pate	Yes		
Fisher	Yes	B. Miller	Yes		

9 Yes      0 Nays      0 Abstentions      Motion passes

**GC23-010 1489 Rohr Road Lockbourne, OH 43137**

The applicant is proposing a sign package for a warehouse complex at this location. The nature of the signs is directional and tenant identification signage. There were no objections or comments at the zoning committee meeting and there are no residential properties in the immediate vicinity.

Motion made by Commissioner Walker to approve GC23-010 for 1489 Rohr Road Lockbourne, Ohio 43137, Seconded by Commissioner Fisher.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Fisher	Yes	Eubanks	Yes	Walcott	Yes
Walker	Yes	C. Miller	Yes		
YaAshantawa	Yes	B. Miller	Yes		
Patterson	Yes	Pate	Yes		

9 Yes      0 Nays      0 Abstentions      Motion passes

**BZA22-103 2879 & 2909 Lockbourne Road Columbus, Ohio 43207**

After a discussion with the applicant, who was in attendance, and Deputy Director of Building and Zoning Services Celebrezze, who was at our meeting for other matters, a motion was made to table this item in order to give the applicant and the City Department of Building and Zoning Services an opportunity to work out the details on this agenda item.

Motion made by Commissioner Walker to table for 1-month BZA22-103 for 2879 & 2909 Lockbourne Road Columbus, Ohio 43207, Seconded by Commissioner B. Miller.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
C. Miller	Yes	Patterson	Yes	Walcott	Yes
Walker	Yes	Fisher	Yes		
YaAshantawa	Yes	Pate	Yes		
Eubanks	Yes	B. Miller	Yes		

9 Yes      0 Nays      0 Abstentions      Motion tabled for 1 month.

This completed the zoning business.

**Deputy Director of Building and Zoning Services Anthony Celebrezze:**

Deputy Director Celebrezze gave a presentation on the Zone-In initiative, presented a hand out to all commission members and discussed the progress on the update to the City of Columbus zoning code. For full details please visit <https://zone-in-columbus.hub.arcgis.com/> .

**Committee Reports:**

**Community Outreach:** Commissioner Fisher gave a report on various community events.

**Economic Development:** Stands on written report.

**Education:** open

**Environmental:** no report

**Executive:** no report

**Public Safety:** The Public Safety added one item in addition to their written report. Car thefts have been up in the last 3 weeks in our boundaries. 22 vehicles were recovered in our boundaries all Kia and Hyundai models and found in the Three Creeks and Williams Creek area.

**Health and Human Services:** Code Blue event to be held at the Wesley Church of Hope on June 24, 2023 to support and provide outreach to our youth and conduct a violence prevention seminar. This will be a wraparound event for families and a whole family support service connection. The time is to be determined for the event.

**Internal Governance:** Chair of the Internal Governance Committee, Commissioner Connie Miller made a request for the Election Committee to be approved. The members will be Commissioner Deborah Smith, Commissioner Bruce Miller, Commissioner Connie Miller, and residents Pam Richards and Velma Kellmeyer. Commissioner Bruce Miller will be the Elections Committee Director.

Motion made by Commissioner YaAshantawa to accept the Election Committee for this year’s election as submitted, Seconded by Commissioner Patterson.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Walker	Yes	C. Miller	Yes	Walcott	Abs
Fisher	Yes	Patterson	Yes		
YaAshantawa	Yes	Eubanks	Yes		
Pate	Yes	B. Miller	Yes		

8 Yes      0 Nays      1 Abstentions      Motion passed

**Recreation and Parks:** Stands on written report submitted.

**City Reports:**

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

Nancy gave everyone her cell number. She discussed her open constituent hours and her email newsletter.

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

Gave details about the street racing prevention and intervention program from Columbus Police. If you see street racing, please call (614) 645-4545 option 9. Discussion was also held about National night Out, the Volunteer Fair and other events.

**Other Commission Business:**

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Fisher; Seconded by Commissioner Patterson. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.**

All in favor 9, opposed 0, abstain 0. Motion passes

**Next regular meeting Thursday, June 1, 2023, 6 pm, at the Columbus Fire Training Academy.**

Submitted by: Commissioner Bruce Miller, Recording Secretary