



Far South Columbus Area Commission – Commission Meeting Minutes Thursday, July 6, 2023, 6 pm.

Call to Order: Meeting Called to order by Chairperson Walcott at 6:04 pm.

Roll Call:

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner YaAshantawa	Commissioner Eubanks
Commissioner Patterson	Commissioner Pate
Commissioner Smith	Commissioner Byrd (6:10 pm)
Commissioner Walker	Commissioner B. Miller
Commissioner C. Miller	Commissioner Walcott

10 commissioners present; 0 commissioners absent; A quorum is present .

Guests:

Douglas Shreve-Resident
Rolando Singleton-Resident
Buzz Thomas-Resident
Patricia Thomas-Resident

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from the June 1, 2023, meeting was made by Commissioner Smith, and was seconded by Commissioner YaAshantawa . A voice vote was held by Chairperson Walcott:

9 yes, 0 nays, 0 abstained. Minutes approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Commissioner Connie Miller, the treasurer, reviewed the July 6, 2023 treasurer’s report. The beginning balance on 05/26/2023 was \$300.00 and the ending balance on 06/23/2023 was \$300.00. The annual close out and MOU paperwork has been submitted to the City.

Motion made by Commissioner B. Miller to accept the Treasurer’s Report as read;
Seconded by Commissioner Walker.

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

9 Yes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions Motion passes

Commission Business:

A discussion was held relating to Commissioner Sheronda Byrd. Commissioner Byrd had three absences from Commission meetings, therefore a vote must be held per our by-laws related to reinstatement.

Motion to reinstate Sheronda Byrd to a business seat as a Commissioner on the Far South Columbus Area Commission made by Commissioner Eubanks, Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Patterson	Yes	C. Miller	No	Walcott	Yes
Walker	Yes	Smith	Yes		
YaAshantawa	Yes	Pate	Yes		
Eubanks	Yes	B. Miller	No		

7 Yes 2 Nay 0 Abstentions Motion passes

Election of Officers:

Nomination made by Commissioner Eubanks to nominate Commissioner Walcott as Chair of the FSCAC. Commissioner Walcott accepted the nomination. No other candidates were nominated, so nominations were closed.

Vote:

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

10 Yes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions Nominee Elected

Nomination made by Commissioner Walcott to nominate Commissioner Eubanks as Vice-Chair of the FSCAC. Commissioner Eubanks accepted the nomination. No other candidates were nominated, so nominations were closed.

Vote:

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

10 Yes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions Nominee Elected

Nomination made by Commissioner B. Miller to nominate Commissioner C. Miller as Treasurer of the FSCAC. Commissioner C. Miller accepted the nomination. No other candidates were nominated, so nominations were closed.

Vote:

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

10 Yes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions Nominee Elected

Nomination made by Commissioner Walker to nominate Commissioner B. Miller as Recording Secretary of the FSCAC. Commissioner B. Miller accepted the nomination. No other candidates were nominated, so nominations were closed.

Vote:

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

10 Yes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions Nominee Elected

Guest Speakers:

Columbus Metropolitan Library: The Library is celebrating their 150th Anniversary this year. Mr. Brown from the Marion Franklin branch discussed the expanded hours that are coming to that branch and the upcoming construction of the new library branch. The summer reading program runs through July 31, and summer lunch and snack are served M-F. The new 10,000 sq ft branch will be on the corner of Lockbourne and Evergreen and open in 2025. It will have expanded computer rooms, new meeting rooms available for community use and expanded services. The new location will be open from 9-8 including weekend hours.

Nationwide Childrens Hospital: Nationwide Childrens Close to Home Clinics are in both Buckeye Middle School and Marion Franklin High School. Both facilities are open during the school year and are available for any child through age 22, regardless of if they are enrolled at Columbus Schools. There is transportation between the clinics and the main hospital if specialty care is needed. All insurances are accepted, and they do offer care for those without insurance on a no fee/sliding scale basis. Primary care and mental health care is available in the buildings including behavioral health medication prescribing through specialty nurse practitioners. Counseling is also available. Parents can be a part of their child’s care even if they are not at the clinic via a secure telehealth video link, so a child can be at the appointment and the parent/guardian and link up via video to be at the appointment. This is an underutilized resource within our community that can help our parents, our children and promote health and well being and the FSCAC is going to work with NCH to promote these facilities over the next year.

Appointment of Norwodd “Buzz” Thomas to the FSCAC:

Local resident Buzz Thomas gave a presentation to the Commissioners about himself and his family and his business and requested an appointment to a vacant seat on the Commission. His resume is on file.

Motion made by Commissioner C. Miller to appoint Norwood “Buzz” Thomas to a vacant seat as a Commissioner on the Far South Columbus Area Commission, Seconded by Commissioner YaAshantawa.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Patterson	Yes	C. Miller	Yes	B. Miller	Yes
Walker	Yes	Smith	Yes	Walcott	Yes
YaAshantawa	Yes	Byrd	Yes		
Eubanks	Yes	Pate	No		

10 Yes 0 Nay 0 Abstentions Motion carries

Committee Reports:

Election Committee: The election was held as prescribed by our by-laws and Commissioner Walcott was re-elected to her seat and Michelle Morris was elected as a new Commission member.

Community Outreach: open

Economic Development: Stands on written report.

Education: open

Environmental: discussion is ongoing about involving community partners with Mr. Maynard to hold community clean ups to improve neighborhood quality throughout our area.

Executive: no report

Public Safety: stand on written report.

Health and Human Services: please see Rev. Dr. YaAshantawa for the times for the Code Blue seminar.

Internal Governance: Proposed By-Laws Revisions were handed out to every Commissioner including the new Commission members. This is a culmination of the hard work of the By-Laws revision committee. A discussion and explanation were given as to how we got to the document presented to the Commission. It is a merger of the old (Watson) by-laws and the current (Richardson) by-laws to come up with a document that takes the best of both documents that have previously been approved by the city attorney. Once we approve our proposed final copy, then they are submitted to the city attorney for review and then finalized.

Recreation and Parks: Committee Chair Eubanks discussed the meetings with the mayor and the new earmarks that our facilities have been allocated.

Zoning Committee: No zonings.

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. Nancy discussed the housing for all townhall. Finally the budget has been discussed and will be passed.

Katherine Cull, Neighborhood Liaison, Department of Neighborhoods

Katherine stands on her written report, but added the Rise Up CBUS on August 5th and the Library event also on August 5th.

Other Commission Business:

Old Business:

New Business

A discussion was held on Area Commission training events. Williams Road between S. High and Parsons is being totally repaved. Commissioner Eubanks gave a special note of thanks for everyone's help/assistance with her mother's illness and passing.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Walker; Seconded by Commissioner Patterson. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

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

Next regular meeting Thursday, September 7, 2023, 6 pm, at the Columbus Fire Training Academy.

Submitted by: Commissioner Bruce Miller, Recording Secretary