

SLAC Purpose Statement

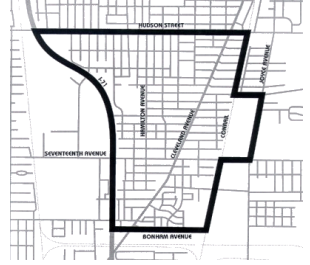
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MINUTES

Tuesday, June 23, 2020
6:00pm – 8:00pm

Welcoming a brief progress overview by the Honorable Mayor Andrew Ginther concerning recent protests, regular meeting Number 12 of the South Linden Area Commission, Tuesday, June 23, 2020 was Called To Order at 6:05pm via the City’s WebEx virtual platform.

Invocation led by Pastor Arthur Combest, Travelers’ Rest Baptist Church
Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Andrew Ginther

COMMISSIONER ROLL CALL

Present: Khadijah Lanai Ashe, Lawrence Calloway, Sundi Corner, Michelle Jamison, Mayo Makinde, and Peggy Williams
Excused: Not Applicable
Absent: Mitchell Ellison, Lois Ferguson, and Barbara Tolber

QUORUM STATUS: PRESENT

Based on the Commissioner Roll Call at 6:15pm this date, the quorum requirement of six (6) commissioners in attendance was met and therefore the conduct of business brought before this Area Commission will be considered formal and binding.

Reading of the Minutes

Commissioner Williams moved, with a second from Commissioner Corner, to Table Minutes recorded February 18, 2020, inclusive of the monthly Treasurer’s Report for January, as submitted. The motion carried with no question(s) posed and the Chair called for the Voice Vote.

**Voice Vote Approval: Ashe, Calloway, Corner, Jamison, and Williams
Six (6) in Favor, No Opposition, and No Abstention**

MOTION PASSED

ADMINISTRATION: Acceptance of Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Williams moved, with a second from Commissioner Corner, to accept the meeting agenda as submitted.

**Voice Vote Approval: Ashe, Calloway, Corner, Jamison, and Williams
Five (5) in Favor, No Opposition, and One (1) Abstention**

MOTION PASSED

CITY REPORTS

City Council Liaison Sandra Lopez came before the Area Commission to report the following:

- Responded to Commissioner Ashe request regarding trash pick-up for E. 15th and E. 16th Alley and explained the collection process prioritizes the 90-gallon containers
- Need to educate residents to boost recycling participation
- Announced the Northside Community Hours scheduled for June 24th as been moved to September 17th. Anticipate reminder notice moving closer to September 17th

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City Attorney's Office Zoning Initiative Attorney Chassidy Barnham came before the Area Commission to report the following:

- The Battery Shop revocation was heard in Environmental Court on June 11th and was granted a 90-Day continuance to September 3rd
- There was a homicide at 2735 Pontiac Street; Decedent was Mr. McCorde ; the accused is in custody
- There was a homicide at 912 E. 17th Avenue; Decedent was Mr. Simpson.; the accused is not in custody
- There was a homicide at 1094 E. 17th Avenue; Decedent was Mr. Jermain Warner; the accused is not in custody
- Short-term Rental Legislation (Air B & B)
- Residents are encouraged to contact Zone Attorney Christopher Clark with illegal dumping and retaliatory eviction concerns
- For those who have complaints of police misconduct *related to the protests*, they can contact Zach Davidson at zgdavidson@columbus.gov . Zach serves as the Legislative Aide for Council President Shannon Hardin.
- For those who have complaints of police misconduct that are unrelated to the protests, they can go to <https://www.columbus.gov/police-complimentcomplaint/> which provides several methods of how to file a complaint, including calling and filing online.
- There is also an in-person method offered, but I am unsure of exactly how that looks based on COVID-19

SMART Columbus Project Manager Alyssa Chenault came before the Area Commission to provide the following:

- Thanked Commissioners who attended the launch on February 5th for the Linden LEAP and explained changes being made to resume services
- SMART Mobility Hub Launch of the CoGo EBikes, and IKE Scooter charging stations
- Connected Vehicle Environment Launch--recruiting 1,000 people who frequently travel along the Cleveland Avenue, Morse Road, and High Street corridors and those interested will need to fill-out a Pre-Qualification Questionnaire.

Department of Public Safety Neighborhood Program Specialist Curtis Brown came before the Area Commission to report progress on the following Comprehensive Safety Program projects:

- Sidewalk Gaps
- Alley and Community Clean-Up
- Street Lighting Replacement

Department of Neighborhoods Community Liaison DeLena Scales, came before the Area Commission to provide the following updates and announcements:

- 2019-2020 Memorandum of Understanding Close -Out Reports are due
- "Roberts Rules of Order" Area Commission Training scheduled for Saturday, June 28th from 9:00am until 11:00am
- Identified the top five 311 service requests which included Bulk Pick-Up, Illegal Dumping, and Code Violations (Trash)
- Please provide an Updated Area Commission contact listing
- The North Linden Area Commission has scheduled a "Tire Round-Up" for Saturday, July 18th
- The Linden and Northern Lights Library branches are now open for limited hours: 11:00am until 7:00pm Mondays through Fridays and Saturdays 11:00am until 6:00pm
- Spoke with NLAC Russell and SLAC Corner regarding hosting a Linden Community Forum to discuss the recent uptick in youth violence

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Councilmember Dorans came before the Area Commission to report the following:

- Approved funding to stabilize housing
- Working with city attorney on Air B & B legislation
- Protests regarding racism Council views seriously

PRESENTATION(S):

Columbus Department of Police Officer Christopher Smith-Hughs came before the Area Commission for introduction and to provide an overview of the Pipeline Recruiting Program designed to attract youth to consider law enforcement careers; some of which included cadet enrollment, internships and mentorships.

Next Generation representatives Tracy Taylor and Craig Van Derveen came before the Area Commission to provide an update on the Linden Fresh Market development proposal and reiterated variances requested: (1) C-4, Permitted Use as a Food Pantry and (2) a forty-five (45%) percent increase on window space.

PROCEEDINGS

Commissioner Williams came before the Area Commission to provide the Retail, Small Business, Zoning and Code Enforcement Joint Committee "Recommendation of Approval" on the Linden Fresh Market proposal. The Committee reviewed documentation that included the architectural elevations, floor plan, and site plan; heard statements made, and engaged meaningful discussions to satisfy questions and concerns during several committee meetings. At its May 29th virtual convening, the Committee reached consensus. **Now comes Zoning Chair Williams to move that the Committee Recommendation of Approval be accepted by this Area Commission and authorizing Zoning Chair signature to move forward with submission of the Council Variance to City Council.** Commissioner * seconded. The Commission Chair entertained questions and there being none, requested the Voice Vote.

Voice Vote Approval: Ashe, Calloway, Corner, Jamison, and Williams
Five (5) in Favor, No Opposition, and One (1) Abstention

MOTION PASSED

Commissioner Williams came before the Area Commission to provide the Retail, Small Business, Zoning and Code Enforcement Joint Committee "Recommendation of Approval" on the following Demolition Request applications received from Building and Zoning Services. The Committee reviewed each application, conducted site visits of each and engaged meaningful discussions to satisfy questions and concerns during several committee meetings. At its May 29th virtual convening, the Committee reached consensus. **Now comes Zoning Chair Williams to move that the Committee Recommendation of Approval be accepted by this Area Commission and authorizing Zoning Chair signature on each to move forward with demolitions as requested.** Commissioner Corner seconded each. The Commission Chair entertained questions and there being none, requested the Voice Vote on each.

- DEMO 2002796: 1211—1217 E. 17th Avenue
- DEMO 2003093: 1441 E. 26th Avenue
- DEMO 2003865: 1441 E. Jefferson Avenue

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Treasurer Report—Commissioner Tolber

As Commissioner Tolber was absent, Commissioner Makinde moved, with a second from Commissioner Williams to Table the Treasurer Report to the next convening of the Area Commission. The Commission Chair entertained questions and there being none, requested the Voice Vote.

**Voice Vote Approval: Ashe, Calloway, Corner, Jamison, and Williams
 Six (6) in Favor, No Opposition, No Abstention**

MOTION PASSED

District Reconfiguration Proposal—Commissioners Makinde and Williams

As an ad-Hoc committee, Commissioner Makinde indicated he and Commissioner Williams had scheduled to meet at the Linden branch library. However, due to some miscommunication, the meeting did not move forward as planned; nevertheless, Commissioners Tolber and Williams met. The result of their work is presented herein as Option 2, which was also shared independently with Commissioners Ashe, Corner, Ellison, Ferguson, Jamison, and Makinde to glean their thoughts; resulting in additional options as follows:

- Under previous Option 1, boundary lines for Districts 1, 2, 5, and 9 remain the same. Former Districts 3 & 4 are combined into one and is renamed District 3. Former District 6 is renamed District 4. Former Districts 7 & 8 are combined into one and is renamed District 6. Former Districts 10 and 11 are combined into one and is renamed District 8. Former Districts 12 and 13 are combined into one and is renamed District 7.
- Under previous Option 3, boundary lines for Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 remain the same. District 6 is expanded north and northwesterly. District 9 is expanded westerly, overlapping District 8, creating a conflict. Former Districts 10 and 11 are absorbed into one and renamed District 8. Former Districts 12 and 13 are absorbed into one and renamed District 7.

Option 2: (Commissioners Ashe, Corner, Ellison, Ferguson, Jamison, Makinde, Tolber, and Williams)

DISTRICT 1: FERGUSON		DISTRICT 2: WILLIAMS		DISTRICT 3: CALLOWAY	
North	E. 13 th Avenue	North	Windsor Avenue	North	E. 17 th Avenue
South	CSX/Bonham Avenue	South	CSX/Bonham Avenue	South	Windsor Avenue
East	Biliter/CSX/Joyce Avenue	East	Cleveland Avenue	East	Biliter/CSX/Joyce Avenue
West	Cleveland Avenue	West	Interstate 71	West	Cleveland Avenue
DISTRICT 4: ASHE		DISTRICT 5: ELLISON		DISTRICT 6: TOLBER	
North	E. 17 th Avenue	North	E. 25 th Avenue	North	E. 26 th Avenue/Duxberry Avenue
South	E. 13 th Avenue	South	E. 17 th Avenue	South	E. 17 th Avenue
East	Cleveland Avenue	East	Joyce Avenue	East	Cleveland Avenue
West	Interstate 71	West	Cleveland Avenue	West	I-71/22 nd /Hamilton Avenue

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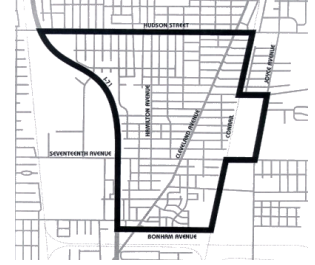
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DISTRICT 7: CORNER		DISTRICT 8: JAMISON		DISTRICT 9: MAKINDE	
North	Hudson Avenue	North	Hudson Avenue	North	Hudson Avenue
South	E. 22 nd Avenue	South	E. 26 th /Duxberry	South	E. 25 th Avenue
East	Hamilton Avenue	East	Cleveland Avenue	East	Biliter/CSX
West	Interstate 71	West	Hamilton Avenue	West	Cleveland Avenue

Under this Option 2, boundary lines for Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 9 remain the same. District 6 is expanded north and northwesterly. Former Districts 10 and 11 are absorbed into one and renamed District 8. Former Districts 12 and 13 are absorbed into one and renamed District 7.

Honoring the consensus, **Now comes Commissioner Makinde to move that the ad-Hoc Committee Recommendation of Approval be accepted by this Area Commission.** Commissioner Williams seconded. The Commission Chair entertained questions as a point of clarity. Serving as Parliamentarian, Community Liaison Scales clarified Linden boundaries remained in-tact; basically, the district number and assignments have changed. Versus thirteen (13) districts, there will be nine (9) districts to match nine (9) seats representing a fully seated Area Commission. As there was no additional discussion, the Chair requested the Voice Vote.

**Voice Vote Approval: Ashe, Calloway, Corner, Jamison, Makinde, and Williams
 Six (6) in Favor, No Opposition, No Abstention**

MOTION PASSED

Proposal to Forego August RECESS—Commissioner Ferguson

On behalf of Commissioner Ferguson, Commissioner Williams moved, with a second from Commissioner Jamison to convene in August and reschedule the Area Commission RECESS to December. Some discussion ensued explaining the rationale. When Governor DeWine declared the Quarantine to prevent the spread of COVID-19, all public meetings were cancelled. This Area Commission last convened in February resulting in a total of three months delaying the conduct of important administrative business (e.g., adoption of By-Laws.). This could be an opportunity for professional development, perhaps recapture loss time, and re-focus to be on task during the remaining five (5) months of the year. Then end 2020 with RECESS in December. Once clarity was reached and discussion closed, the Chair requested the Voice Vote.

**Voice Vote Approval: Ashe, Calloway, Corner, Jamison, Makinde, and Williams
 Six (6) in Favor, No Opposition, No Abstention**

MOTION PASSED

Commission Development—Commissioners Ferguson and Tolber

Although Commissioners Ferguson and Tolber were not available to present their proposal, Area Commissioners engaged brief discussion surrounding special meetings and trainings for professional and soft skill development. Commissioner Corner moved, with the second by Commissioner Williams, to reserve the August meeting to focus on reviewing By-Laws toward completion. As no additional discussion ensued, the Chair requested the Voice Vote.

**Voice Vote Approval: Ashe, Calloway, Corner, Jamison, Makinde, and Williams
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Committee Review, Reporting, and Engagement—Chair Calloway

Commissioner Jamison moved, with a second from Commissioner Ashe to postpone Committee and District Reports. Conceding to the interest of time, Commissioner Makinde recommended listing Committee and District Reports earlier in the meeting Agenda. As no additional discussion ensued, the Chair requested the Voice Vote.

**Voice Vote Approval: Ashe, Calloway, Corner, Jamison, Makinde, and Williams
Four (4) in Favor, One (1) Opposition, One (1) Abstention**

MOTION PASSED

PUBLIC COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Open to the Public)

[Monitoring the Chat Box, Commissioner Williams stated, "No comments or questions had been submitted prior to and/or during this virtual session".]

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no other business brought before the Area Commission for discussion, Commissioner Williams moved, with a second from Commissioner Corner, to adjourn at 8:48pm. *Next Meeting of the South Linden Area Commission will convene promptly at 6:00pm on Tuesday, July 21, 2020* in a Virtual format.

Respectfully Submitted:

PEGGY A. WILLIAMS, Secretary
South Linden Area Commission

LAWRENCE CALLOWAY, JR., Chair
South Linden Area Commission