

***Northeast Area Commission Meeting
October 7, 2021***

Commissioner Attendance Roll Call:

Karen Rogers, Chair - Present
 Stan Fleming, Vice Chair – Absent (Excused)
 Kevin Kenley- Present
 Alice Porter– Present
 Elenora Moore – Present
 Kawther Musa– Absent (Unexcused)
 Antwan Horston– Present
 Elwood Rayford – Present
 Brad Davis- Present

- An attendance quorum to conduct business was confirmed and announced by the Secretary (7 out of 9 commissioners were present)

Meeting Agenda Approval (October 7, 2021):

- Commissioner Rayford made a motion to approve the Agenda without modifications; Commissioner Horston seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous decision.

Meeting Minutes Approval (September 2, 2021):

- Commissioner Porter made a motion to approve the September 2nd meeting minutes without modifications; Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous decision.

Meeting Minutes (September 22, 2021-Special Meeting): Status Pending approval Nov 4

- Commissioner Moore made a motion to amend the September 22nd Special meeting minutes by removing paragraph language due to inaccuracy. After discussion, Commissioner Porter made a motion to table approval pending further dialogue during the November 4th meeting. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion; One objection. Motion carried by majority approval.

Treasurer’s Financial Report (Commissioner Kenley):

| Date | Transaction | Description | Memo | Balance |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Beginning Balance: September 1, 2021 | | | | \$2,291.56 |
| 9/2/2021 | Check #133 | Secretary minutes transcription (9/2/2021 meeting) | Paid to: Sandra Chapple | -\$75.00 |
| 9/5/2021 | Refund | Tiger Direct | HDV17KB Camera (refund) | \$186.94 |
| 9/27/2021 | Credit Card | Staples | HDV17KB Camera | -\$160.99 |
| 9/29/2021 | Credit Card | Staples | Tri pod | -\$28.49 |
| Ending Balance: September 30, 2021 | | | | \$2,214.02 |

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Treasurer's Financial Report - Commissioner Kenley (cont'd)

- Commissioner Porter made a motion to approve the Treasurer's financial report; Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous approval.

Guest Presentations:

- Fresh Bloom Bins (Tia Johnson, Founder/CEO):
 - Curbside Trash bin cleaning service
 - Informational brochures distributed
- KIPP Campus updates (John Tucker, VP-Operations)
 - Acknowledged residential traffic concerns relative to student arrival and departures
 - Increased staff and security presence on and off campus
 - Open to community dialogue about ongoing concerns

City of Columbus Updates & Reports:

- Attorney Sarah Pomeroy (The Zone Initiative):
 - Attorney Pomeroy explained that she is the attorney in our area who assists with nuisance abatement work (problem properties from housing to business establishments including hotels and bars)
 - Encouraged reporting code enforcement/violation concerns to the 311 Call Center (614-645-3111) and non-urgent police matters to (614) 645-4545
 - Currently reviewing code violation complaints at 3600 Sunbury Road and Cassady Market (Cassady Avenue)
 - A commissioner expressed concern about a previously approved demolition site; the owner was asked to install fencing after demolition to avoid illegal dumping however the fence was not installed and illegal dumping is now occurring. Attorney Pomeroy agreed to forward this concern to the City Attorney's office for resolution
- DeLena Scales (Department of Neighborhoods Community Liaison):
 - Expressed appreciation to the Northeast Area Commission for their presence and participation at the "We Love Columbus" event which occurred on Wednesday (9/29/2021). The Director and Mayor are very pleased to see the diversity of the Northeast Area Commission which reflects the communities they serve
 - Currently working with Dept. of Development about coordinating sidewalks in the community
 - Announced forthcoming mayoral recognition of four Northeast Area Commissioners for terms January, 2021 – December, 2024 (Dr. Medina-Cortes, Antwan Horston, Chanel McDougal and Elenora Moore)
 - The Building and Collaborative connection training begins Saturday (10/9/2021); three Northeast Area Commissioners were accepted into this training
 - The 2022 New American Leadership Academy is looking for participants; constituent recommendations are encouraged and applications will be provided for distribution within your communities

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City of Columbus Updates & Reports:

- DeLena Scales - Department of Neighborhoods Community Liaison (cont'd):
 - The Columbus Public Health reports that as of October 2, 2021, there are 14,798 total people vaccinated in the 43219 area (approximately 47.6%). Collaborations and dialogue with faith leaders are ongoing to determine how to increase vaccinations in this area
 - Students (K-12) are encouraged to participate in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Oracle contest. Deadline for entry is Tuesday (11/30/2021: 5 pm); flyers were provided about this initiative
 - The City of Columbus Zoning Code Assessment findings will be live streamed on Wednesday (10/20/2021: 3 or 6 pm); these live streams can be scheduled

Zoning & Variance Presentations (Commissioner Moore):

- GC21-026 (Graphics Variance) Sheetz-2900 N. Cassady Avenue; Columbus, OH 43219
- Requesting variances for banners, temporary and permanent signage
- Commissioner Porter made a motion to deny approval of the Sheetz Graphics Variance application tonight and return to the Zoning committee meeting on October 19th for further review and discussion. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous approval.

Old Business:

- The Northeast Area bus tour details were summarized by Stanley Gates, Commissioners Rogers, Moore and Horston
- Commissioner Rogers led a discussion relative to obtaining marketing materials including a timer, name plates, business cards, name tags, shirts, microphones and yard signs. Commissioner Kenley made a motion to secure these items for Commissioners. Commissioner Horston seconded the motion. Items for immediate purchase- include name plates,, name tags, business cards, timer, microphone. Motion carried by a unanimous approval.

New Business:

- By-Law Amendment (Secretary Stipend): Commissioner Moore made a motion to amend and strike the current by-law language that states “A non-commissioned officer (ex. Secretary) may receive a stipend at the discretion of the commission” (June 30, 2021 adopted By-Laws: Article IV-Officers/Section B). Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. One objection. Motion carried by a majority approval vote to state: “Commission officers will serve without compensation for the term of 1-3 years”
- By-Law Amendment (Meeting minutes distribution timeline): Commissioner Moore requested review of the by-law language regarding the timeline of meeting minute distribution. Due to time constraints Commissioner Rogers deferred this discussion, which will be revisited at the November 4th meeting.

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New Business (cont'd):

- At-Large Commissioner candidates spoke about their potential candidacy. Commissioner Rogers called for any additional applicants for review. Commissioner Moore made a motion to postpone the At-Large Commissioner vote until the November 4th meeting to receive any additional application packages. Commissioner Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried by majority approval. Commissioner Rogers will send packages to any applicant requesting information with required deadline for submission.
- November meeting venue change: Commissioner Rogers made a motion to move our November 4th meeting to the KIPP campus. Commissioner Kenley seconded the motion. Commissioner Rogers asked for a confirmation vote count; 5 Yes, 2 No. Motion carried by a majority approval.

Public Comments – Open Floor:

- Many Bridgeview constituents expressed their concerns about the parents of KIPP students blocking their driveways and overall community while waiting on school buses. Continued communication will commence between KIPP representatives and community constituents in resolution of this challenge.

Commissioner Rogers put a motion on the floor to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Horston. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm