

Northeast Area Commission Meeting

November 4, 2021

Commissioner Attendance Roll Call:

Karen Rogers, Chair - Present
Stan Fleming, Vice Chair – Present
Kevin Kenley- Absent (Excused)
Alice Porter– Absent (Excused)
Elenora Moore – Present
Kawther Musa– Present
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 (November 4, 2021):

- Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve the Agenda as written; Commissioner Rayford seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous decision.

Meeting Minutes Approval (October 7, 2021):

- Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve the October 7th meeting as written; Commissioner Horston seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous approval.

Treasurer’s Financial Report was tabled due to the excused absence of Commissioner Kenley (Treasurer). A report will be provided during the next Commission meeting (January 6, 2022).

Guest Presentations:

- Easton Place Homes (Leah Evans, SVP of Real Estate at Columbus Housing Partnerships/Homeport)
 - Plans to build 200 unit Affordable housing building (south of existing Easton townhomes)
 - Townhomes and Flat apartments based on income – no garages
 - Property will host programs to assist residents (e.g. Community room, Fitness room, language courses and educational assistance services based on the population of residents)
 - The first 50 units will be constructed by Spring 2022 (previously presented at a NAC Zoning Committee meeting)
 - Future phase to include Senior Affordable Housing units to house age 55 and older (including grandchildren who the senior resident must have custody of)
- Columbus Police Officers
 - Distributed and explained 2021 area crime report from Raids Online
 - Stressed the importance of reporting criminal activity to the police (614-645-4545)
 - A new Northeast Area Commission Liaison Officer will be assigned soon

Zoning and Variance Presentations/Reports (Elenora Moore, Zoning Chair)

- Introduction of two new Zoning Committee Members (Crittty Buenconsejo and Donna Rutledge)
 - CV21-106 2189 Stelzer Rd., 43219 – Variances
 - Requesting variances for parking in two townships

Commissioner Rayford made a motion to approve these variances. Commissioner Horston seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous approval.

- CV20-126A 2600 Stelzer Rd., 43219 – Variance adjustments
- Requesting a variance to adjust setback lines for the buildings along Stelzer Rd. and Codet, and for the garages along I-270

Commissioner Horston made a motion to approve these variance adjustments. Commissioner Fleming seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous approval.

Old Business:

- Commissioner Moore requested corrective language to the September 22, 2021 Special Meeting minutes due to inaccuracy. She read the corrective language for these minutes:
 - Original Language: “Commissioner Moore asked to make a motion with permission relative to the Secretary role not being paid because the By-Laws will need to be modified as a result”
 - Corrective Language: “Commissioner Moore called for a point of order stating even though it has been stricken, I believe a motion needs to be made because there are amendments and a budget that has to be changed; I would like to move with your permission”

Commissioner Davis made a motion to modify the September 22, 2021 Special meeting minutes with accurate language provided by Commissioner Moore. Commissioner Musa seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous approval.

New Business (Karen Rogers, Chair)

- At-Large Commissioner candidate review (Presentation, Q&A)
 - Commissioner Moore made a motion to accept the nomination of Sandra Chapple as an At-Large Commissioner
 - Commissioner Rayford seconded the motion
 - Motion carried by unanimous approval (Term effective immediately thru December, 2023)
- Chair Rogers announced another candidate (Nicole Horston) applied for the second vacant At-Large Commissioner seat (Term: January, 2022 – December, 2024). Currently, Mrs. Horston is completing her applicant packet and a vote will take place for her candidacy during the January 6, 2021 Commission meeting

City of Columbus Updates:

- Code Enforcement Officer (Jessica Walford)
 - Reviewed the role of Code Enforcement
 - Any concerns relative to Commercial truck parking, vendors selling items on street corners or commercial property (car lots, etc.) should be reported to the 311 Call Center for additional follow up
 - Encouraged reporting code enforcement/violation concerns to the 311 Call Center (614-645-3111) and non-urgent police matters to (614) 645-4545

City of Columbus Updates (cont'd)

- Stanley Gates, Director of Community Engagement (Columbus City Council)
 - City Council recently passed the Capital Improvement Budget which includes:
 - HVAC for Howard Recreation Center
 - Hamilton Rd. street repairs
 - Stelzer & Agler Roads and Cassady Avenue will receive street and intersection improvements
 - Many other Northeast area improvements
 - Area redistricting maps are currently being reviewed for possible modifications
 - On 11/17/2021 at Marion Franklin Community Center (6 pm), council will meet with residents to present the redistricting maps and answer questions; the streets on the redistricting map will be available for the public to view online

- **Commissioner Announcements (Karen Rogers, Chair)**
 - Reminder: A Zoom session for Commissioners (Understanding the psychology of difficult conversations & a simple framework to approach) will occur on 11/10/2021:6-7:30 pm; deadline to register is 11/5/2021

- **Public Comments- Open Floor**
 - Special “Thank You” to Jon Tucker (KIPP VP-Operations) for their hospitality and permitting our meeting to occur at their facility this evening
 - KIPP Columbus Update (Construction/Architect and Jon Tucker, KIPP VP-Operations)
 - Additional parking created to accommodate parental parking and traffic
 - Faith Ministries and KIPP now have a new alliance permitting school traffic for parents picking up students after school
 - As school attendance increases in 2022 to accommodate new buildings being constructed, additional parking and traffic options are currently being reviewed to accommodate the increase of students and parents to eliminate disturbances and inconveniences to neighboring communities
 - New KIPP buildings will begin construction in February, 2022
 - The Franklin County Engineer’s office will facilitate rehabilitation on the Agler road bridge. Traffic will be re-routed in a way that causes minimal disturbance: two lanes (north & south) will be open on each side of the bridge as construction commences. Construction on the north side of the Agler road bridge will commence first. After the north side of the bridge is complete, work will then begin on the south side of the bridge

- Chair Rogers adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm. Next meeting will occur on Thursday, January 6, 2022: 6:30 pm (Howard Recreation Center)