

## *Northeast Area Commission Meeting March 3, 2022*

### **Commissioner Attendance Roll Call:**

Karen Rogers, Chair - Present  
Stan Fleming, Vice Chair – Absent  
Kevin Kenley- Present  
Alice Porter– Absent  
Elenora Moore – Present  
Kawther Musa– Present  
Sandra Chapple - Present  
Antwan Horston– Present  
Chanel McDougle-Yakubu - Present  
Elwood Rayford – Absent  
Dr. Medina-Cortes – Absent  
Brad Davis - Absent

Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm. Commissioner Chapple verbally confirmed enough Northeast Area Commissioners were present to conduct business.

### **Meeting Agenda Approval (March 3, 2022)**

- Commissioner Davis made a motion to accept the March 2022 Agenda as written. Commissioner Horston seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous approval.

### **Meeting Minutes Approval (February 10, 2022)**

- Commissioner McDougle-Yakubu made a motion to accept the February, 2022 minutes as written. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous approval.

### **Treasurer’s Financial Report (January, 2022) – Commissioner Kenley**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Transaction</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Memo</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>Beginning Balance: February 1, 2022</b>				<b>\$1,429.58</b>
	Office Supplies (Staples)			\$55.88
<b>Ending Balance: February 28, 2022</b>				<b>\$1,373.70</b>

- Commissioner Horston made a motion to accept the February 2022 Treasurer’s Report as written. Commissioner McDougle-Yakubu seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous approval.

### **CLO Update (Officer Rodney Reed)**

- Soon there will be area district precinct modifications to improve overall utilization of officers
- Criminal activity and vehicle thefts continue to increase in our district
- Officer Reed is securing information about the shooting incident at McDonald’s on Cassady Avenue this week and share details with the Chair Rogers in response to her inquiry
- Most area police precincts have gun locks for distribution to residents (free of charge)

## **Guest Presentations**

- Mark Dravillas and Christopher Lohr (City of Columbus Planning Division)-C2P2 Plan:
  - Distributed a handout illustrating the design guideline for the City Area Plan; the plan also includes an area land use plan (currently being updated)
  - Commissioner Moore stated the City's design guidelines would be a useful tool for the Zoning Committee to use when making recommendations for applications; she made a motion to adopt the City's Design Guidelines to use with our current area plan
  - Commissioner Davis suggested all Commissioners read the document before voting on accepting it for our district use. He outlined concerns relative to Commercial setback definition and possible conflicts between current and modified guidelines if adopted now instead of after the design guidelines are revised
  - Commissioner Moore suggested tabling this discussion and vote until the April meeting to give all Commissioners an opportunity to read the plan
  - Commissioner Kenley seconded tabling this discussion and vote until the April meeting. Motion carried by unanimous approval

## **City of Columbus Representatives Update**

- Sarah Pomeroy, Assistant Attorney (City Attorney's Office)
  - Liquor Abatement Group monthly hearings will resume during the week of 3/7
  - Apartment complex complaints have significantly increased (e.g. Code Violations, etc.)
- De Lena P. Scales, Neighborhood Program Specialist (Department of Neighborhoods)
  - A new online 311 system is being established
  - Upcoming Building and Zoning training will commence (Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>)
  - House Bill 51 was signed by Gov. DeWine permitting all Commissions to hold public meetings online (e.g... Zoom calls)
  - The City-wide in-door mask mandate is scheduled to end on March 7<sup>th</sup>
  - The City of Columbus provided each Commissioner with a Covid test kit; more are available upon request
  - The Treasury Fiscal report for May-December, 2021 is due. The close-out report is due May, 2022 (January-April, 2022)
  - The State of the City Mayor's address will be virtual and takes place soon
  - 211 is offering free tax preparation service to residents (call 211 to schedule)
  - Dept. of Utilities is offering small business assistance for City utility charges (call 614-645-8276 for additional details)
  - Muna Abdi-Harroud (Northside Social Worker) is providing resource assistance for housing, employment, food, education and emergency shelter. She can be reached at 614-645-6807

## **Zoning and Variance Presentations/Reports (Commissioner Moore, Zoning Chair)**

- GC22-003 3100 Easton Square, 43219 – Variance Application (Representative Jeffrey L. Brown)
  - Requesting variance to place "Flight Safety International" signage on building
  - Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the variance for a single sign on a floor level not occupied by the tenant. Commissioner Kenley seconded the motion. Five Commissioners approved; Two Commissioners opposed. Motion carried by majority vote.

- **BZA22-014 2174 Rankin Avenue, 43211** – Variance Application (Representative Matthew C. Dehlendorf)
  - Representative were not in attendance for this discussion
  - Commissioner Moore announced these guests will present their variance request during the April Commission meeting

#### **New Business (Chair Rogers)**

- House Bill 51
  - Governor DeWine signed House Bill 51 which permits Commissioners to hold virtual meetings through June 30, 2022
  - Commissioner Rogers proposed providing permission for her to schedule virtual meetings as needed with a reasonable advance notification period during this timeframe without having a special vote to do so
  - Commissioner Chapple made a motion to permit Chair Rogers to schedule a virtual/zoom meeting if needed through June 30, 2022. Commissioner McDougale-Yakubu seconded the motion. (final vote to occur during the April Commission meeting)
- Election Committee
  - Chair Rogers announced Commissioners Fleming and Musa will again be coordinating Northeast Area Commission election efforts and asked if any others Commissioners would like to assist
  - Commissioner seats expiring in December, 2022 include: Commissioner Porter (provided notice of ending her term), Commissioner Davis (announced his intent to run for another term), Commissioner Kenley (announced his intent to end his term and resign from his Zoning Committee responsibilities) and Commissioner Rayford (no news on his term wishes) Commissioner Chapple agreed to assist the Elections Committee
  - De Lena Scales announced there is already a City-Wide Elections process in place to follow and encouraged the Elections Committee to work with the assigned City Official (Melissa Green) to coordinate election initiatives (e.g. Marketing, Election materials, etc.)

#### **Old Business (Chair Rogers)**

- CV19-125 2803 Fern Avenue; 43211 (Variance request)
  - Commissioner Moore reviewed this property was a garage that was turned into a house and was previously denied approval by the Zoning Committee because the work was started prior to the variance request being submitted. On March 7th, the City of Columbus plans to approve this variance request so the permits can be provided to finish this project. The City of Columbus' expressed their decision in no way undermines the work of the Northeast Area Commission Zoning Committee has done regarding this case.

**District News (Chair Rogers):**

<b>District</b>	<b>Activity Report</b>
Arlington Park I	None
Arlington Park II	Commissioner Moore complimented the Columbus Police Dept. on their due diligence in resolving the murder of Community Muslim Leader Imam Mohamed Hassan Adam
Bridgeview	None
Brunswick Estates	None
Cumberland Ridge	Construction of new businesses (several)
Framingham	Death of Community Muslim Leader (Imam Mohamed Hassan Adam)
Somerset	None
Walnut Creek	Expressed concern about residential flooding; planned dialogue with City Code Enforcement Officer
Willow Springs	None

**Commissioner Training Reminders (Chair Rogers)**

- Budgeting & Physical Management Training: March 19, 2022 (10-11:30a)
  - Training specific to Treasurer, Chair and/or Vice Chair
- Chair Rogers announced from May 1 thru December, 31, 2022, Commissioner Chanel McDougle-Yakubu will assume the role of Secretary and Commissioner Sandra Chapple will assume the role of Treasurer

**Public Comments - Open Floor**

- Resident announced she has received a permit from the City of Columbus to start a Community Garden in the Northeast area (2219 Century Drive-Arlington Park I); she collected names and email information for those interested in assisting with this initiative
- Resident expressed concern about the new Sheetz construction blocking traffic near the intersection of Cassady Avenue-Airpointe Drive. De Lena P. Scales agreed to work with our Zoning Chair (Commissioner Moore) and a City contact to obtain a notice about ongoing construction affecting area traffic and to consult with Officer Reed to coordinate a police presence to keep traffic flowing and eliminate community disturbance

**Meeting Adjournment: 7:58 pm**