

Northeast Area Commission Meeting April 7, 2022

Commissioner Attendance Roll Call:

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

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

Meeting Agenda Approval (April 7, 2022)

- Commissioner Moore made a motion to add the City of Columbus C2P2 plan to tonight’s agenda under “Old Business” so an official vote can be taken.
- Commissioner Porter made a motion to accept the April, 2022 Agenda with the addition of discussion and vote on the City of Columbus C2P2 Plan. Commissioner McDougle-Yakubu seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous approval.

Meeting Minutes Approval (March 3, 2022)

- As an amendment, De Lena Scales (Program Specialist, Dept. of Neighborhoods) mentioned the State of the City address occurred on March 15, 2022, but was referenced in the March minutes as occurring “sometime soon”.
- Commissioner Nicole Horston made a motion to accept the March 3, 2022 minutes with the amendment of the State of the City address as occurring on March 15, 2022. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous approval.

Treasurer’s Financial Report (March, 2022) – Commissioner Kenley

Date	Transaction	Description	Memo	Balance
Beginning Balance: 3/1/2022				\$1,373.70
3/12/2022	Debit	Amazon	Engraved Name Plates	-\$97.63
3/12/2022	Debit	Amazon	Name Plate Holders	-\$41.96
3/12/2022	Debit	Amazon	Monthly Planner	-\$12.88
3/21/2022	Debit	n/a	Merchandise Refund	\$11.40
3/21/2022	Debit	Overnight Prints	Business Cards	-\$22.63
Ending Balance: 3/31/2022				\$1,210.00

- Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the March, 2022 Treasurer’s Report. Commissioner Antwan Horston seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous approval.

Agler Road Bridge Project (Chair Rogers)

- This project was successfully bid out and will be awarded to Complete General Construction on April 6, 2022. A pre-construction meeting will be scheduled to determine the construction process. The planned closure of the Agler Road bridge will occur on June 6, 2022 and will reopen to traffic by the end of October, 2022.

CLO Update (Officer Barbeau)

- Northeast Area Crime Statistics (3/22 thru 4/4/2022):
 - Commercial Burglaries = None
 - Residential Burglaries = 3
 - Auto Thefts = 15
 - Motor Vehicle Thefts = 35 (plans to add additional enforcement to resolve volume increase)
 - Individual Robberies = None
 - Commercial Robberies = None
 - Aggravated Assaults = 1
- In response to an email of concern sent to Officer Reed:
 - The residence at 1818 Bar Harbor (Brittany Hills) is a home for 16-24 year olds with behavioral challenges
 - In 2021, approximately 2 calls per month were received about this home including various disturbances
 - In resolution, the facility has upgraded the home with security and monitoring features which lead to a significant reduction of calls for this address

City of Columbus Representatives Updates

- Sarah Pomeroy, City Attorney's Office:
 - Plans to forward concerns to Rob Tobias (General Counsel) from Commissioner Moore relative to the new area medical marijuana dispensaries on Johnstown Rd. and Cassady Ave. not being 500' apart as stated in their permits to general counsel. Also, Commissioner Moore asked if these dispensaries have to come before the Northeast Area Commission and/or Zoning to introduce their businesses.
 - Commissioner Porter inquired about a couple of home addresses and their possible code violations. Sarah promised to refer Commissioner Porter's concerns to the Code Enforcement Manager for review
- De Lena P. Scales, Neighborhood Program Specialist (Dept. of Neighborhoods):
 - Highlighted the new 311 system, new website and Cbus app; its faster and easier to navigate. Account holders on the old 311 system must set up new accounts on the new 311 system
 - The Community K Program (housing in the Dept. of Neighborhoods) is hosting a Career and Community Fair on April 23rd (10a-1p) at Nationwide Arena. Any student 15 years of age and over seeking Summer employment may find opportunities at this event
 - The Affordable Housing Resource Fair (Saturday, May 14th: 1-4p) at Westgate Community Center. The City Dept. of Social Services will have information about affordable housing and high-quality health care

City of Columbus Representatives Updates (cont'd)

- The Columbus Public Health Department is offering assistance connecting individuals to various benefits:
 - Medicaid/Medicare appointments can be made online at getcoveredamerica.org on Monday's and Wednesday's
 - You must have proof of your mailing address, social security number and any W-2's that you have
 - You may also call (614) 645-6807 to make appointments
 - Offering scheduled COVID-19 vaccine and flu shots to homebound franklin county residents by calling (614) 645-1519
- Stanley Gates, City of Columbus Community Engagement (Director):
 - Clarified there are City Council Members who have diverse backgrounds and provides translation assistance to residents, as well as familiarization with City processes (including Zoning).

Zoning and Variance Reports (Commissioner Moore, Zoning Chair)

- **DEMO 2206577** 2270 Innis Road, 43224 (Demolition approved)
 - Columbus Fire Dept. house used for training which incurred several violations
- **BZA22-029** 3650 Sunbury Road, 43219 – 3 Variances (Variances approved)
 - Representatives Michael Lentz (ASLA) and Brian Winkle (Lincoln Construction)
 - Seventh Day Adventist Church at the corner of Sunbury and McCutcheon Roads
 - Building an addition for extra classrooms
 - Zoning Committee recommends creating sidewalks; will approve when landscaping is complete
 - Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve these variances with the addition of landscaping completion. Commissioner Medina-Cortes seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous approval and individual verbal vote requested by Chair Rogers:
 - Commissioner Porter (Approve)
 - Commissioner Medina-Cortes (Approve)
 - Commissioner Davis (Approve)
 - Commissioner Moore (Approve)
 - Commissioner McDougale-Yakubu (Approve)
 - Commissioner Nicole Horston (Abstain)
 - Commissioner Rogers (Approve)
 - Commissioner Chapple (Approve)
 - Commissioner Fleming (Approve)
 - Commissioner Kenley (Approve)
 - Commissioner Antwan Horston (Approve)
- **BZA22-014** 2174 Rankin Avenue, 43219 (Variance)
 - Representatives Matthew C. Dehlendorf
 - Residential property with multiple violations that were improperly corrected
 - Zoning Committee recommends approval to resolve this variance request and educate the resident going forward on City permit and variance procedures with Commissioner assistance

BZA22-014 (cont'd)

- Commissioner Porter made a motion to approve this variance for completion. Commissioner Medina-Cortes seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous approval and individual verbal vote requested by Chair Rogers:
 - Commissioner Porter (Approve)
 - Commissioner Medina-Cortes (Approve)
 - Commissioner Davis (Approve)
 - Commissioner Moore (Approve)
 - Commissioner McDougale-Yakubu (Approve)
 - Commissioner Nicole Horston (Approve)
 - Commissioner Rogers (Approve)
 - Commissioner Chapple (Approve)
 - Commissioner Fleming (Approve)
 - Commissioner Kenley (Approve)
 - Commissioner Antwan Horston (Approve)

Old Business (Chair Rogers)

- House Bill 51 Official Vote (Gives permission for Chair Rogers to schedule a zoom meeting if necessary):
 - Commissioner Chapple made a motion to permit Chair Rogers to schedule a zoom meeting if needed without contacting all Commissioners individually. Commissioner McDougale-Yakubu seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- Officer role transfers (Chair Rogers):
 - Commissioner Terms ending in December, 2022 are Commissioners Kenley, Porter, Davis and Rayford.
 - Commissioner Chapple will assume the role of Treasurer and Commissioner McDougale-Yakubu will assume the role of Secretary effective May 1, 2022 as voted on during the January, 2022 meeting.
- Commissioner Reminders (Chair Rogers):
 - Suggestion for Commissioners create a separate email address for Northeast Area Commission business only (not required)
 - Email responses to Chair Rogers are important
 - Commission Absence reminders (Excused/Unexcused status will be noted in meeting minutes effective immediately)
 - City of Columbus C2P2 Plan (Land use and design policies used to guide review of areas relating to zoning; includes physical design guidelines, land use policies and land use plans for individual areas):
 - Zoning Committee voted to add this plan to our existing area plan already included in the By-Laws
 - Commissioner Porter made a motion to utilize C2P2 with our current area plan. Commissioner Kenley seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

New Business (Chair Rogers)

- Election Committee
 - Chair Rogers announced Commissioners Fleming, Musa and Chapple comprise the Election Committee.

New Business-Chair Rogers (cont'd)

- Commissioner Chapple mentioned we plan to utilize the pilot election model to implement our election process in August (City-wide elections will occur on August 27, 2022). More details will be provided during a Commission meeting closer to Election Day. Commissioner Nicole Horston expressed her desire to be on the Election committee.
- **Community Projects:**
 - Chair Rogers expressed her interest in partnering with our area communities and businesses to plan a Northeast Area District National Night Out initiative on August 2, 2022. More details to come during future meetings.
 - Commissioner Nicole Horston made a motion to accept August 2, 2022 for our National Night Out Block Watch. Commissioner McDougle-Yakubu seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Announcements

- **District News (Chair Rogers):**

District	Activity Report
Arlington Park I	Commissioner Moore encouraged residents to become generally familiar with the troubled youth facility (1818 Bar Harbor Rd.). The Community Garden in this area has started set up and is clean
Arlington Park II	Concern about area construction blocking residential driveways
Bridgeview	None
Brunswick Estates	Concerns about property trespassing and flooding from Alliance Data property
Cumberland Ridge	Traffic concerns in light of new area businesses
Framingham	None
Somerset	None
Walnut Creek	Announced upcoming Civic Association meeting
Willow Springs	Concern about homes being sold to start troubled youth facilities in the community

- Code Enforcement Training – April 28 (6-8 pm); Zoom mtg.

Public Comments - Open Floor

Meeting Adjournment: 8:20 pm