

Northeast Area Commission Meeting

April 6, 2023

Northeast Area Commissioners Roll Call:

Karen Rogers (Cumberland Ridge): Chair - Present
Karen Brown (Brunswick Estates) – Present
Chanel McDougle-Yakubu (Walnut Creek): Secretary – Absent Excused
Elenora Moore (Arlington Park I): Zoning Chair – Present
Sandra Chapple (At Large): Present
Brad Davis (Bridgeview): Present
Antwan Horston (Arlington Park II): Present
Nicole Horston (At Large): Present
Dr. Dimaris Medina-Cortes (At Large): Present
Kawther H. Musa (Framingham): Absent Excused
Rosaline Mbae (At Large): Present

Chair Rogers called the meeting to order at 6:31pm and reviewed meeting decorum. Commissioner Chapple conducted roll call and verbally confirmed having enough commissioners in attendance for a quorum.

Meeting Agenda Approval/Amendments (April 6, 2023)

- Commissioner Antwan Horston made a motion to accept the April 6, 2023 agenda. Commissioner Medina-Cortes seconded that motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes Approval/Amendments (March 2, 2023)

- Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve the March 2, 2023 meeting minutes. Commissioner Antwan Horston seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Financial Report (March 2, 2023)

Opening Balance & Dates	Transaction Type	Payee	Transaction Description	Balances
March Beginning Balance				\$2,303.49
No Transactional Activity	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00
March Ending Balance				\$2,303.49

- Commissioner Medina-Cortes made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Financial Report for March 2, 2023. Commissioner Moore seconded that motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Community Liaison Officer (CLO): Officer Lisa Barbeau and Office Friday:

- Officer Barbeau reported statistics for the 6th precinct:
 - Commercial Burglaries = 2 (Bank Robbery & Shoplifting)/Morse/Westerville
 - Residential Burglaries = 4
 - Motor Vehicle Thefts = 4 New (Overall 20)
 - 5 (Sandridge area)
 - 4 (Easton area)
 - 2 (Walnut Creed area)
 - 9 (Stelzer Road area Apartment complex)
 - Aggravated Assaults = 2
 - Individual Burglaries = 0
- Officer Friday reported statistics for the Mifflin Township area:
 - Burglaries = 3
 - Robbery = 1
 - Theft = 1

Guest Presentations/Speakers:

- AEP Ohio:
 - Presentation on various outages from 2022; the reasons behind the outages, logistics of why specific neighborhoods were selected for power shut downs, upcoming AEP equipment upgrades and bill increases.
 - There are no issues from the Assistant City Attorney and Code Enforcement Office relative to this planned construction and land
 - Commissioner Medina-Cortes made a motion to approve these land and unit additions. Commissioner Chapple seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous approval.

City of Columbus Representatives Updates:

- **Sarah Pomeroy, Assistant City Attorney (City Attorney's Office):**
 - Attended the last Mobile Home Park meeting
- **Department of Neighborhoods: Neighborhood Program Specialist: DeLena Scales**
 - Reminder: Commission spending last day of 2022-2023 year is April 30, 2023
 - Treasury close-out report is due May 31, 2023

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- The April 26th Networking Event has been moved to May 31, 2023 (6 pm) at the East Market to prevent a conflict with an event Mayor Ginther is hosting on April 26th
- Northeast Area Commission will gain a new Area Liaison; DeLena Scales has accepted another position with Dept. of Neighborhoods. Introduction to the new Liaison will occur during the May, 2023 Commission meeting

Zoning and Variances Presentations/Reports: Zoning Chair Moore:

1. BZA23-0214087 Burnell Circle & 4121-29 Burnell Rd; Columbus, OH 43224 / Representative Atty. Joanne I. Goldhand

- Variance: Seeking to legitimize the current position of a bulk pickup site and a dumpster site on their current site plan. Requesting a variance from 20' to 20' at the westerly side of the 25' to 0' for the bulk storage area at the southerly side
- Commissioner Moore made a motion to to legitimize the current position of a bulk pickup site, as well as the variance from 20' to 20' at the westerly side of the 25' to 0' for the bulk storage area at the southerly side. Commissioner Medina-Cortes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

2. Z23-003 3573 Agler Road; Columbus, OH 43219 / Representative Atty. David Hodge:

- Rezoning request: To develop a site for warehouse, distribution and office use
- Commissioner Davis made a motion to to legitimize the current position of a bulk pickup site, as well as the variance from 20' to 20' at the westerly side of the 25' to 0' for the bulk storage area at the southerly side.
- Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the rezoning request to develop a site for warehouse, distribution and office use with the addition of no marijuana dispensaries. Commissioner Medina-Cortes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

Old Business/Commissioner Announcements (Madam Chair Rogers)

- NAC Election Updates (Commissioner Moore):
 - May 15: Election packets are available (website, facebook or by personal request)
 - June 16: Completed Election Packets are due
 - June 16-20: Election packets are verified by the Election Committee

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- August 26: City-wide Elections takes place (flyers will be distributed in advance)
- Four Commissioner seats are available this year
- Attendance Policy Discussion (Commissioner Chapple):
 - A robust discussion took place on the current attendance policy proposed by former Secretary McDougle-Yakubu (specific cut off time to report absence the day before the monthly meeting)
 - Commissioner Nicole Horston made a motion to follow the attendance policy as already written within the current By Laws. Antwan Horston seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Final: If a Commissioner is not in attendance at the start of the monthly meeting (6:30 pm), he/she will be marked "Absent Unexcused" unless otherwise notified by 6:30 pm (start of the monthly meeting)

New Business/Commissioner Announcements (Madam Chair Rogers)

- Commissioner Shirts (Chair Rogers):
- Review, discussion and decision made on Commissioner Shirts and logo
- Capital Improvements (Chair Rogers):
 - Sewer & Water modifications and street pavements (Brunswick Estates)
 - Street Light additions (Walnut Creek)
 - Addition of Central Air (Howard Recreation Center)
 - Road repavement on Cassady Avenue
 - Widen road on Cassady Avenue & Agler Road to accommodate commercial truck use
 - Install sidewalks on Cassady Avenue
 - Install a right turn only at Speedway on Cassady Avenue
- Commissioner Shirts (Chair Rogers):
 - Review, discussion and decision made on Commissioner Shirts and logo
- Civil Discourse discussion (Chair Rogers)
 - Encouraged Commissioners to sign the Statement of Expectation

Public Comments – Open to Floor:

- Willow Springs resident request assistance from the Commission regarding navigating guidance on unknown neighborhood construction commencing soon. Chair Rogers and other Commissioners plan to follow up with this resident to provide further guidance on their challenge.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm by Madam Chair Karen Rogers.