

*COLUMBUS SOUTH SIDE AREA COMMISSION*

*Tuesday, April 26, 2022, 6:30 pm*

*Minutes*

**Call to Order, Roll Call**

13 Commissioners Present

x Erin Synk - Resident At-Large Commissioner, Public Services Committee

     CSSAC Education Commissioner at Large (vacant)

x Aaron Hopkins – CSSAC At-Large Religious/Social Services

     Carly Maggio – District 1

x Rachel Robinson – District 2

x Thomas Less – District 3

x Ted Welch – District 4

x April Tisby– District 5

x Jim Griffin – District 6

x Cassaundra Patterson – District 7

x Paula Copeland – District 8

x Lillie Banner – District 9

x Curtis Davis – CSSAC At-Large Business Commissioner

     CSSAC At-Large Labor/Worker commissioner (Vacant)

x Kathy Green – PAMA

x Yeshua Cosme, CSSAC Youth-at Large Commissioner

Chair Jim Griffin called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

❖ *Pledge of Allegiance*

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- **Amendments to Agenda**

Chair Griffin motioned to amend agenda to add a report from Cosme. Synk seconded. Amendments approved.

- **Approval of Minutes**

Curtis Davis moved to approve the March 22, 2022 meeting minutes. Synk seconded. Minutes approved.

- **Reading of Correspondence**

No correspondence.

- **City Liaison Report(s) –**

**Catherine Cull, Pride Center;** Catherine stated that every Tuesday there will be a social worker (Twyla Jones) at the Pride Center office from 11 – 1:30 for questions concerning social service issues. In addition, the 311 app has been revamped. Also, the CARE Coalition is celebrating Trauma Informed Awareness Week with community Resilience Walks. The Southside walk is set for May 13 at 6 pm. The community can reach Catherine at 614.216.8789 (cell) and via email at [khcull@columbus.gov](mailto:khcull@columbus.gov).

**Nancy Sully, City Council Liaison;** Nancy reported a city-wide cleanup is scheduled for 9 am April 30. Meet at 105 Park Drive to pick up equipment. Meet Nancy at Barack at 10:30 to return equipment. Columbus Promise, the program created for Columbus high school students, still exists. If you graduate from a Columbus High School, you can go to Columbus State for two years tuition free. They even pay for books.

### **Community Development for All People Report – Dr. Kaitlin Hansen, PhD;**

- It is Freedom School season and the organization is hiring interns.
- Jenkin's lofts apartments are available.
- Bikes for All People is hiring.
- CDFAP had a Thrive to Five party last Friday.
- The Southside Café may be opening in June.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

- **Zoning,** Curtis Davis Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays @9:00am at site locations for review of pending applications. Curtis motioned to add Carly Maggio to the Zoning Committee. Synk seconded. Motion approved.

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- a) Demolitions: 33 W. Morrill Ave and 1905 Bucher Street
  - b) Variances:
    1. 654 E. Mithoff Street: Vacant lot with street trees. Proposal will construct a 3-unit dwelling. Six variances. City approved all. Zoning Committee voted 5 – 0 with one abstention. Less motioned to approve. Welch seconded. Motion carried 12 – 0 with one abstention.
    2. 458 E. Whittier Street. Variance for a non-conforming property. Civic and zoning committee approved. Welch motioned to approve. Cosme seconded. Motion carried 12 – 0 with one abstention.
    3. 373 Thurman. Civic and zoning committee approved. Less motioned to approve. Welch seconded. Motion carried.
    4. 116 Moler Street. Civic and zoning committee approved. Cosme motioned to approve. Less seconded. Motion carried.
- **Education**, (Vacant), meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. No report
  - **PAMA**, Kathy Green. No report.
  - **Safety, Health, Welfare and Equity**, (Vacant), meets 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month. No report.
    - **Public Services/ Planning**, Erin Synk – meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday @ 6:00 pm, @ Library. The committee is looking at the Lockbourne and Smith Road intersection and safety issues for pedestrians, especially because looking at safety issues with the new apartment construction occurring right at that corner. They are working with the city regarding changes to street sweeping and replacing the 300-gallon trash cans (which have disappeared), and the Community Crime Patrol (CCP) contract. Would like to see their patrol routes extended to where there is more need.
    - **Public Relations**, Kathy Green – Kathy has been looking at issues with the web site and other social media sites. Needs to work out priorities for posts and photos. She also wants to add a calendar for neighborhood cleanups, garden tours and festivals. She is also working on a

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project with OSU students who are creating stickers with QR codes, which when scanned, leads to Link Tree, with various social links. Polo shirts are in! Avenue for All planning is starting.

- **Religious Services**, Rev. Aaron Hopkins – On April 30, Stowe Mission will be hosting a community cleanup on Parsons Ave. Will be using Franklin County jail offenders to help. Council member Remy has provided urban farmers with young folks for 8 weeks over the summer, teaching them environmental awareness and sustainable agriculture. They will be beginning the second week of June. We have reached out to students at South High School to help us with this project.
- **Substance Abuse Solutions Committee**, Anne Stewart – No report.
- **Youth Commissioner**, Yesh Cosme – Cosme reported that since the opening of the Open Shelter, Ganther’s Place is experiencing an increase in random drive-by shootings and people breaking into vehicles. There has also been an increase in outdoor drug and alcohol use. Homeless people have been harassing customers and staff at Community Grounds.

### **Reports of Officers:**

- **Report from the Chair**, Chair Jim Griffin stated he is still looking for people to fill the Education and Labor at-large commission seats.
- **Fiscal Report:** Cassandra Patterson reported that we have \$1,962.97 in our account. There were two expenditures, one for \$312.93 (Zoom) and another for \$475.32 (polo shirts).
- **Informal & Public Presentations:** Monica Cerrezuela, from ADAMH, announced that the organization is developing a mental health and addiction crisis center on Harmon Avenue for the community. The center will offer three levels of care, including walk-in services, 23-hour observation, and inpatient care. There will be pharmacy services available and a family resource center.

Heidi Carr from the City Attorney’s office, spoke about the work she is doing on “problem properties” such as drug houses, corner markets and apartment complexes, such as 507 – 509 Thurman. That particular property is set for status hearing on May 2 at 11 am

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concerning the violations. If owners are uncooperative, we can issue injunctions. The end result may be receivership. 1509 Lockbourne (Mobil Gas Station) is still in court and will be going under a permanent injunction at the next court hearing.

- **Public Comments & Announcements:** May 14, 2022 is a work/clean up day at the Fruit Park. Talent show auditions April 28 and Thursday May 3 at Barack. Looking for a Commissioner who may want to be a judge.
  
- **District Reports:**
  - District 1 – Carly Maggio, Schumacher Place: 6:30pm, 1st Tuesday 1113 Parsons Ave (Library);
  
  - District 2 – Rachel Robinson, Southern Orchards, 6PM, 1st Tuesday, Stowe Baptist Church, 888 Parsons Avenue. Have created a beautification/gardening committee to raise funds for beautification. Garden Tour on June 12.
  
  - District 3 – Tom Less, 7PM, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, St. Paul United Church of Christ, 225 E. Gates Street; Garden Tour on July 10; Fitness in the Park on Saturday mornings at 9 am (beginning in May); Festival will be in September. Also painting a mural on the new bar Rumers (used to be Daddys) on the morning of April 30. Music and food.
  
  - District 4 – Ted Welch, SSCAN, 6:30 PM, 2nd Monday, Residences at Career Gateway (RCG), 747 Whitter Ave; Edgewood Civic & T has been allocated to Thurman Square, 7 PM, 2nd Tuesday, Corpus Christi Church, 1111 Stewart Ave; Ganther’s Place, 6 PM 4th Thursday of the month. South Central Commons’ Spaghetti Dinner will be Saturday May 7, 2022, from 5 – 7 pm at the Thurman Avenue United Methodist Church. Ted also holds office hours for residents and community leaders of District 4 on Mondays and Tuesdays, from 10 – noon or by appointment , 614.946.2247.
  
  - District 5 – April Tisby: Deshler Park Civic Association, 3rd Thursday, Fruit of the Spirit Church, 1355 Frebis Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43206. No report.

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- District 6 – Jim Griffin: Vassor Village Civic Association 7PM, Barack Recreation Center, 580 E Woodrow Ave. Working the arts festival the second weekend in June. Will have a Garden Tour July 10 and a community clean up in May.
- District 7 – Cassandra Patterson: Innis Gardens Village Civic Association, 6:30PM, 3rd Thursday, Smyrna Baptist Church 1650 Wilson Avenue. No report.
- District 8 – Paula Copeland: Hungarian Village Society, 7pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at @ Tara Hall, 274 E. Innis Ave. No report.
- District 9 – Lillie Banner: Reeb-Hosack/Steelton Village Association, 6:30pm, 2nd Tuesday, Resurrection Missionary Baptist Church, 258 Hosack St. Planning cleanups for every Saturday in May.

**New Business:** None

**Adjournment & Next Meeting:** Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm. Next meeting May 24, 2022, 6:30 pm.

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