

COLUMBUS SOUTH SIDE AREA COMMISSION

Tuesday, APRIL 27, 2021, 6:30 pm, via ZOOM

Minutes

Call to Order, Roll Call

14 Commissioners Present

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

x Michael Alcock – CSSAC Education Commissioner at Large

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

x Adam Cohn – District 1

x Robinson – District 2

x Thomas Less – District 3

x Ted Welch – District 4

_____ April Tisby– District 5

x Jim Griffin – District 6

_____ Cassaundra Patterson – District 7

x Paula Copeland – District 8

x Lillie Banner – District 9

x Curtis Davis – CSSAC At-Large Business Commissioner

x Liliana Baiman – CSSAC At-Large Labor/Worker commissioner

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**

None.

- **Approval of Minutes**

Curtis Davis moved to approve March 23, 2021 meeting minutes; Alcock seconded; motion carried.

- **Reading of Correspondence**

No correspondence.

- **City Liaison Report(s) –**

Beth Fairman Kinney, Pride Center;

- Beth reported that “no appointment necessary” COVID vaccines are available through Columbus Public Health. There is also a special clinic at Marian Franklin Recreation Center. Call 614.645.1519 for more information.
- Parks and Recreation is asking for community input for reopening public pools. Go to columbusaquatics.org and complete the Aquatics Survey. Also, reserve time for open swim as pools are now open.
- Safe Streets program is in training.
- The next Community Roundtable will be March 25 at 5:30 via Webex. Columbus Public Health will be the guest speaker
- The Zoning Code Update Survey must be completed until May 1.

Nancy Sully, City Council Liaison;

- Nancy announced that the first Council Community Meeting for the year will be held virtually on the Northside on Wednesday April 28. All are welcome to attend.

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

- Community Development for All People, Thrive to Five Initiative gathering will be on May 14 at the Connection Center.
- They are beginning enrollments for Freedom School. Sign up on their website.

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- They will also be offering vaccines at their facility starting next Tuesday, 9 – 11:30 am. Walk ins are welcome.
- The tax clinic will continue until mid-May.

Standing Committee Reports

- **Zoning**, Curtis Davis Meets 2nd Saturdays @10:00am at site locations for review of pending applications.

Demolitions: 470 Jackson Street and 1363 S. Fifth.

Variances: 611 East Livingston Avenue. Nationwide Children’s Hospital wants to add parcels C-26, C-27, C-28, and C-29 to expand the Ronald McDonald House. Civic voted to approve with one abstention. Zoning Committee had not voted yet so Yesh Cosme moved to table the CSSAC vote for this month. Robinson seconded; motion carried, no opposed.

27 West Jenkins. Permit monument sign along Wall Street. The civic voted 11 – 0 in favor. Zoning Committee voted 9 – 0 in favor. Less motioned to approve; Green seconded; motion carried, no opposed.

- **Education**, Mike Alcock, meets 3rd Monday of each month. Mike discussed community involvement in the CPS Facilities Master Plan. South High School and Marian Franklin High School are in Region 3. The goal of the plan is to make recommendations to the school board concerning building demotions, renovations, and school closings. Once the Plan is approved, funding for facilities improvement will be on the November 2022 ballot. Mike is also excited that Nick Cassale, a teacher at South High School, has joined the education committee.
- **Safety, Health, Welfare and Equity**, Tom Less, meets 4th Thursday of each month. Tom reported that his committee did meet last month. He reminded everyone that the training list is due by next month’s meeting. Nationwide Children’s Hospital is looking for information on the stability of housing, income, and food in our community.

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- **Public Services/ Planning**, Erin Synk – meets 3rd Wednesday @ 6:00 pm, @ Library. Erin reported that 12 potential projects were collected during the Capital Building Project survey period. Nancy Sully warned everyone not to get hopes up, because none of these projects may be approved. Erin also informed us that the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices is under review, which governs pavement markings and traffic light designs for traffic safety at intersections. Our community is always looking for traffic calming devices and the current manual does not address this concern. The public comment period ends on May 14. Tom Less motioned that CSSAC write a letter to MUTCD, listing our concerns for traffic and pedestrian safety in our community. Mike Alcock seconded; motion carried; all in favor. Erin was appointed to write the letter.
- **Public Relations**, Adam Cohn – Adam reported that his committee spent \$50 to run a FB add promoting the web site for 5 days. This increased traffic on the CSSAC website significantly. They also spent \$20 promoting tonight’s meeting. Didn’t get as big of a response to that ad. They are also looking into sandwich board signs that promote CSSAC meetings and elections, print more business cards, and order t-shirts. The remaining money in the budget needs to be spent by April 30.
- **Religious Services**, Rev. Aaron Hopkins – No report.
- **Substance Abuse Solutions Committee**, Anne Stewart – No report.

Reports of Officers:

- **Report from the Chair**, In Cassandra’s absence, Jim reiterated that the remaining money in the budget needs to be spent by April 30. He also stated that Rob Leis has moved out of the neighborhood, and is resigning his committee assignments. This leaves an opening on the Zoning Committee for a Schumacher Place representative.
- **Fiscal Report:** See above.
- **Informal & Public Presentations:**
Lt. Isaac Tolliver, who works with RREACT, a rapid response team for all non-fatal overdoses. The team has about 20 members, including CPD and the CFD. Tolliver spoke

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about pop-up training events offering interested folks the opportunity to learn how to use Narcan to save a life. The Narcan kits are free to the public and are distributed by Columbus Public Health or Franklin County Public Health. Narcan is easy to administer. It comes as a nasal spray; spray in the victim's nose and call 911. Email contact: rreact@columbus.gov.

Sarah Lenkey of Southside Thrive spoke about the 2020 Partner Impact Report. The project has three aims. The first is supporting southside residents with housing, including mitigating evictions. Eleven new homes have been built and the project has funded \$1.8 million in rental assistance. Secondly, they assist residents with economic mobility which includes job skill training for jobs where the median hourly rate is over \$15. In addition, they promote food stability, offering emergency food assistance for those who are struggling. Lastly, they address health insurance issues by making referrals to health insurance enrollment programs and offering help with prescriptions.

- **Public Comments & Announcements:** None.

- **District Reports:**
 - District 1 – Adam Cohn, Schumacher Place: 6:30pm, 1st Tuesday 1113 Parsons Ave (Library); Adam reported that at their monthly meeting on May 4, Kathy Green will discuss PAMA.

 - District 2 – Rachel Robinson, Southern Orchards, 6PM, 1st Tuesday, Stowe Baptist Church, 888 Parsons Avenue; no report.

 - District 3 – Tom Less, 7PM, 1st Wednesday, St. Paul United Church of Christ, 225 E. Gates Street; Tom reported that the Southside Market, sponsored by Wanderlust Studio, will be open every Saturday beginning May 1 to August 28th. Hours are 9 am to 2 pm. Erin added that the Merion Village Spring Yard Sale is scheduled for this coming Saturday.

 - 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

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Thursday. Ted reported that Edgewood would begin monthly meetings in May. He also reported that the group is doing community clean-ups.

- District 5 – April Tisby: Deshler Park Civic Association, 3rd Thursday, Alvis House 1755 Alum Creek, Columbus, Ohio 43206. No report.
- District 6 – Jim Griffin: Vassor Village Civic Association 7PM, Barack Recreation Center, 580 E Woodrow Ave. Jim reported they have scheduled their neighborhood cleanup for May 8.
- 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, 2nd 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. Lillie reported that the civic was able to clean up a huge illegal dump site with the aid of city attorneys Christopher Clark and Tiara Ross, who filed all the needed paperwork.

New Business: None

Adjournment & Next Meeting: Motion to adjourn. Next meeting May 25, 2021, 6:30 pm via zoom.

Davis motioned to adjoin. Meeting Adjourned at 8:13 pm.

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