

# COLUMBUS SOUTH SIDE AREA COMMISSION

Minutes

Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 6:30 pm

## Call to Order, Roll Call

- 9 Commissioners Present
- X Claudia Marshall – At-Large Education Commissioner  
X Aaron Hopkins – At-Large Religious/Social Services Commissioner  
X Carly Maggio – District 1  
X Rachel Robinson – District 2  
Thomas Less – District 3  
X Ted Welch – District 4  
District 5 (Vacant)  
X Jim Griffin – District 6  
X Cassandra Patterson – District 7  
District 8 (Vacant)  
X Lillie Banner – District 9  
At-Large Business Commissioner (Vacant)  
At-Large Labor/Worker Commissioner (Vacant)  
Kathy Green – PAMA  
x Yeshua Cosme, At-Large Youth Commissioner

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

## ❖ *Pledge of Allegiance*

**Amendments to Agenda.** None

**Approval of Minutes.** Motion to approve the December 20, 2022 meeting minutes. 1<sup>st</sup> Cassandra Patterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Aaron Hopkins. Minutes approved.

**Reading of Correspondence.** No correspondence.

**City Liaison Report – Katherine Cull, Pride Center.** CPD's new Community Liaison Officer Jeffrey Kennedy, will hold a meet and greet on 1/19/2023 at 11-12pm. The Commissioner training schedule will come out next week. Her January "Coffee and Conversation" will host the Franklin County Office on Aging and the February C&C will focus on safety-related concerns. Beth Fairman Kinney's last day as a City employee is 1/20/2023.

**Nancy Pryor Sully, City Council Liaison.** No report.

**Katelin Hansen, PhD, Community Development for All People.** Employment opportunities with CD4AP: Servant Leader Interns; Bikes 4 All People needs a bike mechanic; position at the Free Store. The South End Café will open mid-February. Online applications for the Neighborhood Leadership Academy are open at 4allpeople.org and all deadlines are in March. The Warming Center is up and running hosting 60 people per night. The Cleaner Columbus program is ongoing, let Katelin Hansen know if there are hot spots that need trash picked up. The Youth and Community Empowerment grant awards are going out. Katelin Hansen was CD4AP's Director of Operations and is now in the position of Chief Financial Officer.

**Kathy Green/Carly Maggio, Zoning Committee.**

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- 1872 Pearl St. to be removed from zoning list.
- 671 E. Gate – Application for variances to conform to existing building. District 4 and Zoning Committee approved. Motion to approve. 1<sup>st</sup> Ted Welch, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cassandra Patterson. All in favor, none opposed, none abstained. Motion pass.
- 359 E. Markison Ave. - Demolition application. Approved.

#### **Claudia Marshall, Education.**

Spoke with FA and told about things to help students – snacks, hygiene. “Stay in the Game” Have a parent teacher conference note. Have location where kids can wash clothes. Will invite her / security person come to talk.

**PAMA**, Kathy Green – No report.

**Safety, Health, Welfare and Equity**, (Vacant) - No report.

**Public Services/ Planning**, Erin Synk – meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday @ 6:00 pm, @ Library. No report.

**Public Relations**, Rachel Robinson – meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday @ 6:30 pm, @ Library. No report

**Religious / Social Services**, Min. Aaron Hopkins –

- On 1/16/2023, the City held MLK events and SSCAN held a day of service: pre-mulching, picking up, helping Franklinton Farms.
- South High School and “I Am My Brother’s Keeper” program beginning with 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Min. Hopkins made a contact at South High to talk about youth stewardship. He would like South High to a Stem Academy.
- Greater Columbus Growing Coalition at St. Stephens Community House working with Linden Stem Academy that has a relationship with Future Farmers of America and in 2022, grew 8000 pounds of food on 12 city land bank properties and distributed the food throughout the City.
- At Southside Thrive, Min. Hopkins attended a workshop for churches to establish congregations to help people deal with drug addiction.

**Youth Commissioner**, Yesh Cosme – No report.

**Election Committee**, Jim Griffin

Nominations.

Chair – Aaron Hopkins nominated Jim Griffin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ted Welch.

Vice Chair – Jim Griffin nominated Kathy Green, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ted Welch.

Secretary – Jim Griffin nominated Rachel Robinson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ted Welch.

Fiscal agent – Jim Griffin nominated Cassandra Patterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ted Welch.

Motion by acclamation to approve officers. Motion passed.

#### **Reports of Officers**

- Report from the Chair -no report.
- Fiscal Report - Treasurer Patterson gave the fiscal report. Our current balance is \$1,647.98. No expenditures.

**Informal & Public Presentations.** None.

#### **District Reports**

- District 1 – Carly Maggio, Schumacher Place: 6:30pm, 1st Tuesday, 1113 Parsons Ave (Library);

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No report.

- District 2 – Rachel Robinson, Southern Orchards, 6PM, 1st Tuesday, 966 Oakwood Avenue (Family Missionary Baptist Church). No report.
- District 3 – Tom Less, 7PM, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, virtual meeting. No report.
- District 4 – Ted Welch, SSCAN, 6:30 PM, 2nd Monday, Residences at Career Gateway (RCG), 747 Whitter Ave; Edgewood Civic &, 7 PM, 2nd Tuesday, Corpus Christi Church, 1111 Stewart Ave; Ganther's Place, 6 PM 4th Thursday of the month. Edgewood Civic elected officers and Ted Welch was elected Chief Executive Officer. South Central Commons is up and running and are they are phenomenal. Edgewood Civic received a grant from CD4AP for a 2x4 garden box with soil and will use students from South High to grow garden.
- District 5 – (Vacant): Deshler Park Civic Association, 3rd Thursday, Fruit of the Spirit Church, 1355 Frebis Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43206. No report. Maudie Grace has not received letter from City or has not been sworn in as Commissioner yet. Deshler Park had not had its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the year yet. Maudie Grace been working with Health Department on Parsons. She has chickens and she gives out free eggs.
- District 6 – Jim Griffin: Vassor Village Civic Association 7PM, Barack Recreation Center, 580 E Woodrow Ave. No report.
- District 7 – Cassandra Patterson: Innis Gardens Village Civic Association, 6:30PM, 3rd Thursday, Barack Community Center, 580 E. Woodrow Ave. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting this week.
- ~~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, 4:30pm, 2nd Tuesday, Resurrection Missionary Baptist Church, 258 Hosack St. and via zoom. Reeb-Hosack met last week. They are putting information together about vacant houses to hold a meeting with the City Attorney. The Reeb Center is holding a Community Fair on 1/25/2023 from 2-6pm,

**New Business:** None

**Public Comments & Announcements:** None

**Motion to Adjourn.** 1<sup>st</sup> Jim Griffin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ted Welch. Meeting adjourned.

**Next Meeting:** February 28, 2023, 6:30 pm.

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