

# COLUMBUS SOUTH SIDE AREA COMMISSION

Tuesday, June 27, 2023 6:30

## MINUTES

### Call to Order, Roll Call

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

2. Amendments to Agenda - Amend order of agenda because the zoning applicant will be late.
3. Approval of May 23, 2023 Minutes. 1st Jim Griffin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Maude Grace.
4. Katherine Cull, City Liaison report. On June 28, a virtual Commissioner training will be held on three city programs: My Brother's Keeper, New Americans, and Black Girl Rising. On July 27, the Office on Violence Prevention will attend the Coffee & Conversation meeting.
5. Nancy Pryor Sully, City Council Liaison report. June is recognized as Caribbean Heritage month. On June 28, Councilmember Remy will hold a public safety community conversation. On July 12, Councilmember Favor will hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Housing for All" event at Columbus State Community College.
6. Katelyn Hanson Church for All People report. Thanked everyone for attending the "Avenue for All" event. On June 29, C4AP will hold "Party on the Plaza" (a mini-Avenue for All event) at All Peoples Fresh Market. On August 12, C4AP will hold "Opening to Grace" event to bring healing through congregation. On September 23-25, C4AP will hold the "All People Conference" to explore the intersectionality of identity
7. Standing Committee Reports:
  - a) Education – Claudia Marshall. Columbus State Community College and TechCorps is offering youth "IT on Ramp" a two-week program where the youth will learn to code video games, mobile app, and develop a website and a six-week Summer Youth Employment Program for TANF-eligible students to earn up \$2770 while gaining job experience and valuable skills. Maudie Grace asked whether have they discussed how to impact youth besides technological

skills. She said the youth today cannot talk to people or handle disputes without guns, and they are always on their phone. Claudia Marshall said they are trying to use technology to bring in and interest the youth.

b) Public Services & Planning – Justin Soltesz. The City started weekly recycling and the days for picking up recycling may have changed.

c) Public Relations – Rachel Robinson. Delivered the CSSAC promotional materials: hats, shirts, yard-signs (meeting announcement and election announcement).

d) Youth – Yesh Cosme. Ganther’s Place is holding its Garden Tour on Sat. July 30.

#### 8. Reports of Officers

a) Chair – Jim Griffin. No report.

b) Fiscal – Cassandra Patterson. Jim reported that the Commissioners need to provide budget requests to Cassandra Patterson before June 30. CSSAC budget funds may not be spent on food or drink.

#### 9.) Informal & Public Presentations

a) Franklin County Auditor’s Office - Jeff O’Grady. The Auditor has an outreach team to educate residents on the property tax appraisal, homestead exemption. They are holding three reappraisal pop-ups. One will be held on August 2 at the Parsons Library with five tables of Auditor Staff. The tentative values will be published in August. There are new mapping features on the Auditor’s website. Maudie Grace asked when will Auditor waive the dog license fees for seniors. Jim O’Grady said he had no idea.

#### 10.) District Reports:

a) District 1 Schumacher Place: 1st Tuesday, virtual meetings, 6:30pm. No report.

b) District 2 Southern Orchards: 1st Tuesday @ Family Missionary Baptist Church, 966 Oakwood, 6:00 pm. No report.

c) District 3 Merion Village: 1st Wednesday, virtual meetings, 7 pm. No report.

d) District 4 Southside CAN, Ganther’s Place, Edgewood Acres: SSCAN-2nd Monday @ Residences at Career Gateway, 7:00pm; GP-4th Thursday @ Residences at Career Gateway, 6:00pm; EA-2nd Tuesday @ Corpus Christi, 1111 E. Stewart Ave, 7:00pm. No report.

e) District 5 Deshler Park: 3rd Thursday @ Fruit of the Spirit Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 1355 Frebis Avenue, 6:00pm. No report.

f) District 6 Vassor Village: 1st Wednesday @ Barack Recreation Center, 7:00pm. No report.

g) District 7 Innis Gardens Village: 3rd Thursday @ Barack Recreation Center, 580 E. Woodrow Ave.; 6:00pm. (No December Meeting) No report.

h) District 8 Hungarian Village: 2nd Wednesday @ Tara Hall, 274 E. Innis, 7:00pm. No report.

i) District 9 Reeb Hosack: 2nd Tuesday @ Resurrection Missionary Baptist Church, 258 Hosack St, 6:30pm

#### 11. Kathy Green / Carly Maggio - Zoning Committee.

- 260 Reeb Ave. Variance application to construct a multi-family residence in a residential area. Applicant did not attend. Carly Maggio presented the request to use a former church rectory to provide 10 bedrooms, 5 and ½ bath residence for formerly incarcerated people.

- Reeb Hosack and Zoning Committee approved.

Motion to approve application. 1<sup>st</sup> Carly Maggio, 2<sup>nd</sup> Yeshua Cosme. Motion passed.

12. Executive Committee Meeting Day is Saturday prior to Commission meeting.

13. Public Comments & Announcements. No report.

14. Adjournment.