

COLUMBUS SOUTH SIDE AREA COMMISSION

Tuesday, June 28, 2022, 6:30 pm

Minutes

Call to Order, Roll Call

12 Commissioners Present

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

 CSSAC Education Commissioner at Large (vacant)

 Aaron Hopkins – CSSAC At-Large Religious/Social Services

x Carly Maggio – District 1 -

x Rachel Robinson – District 2

x Thomas Less – District 3

x Ted Welch – District 4

 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**

There were two proposed amendments: 1) add 1290 Lockbourne Road for approval as a landbank property, and 2) appoint Claudia Marshall as Education Chair. Chair Griffin motion to approve amendments; Davis seconded; amendments approved.

- **Approval of Minutes**

Erin Synk moved to approve the May 24, 2022 meeting minutes. Davis seconded. Minutes approved.

- **Reading of Correspondence**

No correspondence.

- **City Liaison Report(s) –**

Katherine Cull, Pride Center; Katherine announced that National Night Out Grants are due July 8. The next Area Commission Training will be held on July 16; topic: Engaging New Americans. Mayor Ginther has released the Capital Improvement Budget. Thursday, June 23, the staff at 311 met with the community at the Reeb Ave. Center to explain the new 311 system. Columbus Parks and Recreation is again sponsoring free lunches for children. The community can reach Katherine at 614.216.8789 (cell) and via email at khcull@columbus.gov.

Nancy Sully, City Council Liaison; Nancy announced The Housing for All Town Hall Event for Wednesday 6/29. The Capital Budget hearing for the South Side will begin July 12, 4 – 5 pm, at the Family Missionary Baptist Church.

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

- Kaitlyn announced we had a great avenue for all event on June 11. The passport system was really successful and coupons are being redeemed.
- The Freedom School still needs student leader interns.
- The Summer Emergency Rental assistance backlog is getting caught up.
- Soup for the Soul offers sandwiches and soup for the community at 3 pm every Friday
- Mike Premo has been named new director of Community Development 4 All People.

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Standing Committee Reports

- **Zoning**, Curtis Davis Meets 2nd Saturdays @9:00am at site locations for review of pending applications.
 - a) Demolitions: 761 Gilbert and 458 E. Whittier.
 - b) Variances:
 1. 1290 Lockbourne Road. Landbank property to be sold to build a new home. Civic had no objections. Welch motioned to approve. Synk seconded. Motion carried.
 2. 921 S. Champion. Two phase development. The gravel lot in rear must be paved within 5 years. The civic approved this plan. Cosme motioned to approve. Robinson seconded. Motion carried.
- **Education**, (Vacant), meets 3rd Monday of each month. No report
- **PAMA**, See Public Relations
- **Safety, Health, Welfare and Equity**, (Vacant), meets 4th Thursday of each month. No report.
- **Public Services/ Planning**, Erin Synk – meets 3rd Wednesday @ 6:00 pm, @ Library. Erin reported that she sent out the city's resurfacing package for the streets on the South Side. So, please let her know of streets that need work. At their next meeting, the city vendor for the Frebis Avenue study will be present to provide information and get public input. In September, Officer Medley will be present to talk about community crime control.
- **Public Relations**, Kathy Green – Kathy Green reported that we gave away all our swag at Avenue for All and will need to start replacing items and printing new commission maps/cards. She has created an event calendar for July for the website. Email her with event info.
- **Religious Services**, Rev. Aaron Hopkins – No report.

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- **Substance Abuse Solutions Committee**, Anne Stewart – No report.
- **Youth Commissioner**, Yesh Cosme – Yesh reported that every Saturday, he will be at Moeller Park from 9:45 – 10:45 am serving cold brew, chai, and hot coffee after Yoga in the Park.
- **Bylaws Committee**, Tom Less – Tom reported he has sent a copy with proposals to the committee. Changes are functional. The quorum requirement will be 60%. The Commission will vote to approve the bylaws at the September meeting.

Reports of Officers:

- **Report from the Chair**, Chair Jim Griffin appointed Claudia Marshall to the Education seat. Synk moved to approve; Davis seconded. Motion approved. The Chair also moved to appoint Rachel Robinson to the Public Relations Committee. Davis seconded. Motion carried.
- **Fiscal Report:** Cassandra Patterson sent out a draft budget. She discussed ideas for allocations in the new budget. Discussion of reallocating \$230 to training. Synk motioned to approve the draft budget; Davis seconded. Motion carried.
- **Informal & Public Presentations:** Columbus Landmarks wants to set up a historical tour of the South Side and is asking community members to provide idea for tours and to volunteer to serve as tour guides. For more information, contact tcobb@columbuslandmarks.org.
- **Public Comments & Announcements:** None.
- **District Reports:**
 - District 1 – Carly Maggio, Schumacher Place: 6:30pm, 1st Tuesday, 1113 Parsons Ave (Library); No report.

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- District 2 – Rachel Robinson, Southern Orchards, 6PM, 1st Tuesday, 1113 Parsons Ave (Library). Rachel reported they had a successful Garden Tour and will have their National Night Out event on August 2.
- District 3 – Tom Less, 7PM, 1st Wednesday, St. Paul United Church of Christ, 225 E. Gates Street; New mural at Rumors on Stewart and parsons in finished. Their garden tour will be in July and the Annual Festival in Moeller Park will be in September.
- 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. District 4 received notice of two variance requests for 1062 Deshler. The court is expected to approve receivership of 507-509 Thurman on July 15, 2022. Ted has been working with the Kingdom Power Baptist Church and their meals program. Ted is working to restore his weekly office hours.
- District 5 – April Tisby: Deshler Park Civic Association, 3rd Thursday, Fruit of the Spirit Church, 1355 Frebis Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43206. No report.
- District 6 – Jim Griffin: Vassor Village Civic Association 7PM, Barack Recreation Center, 580 E Woodrow Ave. Jim reported they had a great time at the Arts Festival. The weather for their Garden Tour was fantastic. There will be a community garage sale on July 9.
- District 7 – Cassandra Patterson: Innis Gardens Village Civic Association, 6:30PM, 3rd Thursday, Barack Community Center, 580 E. Woodrow Ave.
- District 8 – Paula Copeland: Hungarian Village Society, 7pm, 2nd Wednesday at @ Tara Hall, 274 E. Innis Ave. Paula announced their first Porch Party will be July 13 @ Tom and Mindy’s home at 241 E. Hinman.
- District 9 – Lillie Banner: Reeb-Hosack/Steelton Village Association, 6:30pm, 2nd Tuesday, Resurrection Missionary Baptist Church, 258 Hosack St. Lillie said the

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community is still dealing with homeless camp issues. July 5th and 17th have been set for the Fat Tuesday event at Lions Park. They will have their National Night Out on August 2.

New Business: Curtis Davis is retiring as Chair of the Zoning Committee.

Adjournment & Next Meeting: Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm. Next meeting July 26, 2022, 6:30 pm.