

COLUMBUS SOUTH SIDE AREA COMMISSION

Tuesday, March 28, 2023 6:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

*** Please Remember to Silence Your Cell Phones***

The CSSAC will adhere to 3-minute time limit for speakers during discussion. For zoning issues, anyone wishing to address the CSSAC is required to complete a Speaker Form prior to the meeting.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance – 10 present

District 1	Present
District 2	Not Present
District 3	Present
District 4	Present
District 5	Present
District 6	Present
District 7	Present
District 8	Vacant
District 9	Present
District 10	Not Present
Business At Large	Vacant
PAMA	Present
Youth	Present
Religious and Social Services	Not Present
Resident at Large	Present
Education	Present

2. Amendments to Agenda

- None

3. Approval of Minutes

- February minutes to be approved at April Meeting

4. Reading of Correspondence

- None

5. City Liaison Reports

Katherine Cull

- City Attorney Training takes place Wednesday
- South Side Thrive will be producing a calendar, asking for civic corrections and input
- Councilmember Remy hosting a trash cleanup event at Wolfe Park
- ZoneIn Update - Monday April 10, 11-12 via Webex
- 311 has expanded staffing, including full time at Reeb Center for in person; calls available until 7 pm

Nancy Pryor Sully

- Medicaid outreach – make sure they are set up and on plan by Friday the 31st

6. Church for All People

- Neighborhood Leadership Academy – Applications due this Friday the 31st
- Financial literacy/wellness classes – March 2 (Credit), April 6 (Investing), May 4 (Home Ownership), June 1 – Starting a Business; 12-1 pm, 1st Thursday of the Month, 911 Parsons Avenue
- Easter Egg Hunt upcoming, Saturday April 8, 10 am; Kobacker Park; 570 E Kossuth St
- Tax Clinics – assistance/clinics for tax services, by appointment, for those making less than \$65,000, Fridays Feb 6 through April 15; 911 Parsons Avenue, 9 am – 4 pm

7. Standing Committee Reports:

a) Zoning, Kathy Green/Carly Maggio –

- 1872 South Pearl Street
 - Application is Tabled
- 1048 Parsons Avenue
 - Welch: motion to approve
 - Banner: seconds motion
 - Motion Passes 10 (approved)-0 (not approved) – 0
- 601 Frebis Avenue
 - Rezoning & Setback; setback was 25' to 16', now 25' to 22'
 - Tree requirement variance removed
 - Green: motion to approve
 - Welch: seconds motion
 - Passes 10-0-0
- 785 East Woodrow Avenue
 - Application is Tabled
- 1403 South Fourth Street,
 - Welch: motion to approve
 - Patterson: seconds motion
 - Motion Passes 10-0-0

- 146 East Mithoff Street
 - Maggio: motion to approve
 - Cosme: seconds motion
 - Motion Passes 10-0-0
 - Demolitions – 959 Linwood Avenue, 1291 Wilson Avenue, 279 Hosack Street – No objections
 - Proposed zoning policy change
 - Zoning proposed policy was read out – pertains to existing conditions only
 - Welch: motion to approve
 - Soltesz: seconds motion
 - Motion Passes 10-0-0
 - Proposed April site hearing date change to 3rd Saturday – April 15 @9:00am
 - Committee Members
 - Motion to add Joe Coraluski (District 4) to zoning committee
 - Green: motion to approve
 - Welch: seconds motion
 - Motion Passes 10-0-0
- b) Education – Claudia Marshall
- Columbus City Schools – 22/23 Literacy Initiatives, enrollment through April 4
 - <https://www.ccsok.us/enrollment>
 - Countdown to Kindergarten, May 20, 2023 10 am – 1 pm, Fort Hayes High School
 - Summer Opportunities and Engagement Fair – 10 am – 1 pm March 25, 2023, CML Main Library 96 S Grant Ave
 - CCS 2023 Summer Experience – starts June 20, free to pre-K through 12 students.
 - Financial Planning Academy – June 26-30, 2023 for high school students , spend a week at OSU, \$150 per camper
 - Otterbein Summer Bridge to College Credit Plus Program – 4 week program, June 5-29, 2023. Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am – 12:35 pm, Applications due April 5
 - Student Success Stores at South High School; clothes, food, hygiene products, school supply
- c) Public Relations – Rachel Robinson
- Not present
- d) Public Services & Planning – Justin Soltesz
- Prioritization list produced and provided to commission
 - Lockbourne Road: There are sidewalk gaps along Lockbourne Rd between Frebis Ave and Marion Rd. This area lacks curbs and features wide swaths of pavement with limited stormwater control and access management. Pedestrian safety along this corridor is a major concern.

- Fairwood Park: Installation of lighting in the park / along the walking paths at this highly-used park.
 - Sidewalks: Closing sidewalk gaps and ensuring a complete sidewalk network on all streets on the South Side. Streets of particular concern include sections of Wager St, Studer Ave, Linwood Ave, Wilson Ave, and E Gates St.
 - Stormwater improvements: Residents on sections of Studer Ave, Wilson Ave, and E Gates St are experiencing issues with stormwater infiltration on their properties due to the lack of stormwater controls along the city streets in the area.
 - Parsons Ave: The City recently completed a study on potential crosswalk enhancements at several locations along Parsons Ave. We hope these improvements can be completed in the near term to improve the safety of people walking along this corridor.
 - Frebis Ave: The City recently completed a complete streets study on Frebis Ave. We hope funding can be committed in the near term to improve the safety of this roadway for people walking and biking. This is a potential major east-west bike corridor.
 - S High St: High St on the South Side currently experiences high and unsafe vehicle speeds. A reconfiguration of the existing roadway to address the high vehicle speeds and provide protected space for bicyclists is desired to improve the safety of people walking and biking along this corridor, particularly given the ongoing development at The Fort.
- Pedestrian and bicyclist safety
 - Sidewalks, Stormwater
 - Maudie – requests to add, also discussed directly with Parks and Rec

e) Religious/Social Services - Rev. Aaron Hopkins

- Not Present

f) Youth – Yesh Cosme

- No Report

8.) Reports of Officers

a) Chair – Jim Griffin

- Capital budget requests – bus tour will highlight our budget requests

b) Fiscal – Cassaundra Patterson

- April 30 deadline, provided a report of current statement
- Motion by Patterson to approve the Home Sweet Home Expenditure
- Welch Seconds, Motion passes 10-0-0
- Rachel will be ordering business cards and other items already approved

9.) Informal & Public Presentations

a) Adam Rowan, COO, Maryhaven (arowan@maryhaven.com, 614-324-5467)

- Gave an overview/presentation of what they do and operations
- Overdoses going up, Fentanyl is a main cause
- 176 people currently being served
- Gambling addiction on the rise and a problem right now with larger number of people participating
- Walk in hours are available, 8 am – 1 pm Monday-Friday

b) Charday Litz-Taylor, Columbus Civil Service – Not Present

c) Mark Reitter – President & COO of AEP Ohio

- Want a better connection with communities served
- Rate increase coming in June, associated with Ohio Choice. Energy auctions have nearly doubled on rates.
- Those participating in City of Columbus aggregation will not see increase. Users can check their bill under the supplier portion to determine.
- Low income and other options available (neighbor-neighbor fund), includes grants
- Last year (June) emergency discussed – windstorms fractured transmission lines; not a distribution outage but a transmission/supply to City issue. Working to prevent a cascade situation. December, -30-degree temperature caused different issue of not enough power plants supplying power. Plea to customers for reduced usage, helped them prevent full outage.
- City vs AEP; City has their own transmission system, separate from AEP
- Discussed Marion Station (Marion & Champion) Rebuild – intent is to improve reliability in the area, started last week for construction; 66% higher capacity than existing; more automated re-routing for faster response times; in year 2 of 5 year process; duct is being installed on Marion Road now; 2024 Q2 to have new circuits; 2025 end of year 11 new circuits serving the area
- Maybe 30-40 substations in Columbus area
- Local contact (in D4), Nala Kovach, NKovach@aep.com; 740-513-5096

10.) District Reports:

a) District 1 Schumacher Place: 1st Tuesday, virtual meetings, 6:30pm

Next meeting at the Library instead of virtual

b) District 2 Southern Orchards: 1st Tuesday @ Stowe Mission of Central Ohio, 888 Parsons Ave, 6:00 pm

c) District 3 Merion Village: 1st Wednesday, virtual meetings, 7 pm

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

e) District 5 Deshler Park: 3rd Thursday @ Fruit of the Spirit Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 1355 Frebis Avenue, 6:00pm

f) District 6 Vassor Village: 1st Wednesday @ Barack Recreation Center, 7:00pm

[Applying to NCH beautification grant; Strader gardening grant money for any South Side Civics](#)

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

h) District 8 Hungarian Village: 2nd Wednesday @ Tara Hall, 274 E. Innis, 7:00pm

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

11. New Business

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

13. Public Comments & Announcements

14. Adjournment & Next Meeting:

Tuesday, April 25, 2023 6:30 pm, Parsons Ave
Library, 1113 Parsons Avenue