

COLUMBUS SOUTH SIDE AREA COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 6:30 pm

Minutes

Call to Order, Roll Call

- 9 Commissioners Present
- Erin Synk - Resident At-Large Commissioner, Public Services Committee
- CSSAC Education Commissioner at Large (vacant)
- Aaron Hopkins – CSSAC At-Large Religious/Social Services
- Carly Maggio – District 1 -
- x Rachel Robinson – District 2
- Thomas Less – District 3
- x Ted Welch – District 4
- x 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)
- 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**

Curtis Davis asked to amend agenda to add a confirmation vote for 2000 S. High Street to Zoning report. Chair Griffin added a discussion and vote on changing annual elections to August. Amendments approved.

- **Approval of Minutes**

Curtis Davis moved to approve the April 26, 2022 meeting minutes. Welch seconded. Minutes approved.

- **Reading of Correspondence**

No correspondence.

- **City Liaison Report(s) –**

Katherine Cull, Pride Center; Katherine stated that city council has approved legislation for additional lighting and policing for city parks due to increase in crime. June 13th at 1 pm, Reeb Avenue Center will hold its Summer Kickoff, starting at 1 pm. COVID numbers are increasing, and the Pride Office has free test kits. Commissioner training in cultural sensitivity will be held via Zoom on June 11th, from 10 – 11:30 am. 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 June 25th Columbus International Summit at the Linden Community Center, from 10 - 2.

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

- Community Development is offering grants for rent funding.
- They also have garden space available – see Kaitlin for more info.
- On Wednesdays from 12 – 2 pm, the church is offering an open art studio. Come make stuff!
- June 11, 11 – 3 will be Avenue for All celebration. Parsons will be closed between Whittier and Stanley.
- June 16th is Reverend Edgar’s retirement party at the Veteran’s memorial, beginning at 5:30 pm.
- Summer Freedom School needs student leader interns.

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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: 921 parsons, 1250 S. Front, and 255 Reeb Ave.
 - b) Variances:
 1. 2000 South High Street. Slight change concerning a property line. Doesn't change anything that we voted to approve last month. This is just a vote to acknowledge we know about the property line change. Welch motioned to approve. Tisby seconded. Motion carried.
 2. 459 E. Livingston Ave. Multiple variances. Civic vote was split. Zoning Committee approved except for traffic management issues due to the addition of a "pick-up" window. Davis Hodges says they are working to resolve the traffic management issue. Welch motioned to approve. Cosme seconded. Motion carried.
 3. 1549 Frebis. Variance to convert unit to storage facility. Civic and Zoning committee approved. Parking is moved from the front to the rear of the site. Tisby motioned to approve. Welch seconded. Motion carried.
 4. 245 Reeb Ave. Healthy Homes is tearing down the old learning center and is building new affordable housing on site. Civic and zoning committee approved. Welch motioned to approve. Banner seconded. Motion carried.
 5. NCH asked us about some adjustments to signage for some new buildings. This is something we have approved 3 or 4 times in the past. Welch motioned to approve. Robinson seconded. Motion carried.
 6. 1305 City Park Ave. Basic variances to build a new unit. Civic and Zoning committee approved. Welch motioned to approve. Robinson seconded. Motion carried.
- **Education**, (Vacant), meets 3rd Monday of each month. No report
- **PAMA**, Kathy Green not present. The PAMA and CSSAC table at Avenue for All is looking for volunteers.

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- **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 Synk not present. Chair Griffin discussed the letter Erin wrote to Dr. Gallagher concerning the pedestrian safety issues at Lockbourne and Smith Road intersection. Davis motioned to approve and send the letter. Robinson seconded. Motion carried.
- **Public Relations**, Kathy Green – Kathy Green not present. Chair Griffin said Kathy is working on a community calendar, so give all Calendar events to her.
- **Religious Services**, Rev. Aaron Hopkins – No report.
- **Substance Abuse Solutions Committee**, Anne Stewart – No report.
- **Youth Commissioner**, Yesh Cosme – No report.
- **Bylaws Committee**, Tom Less – Tom sent out an email concerning proposed committee activities.

Reports of Officers:

- **Report from the Chair**, Chair Jim Griffin stated he thinks he may have found a person interested in the Education Committee seat. The commission discussed moving the 2022 elections to August this year. Moving the election this year will involve a revision to the bylaws. Davis motioned to disapprove moving elections to August this year. Cosme seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Fiscal Report:** Cassandra Patterson reported that she is working on the new budget. Please give her anticipated expenses for the coming year. We cannot get money for food or electronic hardware.

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- **Informal & Public Presentations:** None.

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

- **District Reports:**
 - District 1 – Carly Maggio, Schumacher Place: 6:30pm, 1st Tuesday 1113 Parsons Ave (Library); No report.

 - District 2 – Rachel Robinson, Southern Orchards, 6PM, 1st Tuesday, Stowe Baptist Church, 888 Parsons Avenue. Garden Tour on June 12.

 - District 3 – Tom Less, 7PM, 1st Wednesday, St. Paul United Church of Christ, 225 E. Gates Street; Garden Tour on July 10; Fitness in the Park on Saturday mornings at 9 am (beginning in May).

 - 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. Ted has postponed weekly office hours due to the health of his brother, but will set up appointments with people who contact him @ 614.946.2247. The City plans to place the property of Monte L. Williamson into receivership on June 2.

 - 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. Garden Tour July 10.

 - District 7 – Cassandra Patterson: Innis Gardens Village Civic Association, 6:30PM, 3rd Thursday, Smyrna Baptist Church 1650 Wilson Avenue. Cassandra reported they are moving their meetings to the Barack Community Center. They also have a cleanup scheduled.

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- 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. Music in the Park (Fat Tuesday) begins June 14th.

New Business: None

Adjournment & Next Meeting: Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm. Next meeting June 28, 2022, 6:30 pm.

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