

COLUMBUS SOUTH SIDE AREA COMMISSION

Tuesday, October 25, 2022, 6:30 pm

Minutes

Call to Order, Roll Call

- 9 Commissioners Present
- x Erin Synk - Resident At-Large Commissioner, Public Services Committee
- x Claudia Marshall - CSSAC Education Commissioner at Large
- Aaron Hopkins – CSSAC At-Large Religious/Social Services
- x Carly Maggio – District 1
- x Rachel Robinson – District 2
- Thomas Less – District 3
- x Ted Welch – District 4
- April Tisby– District 5
- x Jim Griffin – District 6
- Cassaundra Patterson – District 7
- x Paula Copeland – District 8
- x Lillie Banner – District 9
- CSSAC At-Large Business Commissioner (Vacant)
- 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**

Kathy Green moved to add a demolition at 2211 Parsons and speaker, Mr. Hostetler; moved to add Jordan Henderson representing CD4AP at tonight's meeting; and moved to add a presentation by Anthony Celebreeze. Chair Griffin seconded. Motion approved.

- **Approval of Minutes**

Erin Synk moved to approve the September 27th meeting minutes. Robinson seconded. Minutes approved.

- **Reading of Correspondence**

No correspondence.

- **City Liaison Report(s) –**

- **Katherine Cull, Pride Center;**

Katherine Cull discussed the Columbus Promise Program, where Columbus City Schools graduates can enroll at Columbus State for free. In 2022, 629 students enrolled in the program. The emergency Winter Crisis program is now accepting applications for assistance to keep heat on. This program allows assistance once per heating season. The Reeb Center will host Trunk or Treat Friday October 28th from 6 – 8, at the Sprout 5 parking lot. The community can reach Katherine at 614.216.8789 (cell) and via email at khcull@columbus.gov.

Nancy Sully, City Council Liaison; Nancy presented information concerning November Ballot Issues and Charter Amendments.

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

- Jordan Henderson announced that CC4AP is still hiring for Bikes 4 All people and for the Siebert Elementary after school program;
 - CC4AP is planning their annual Christmas Shop event on Friday December 16 and Saturday, December 17;
 - On November 10, the Southside Neighborhood Leadership Academy is hosting a Graduation event, beginning at 5:30 pm.

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Standing Committee Reports

- **Zoning**, Kathy Green/Carly Maggio Meets 2nd Saturdays @9:00am at site locations for review of pending applications. Zoning Committee will meet on 3rd Saturday in November 2022 at 2025 S. High Street (City Winery) for information about new projects at the space.
 - a) Demolitions: 2211 Parsons Ave. Owner seeking permit to demo the concrete foundations at the old Columbus Casting's Foundry. Green motioned to approve; Maggio seconded; motion carried.
 - b) Variances:
 1. 1062 Deshler Ave. Owner has a freestanding garage and wants to add a residential apartment adjacent to garage. Civic (District 4) did not approve project. Zoning committee voted 8 – 2 in favor. Cosme motioned to approve. Maggio seconded. Motion carried 7 for and 2 against.
 2. 928 Siebert. Vacant lot. Owner wants to build single family home. City staff approved. Civic approved. Robinson motioned to approve; Synk seconded; motion carried.
 3. 729 E. Beck. Owner originally wanted to split lot, but now will be building two units on a single parcel. Cosme motioned to approve; Synk seconded; motion carried.
 4. 42 W. Jenkins. Owner wants to build a 70-unit apartment complex with 85 parking spaces. The variance will rezone the parcel from manufacturing to residential. Civic approved. Zoning Committee approved. Synk motioned to approve; Robinson seconded; motion carried.
 5. 1872 Pearl Street. Tabled.

Kathy Green discussed the need to change the zoning policy stating that applicants can only miss two site meetings. Welch motioned to approve; Robinson seconded; motion carried.

- **Education**, meets 3rd Monday of each month. Claudia Marshall discussed the Chat & Chew event, a chance for the public to chat with Dr. Talia Dixon, Columbus City Schools Superintendent on October 27, 2022 at the Drelyse African Restaurant, 1911 Tamarack Circle N. Coach Hayes reported an 8 – 0 season so far. Arts 4 All people will be conducting an event for the students at Southwood Elementary in November.

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- **PAMA**, Kathy Green – PAMA is working with the SE Alliance and Art4AllPeople to replace the banners on Parsons. Kathy drafted a letter of support for project. Green motioned to approve; Synk seconded; motion carried.
- **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. The Frebis Avenue Study has been completed. The overall desire from the community is to reduce speeding and improve access for other types of transportation, such as biking, walking and bussing. Project is still in early planning stages.
- **Public Relations**, Rachel Robinson – Please contact Rachel with November and December Calendar Events.
- **Religious Services**, Rev. Aaron Hopkins – No report.
- **Substance Abuse Solutions Committee**, Anne Stewart – No report.
- **Youth Commissioner**, Yesh Cosme – No report.
- **Election Committee**, Jim Griffin – Griffin reported that the Election Petitions are due October 28th. Elections will be November 12, noon to 4, at the Barack Recreation Center

Reports of Officers:

- **Report from the Chair**, No report.
- **Fiscal Report:** Chair Griffin gave the fiscal report in Cassandra's absence. Our current balance is \$1,647.98.
- **Informal & Public Presentations:**

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Contact Davon Marshall, Auditor's Office, with questions.

Carla Fontaine, from Nationwide Children's, discussed the South Side Home Repair Program. The grant program helps home owners make exterior home repairs. Contact Patrice.AllenBrady@NationwideChildrens.org for more info and a copy of the application.

Anthony Celebreeze discussed current efforts to overhaul the City Zoning Code. The purpose of the effort is to not only modernize the code but simplify it as well. A property owner should be able to look at the code and know what can be built. The city is in the second phase of developing the new code. The City's consultant has broken the code into two main sections as follows: main transportation corridors and then neighborhoods. A draft of the plan will be available for review in January 2024.

- **Public Comments & Announcements:**

- **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, 1113 Parsons Ave (Library). No report.
- District 3 – Tom Less, 7PM, 1st Wednesday, St. Paul United Church of Christ, 225 E. Gates Street. No report.
- 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. No report.
- District 5 – April Tisby: Deshler Park Civic Association, 3rd Thursday, Fruit of the Spirit Church, 1355 Frebis Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43206. No report.

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- 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, 6:00PM, 3rd Thursday, Barack Community Center, 580 E. Woodrow Ave. No report.
- 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. No report.

New Business: None.

Adjournment & Next Meeting: Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. Next meeting November 22, 2022, 6:30 pm.

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