

COLUMBUS SOUTH SIDE AREA COMMISSION

Tuesday, October 26, 2021, 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)

x Aaron Hopkins – CSSAC At-Large Religious/Social Services

x Adam Cohn – 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

x Cassaundra Patterson – District 7

x Paula Copeland – District 8

x Lillie Banner – District 9

x Curtis Davis – CSSAC At-Large Business Commissioner

 Liliana Baiman – CSSAC At-Large Labor/Worker commissioner

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**

Curtis Davis motioned to add Nationwide Children’s Hospital to Zoning. Yesh Cosme, Youth Commissioner, asks to present a report. Amendments approved.

- **Approval of Minutes**

Synk moved to approve September 28, 2021 meeting minutes; Griffin seconded; motion carried.

- **Reading of Correspondence**

No correspondence.

- **City Liaison Report(s) –**

Beth Fairman Kinney, Pride Center;

- “Trunk or Treat” was tonight. About 400 children participated.
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Oratorical Contest will be held on Saturday December 11, 2021 at 1000 Hague Ave. For students K – 12. Applications due November 30.
- CARE Coalition. If your child is suffering from a traumatic experience, call 614.645.6248.
- Southside Public Safety Committee will meet on November 10, 2021, 6:30-8:00pm, at the Barack Community Center.
- Flu shots are offered at the Barack Community Center on Wednesdays from 10 am to 6 pm.

Nancy Sully, City Council Liaison;

- Nancy will be having community hours at Community Grounds tomorrow from 10am to 11:30am and at the South High Library on Friday from 10am to 11:30am. She will be talking about the Columbus redistricting proposal.

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

- No report

Standing Committee Reports

- **Zoning**, Curtis Davis Meets 2nd Saturdays @10:00am at site locations for review of pending applications. The regular zoning site meeting will be at The Fort next month.

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Demolitions: 683 17th ; 691 S. 17th; 674 Ann Street; 1909-1911 Holburn Ave; 1020 Linwood Ave; 79 Southwood

Variations: 27 W. Jenkins. Sign variance for top of building. Civic approved. Green moved to approve; Cosme seconded. Motion carried 12-0.

- **Education, (Vacant)** No report.
- **PAMA,** Kathy Green. No report.
- **Safety, Health, Welfare and Equity, (Vacant)** No report.
- **Public Services/ Planning,** Erin Synk – meets 3rd Wednesday @ 6:00 pm, @ Library. Erin discussed the City Council Redistricting Map. There are 3 possible maps. Map A would divide CSSAC commission territory in half, with Schumacher Place, Southern orchards, District 4 and part of Merion Village in one district and the remaining civics in another district. Map B would keep all the civics in one district, with a small part of Southern Orchards joining the district that includes Nationwide Children’s. Map C would include Schumacher Place and Southern orchards in a separate district with the area west of High Street joining them. Davis motioned that the CSSAC accept Map B. Cosme seconded. Motion approved 12 – 0.
- **Public Relations,** Adam Cohn – Adam reported that he is in the process of ordering t-shirts. He said there is \$200 in the budget to purchase them. Adam said he would post info about the November 13 election on social media and the website.
- **Religious Services,** Rev. Aaron Hopkins – No report.
- **Substance Abuse Solutions Committee,** Anne Stewart – No report.
- **Youth Commissioner,** Yesh Cosme – Yesh reported that Ganther’s Place would be doing regular Trick or Treat this year. He also reported that a cyclist was killed by a car at the

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intersection of Parsons and Sycamore. The pedestrian safety via highly visible cross walks is greatly needed in this specific area and on Parsons in general.

Reports of Officers:

- **Report from the Chair**, Chair Griffin announced that the upcoming elections would be held at Barack Recreation Center on November 13 from noon to 5pm. Election packets are due on Friday October 29 by 4:30 pm at the Reeb Center.
- **Fiscal Report:** Cassandra reported we only had one expenditure for the Zoom subscription (\$59.11), which left the current balance at \$2,320.15. Annual report is due to the city in December.
- **Informal & Public Presentations:**
Heidi Carr, Assistant City Attorney for Zone 5 spoke about the Mobile gas station at Lockbourne and Frebis. This nuisance property has been closed for a month and can reopen only if they comply with special rules, like adding security and 24/7 cameras. For more information or if you have issues with this property, email Heidi directly at HTCARR@Columbus.gov.

City Council Member Rob Dorans spoke about upcoming Ballot Issue 7 and encouraged folks to vote No on November 2nd. Issue 7 proposes to redirect \$87 million from the city's general fund for an Energy Conservation Fund, a Clean Energy Education fund, a Minority Business Clean Energy Development fund, and a Clean Energy Partnership Fund. Two of these funds, totally \$67 million, would have no legislative oversight. Dorans pointed out that Columbus already has a Clean Energy Fund which was approved by the voters in November 2020.
- **Public Comments & Announcements:** None.
- **District Reports:**
 - District 1 – Adam Cohn, 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, Stowe Baptist Church, 888 Parsons Avenue. Contact Rachel for Halloween decorations.
- 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. Ted circulated a petition to request traffic calming devices on Frebis and Lockbourne Road, including stop signs, speed bumps or rumble strips, and round-a-bouts. Ted reported numerous problems with speeding and accidents, including and accident involving school children waiting for their bus on a corner.
- 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. No report.
- District 7 – Cassandra Patterson: Innis Gardens Village Civic Association, 6:30PM, 3rd Thursday, Smyrna Baptist Church 1650 Wilson Avenue. 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: Next meeting November 23, 2021, 6:30 pm.

Davis motioned to adjoin. Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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