

COLUMBUS SOUTH SIDE AREA COMMISSION

Tuesday, September 28, 2021, 6:30 pm

Minutes

Call to Order, Roll Call

11 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

_____ Adam Cohn – District 1

_____ Robinson – District 2

x 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

_____ 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**

Deshler Park Civic moved to modify their meeting location to Fruit of the Spirit Church, 1355 Frebis Ave. Chair Griffin said that amendment had been made. Curtis Davis moved to add appointment of two new zoning committee members. Amendments approved.

- **Approval of Minutes**

Davis moved to approve June 22, 2021 meeting minutes; Synk seconded; motion carried.

Griffin moved to approve July 27, 2021 meeting minutes; Davis seconded; motion carried

- **Reading of Correspondence**

No correspondence.

- **City Liaison Report(s) –**

Beth Fairman Kinney, Pride Center;

- Columbus Public health is doing vaccine clinics for booster shots.
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Oratorical Contest is also coming up this Fall. For students K – 12.
- Utility Payment Assistance funds are available through the Cares Act to help pay your water bill and electric bill if you are a customer of Ohio Electric. Income-qualified. Go to www.columbus.gov/payassist
- Beth now has walk-in hours on Tuesday 11 – 1 and 4-6 and then Thursdays 11-1 as well. The Columbus Public Health social worker will also be available during walk-in hours by appointment only.

Nancy Sully, City Council Liaison;

- Councilmember Mitch Brown has been working on soliciting issues and council has passed an ordinance for fines for those who purchase services. Councilmember Tyson has given more money for community gardens. Councilmember Dorans has given more money for My Brother's Keeper.
- Councilmember Remy is continuing to host meetings on Wednesday at 5:30 on the Columbus redistricting issues.

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

- Current COVID-19 vaccine clinics held on Thursdays, from 10:30 to 2:30, at the All People's Fresh Market.
- Kaitlin announced the grand opening of the new Linden Fresh Market and Charitable Pharmacy at 1464 Cleveland Ave.
- The Connection Center computer lounge is open from noon to 2 pm, Wednesdays and Fridays, at 911 Parsons Ave. Computer instruction is available.
- After school program is in full swing and is looking to hire staff.

Standing Committee Reports

- **Zoning**, Curtis Davis Meets 2nd Saturdays @10:00am at site locations for review of pending applications. Curtis motioned to approve new members of the Zoning Committee: Ben Captard from District 8 and _____ from District 5; Patterson moved to approve; Synk seconded; motion carried 11-0. Special meeting on October 9 at 10am at The Fort to talk about future development and need for variances. The regular zoning meeting will be on October 16. The old Giant Eagle building at 280 E. Whittier is now demolished. The Eleanor on Parsons is doing a fund-raising campaign to get this affordable housing project up and running.

Demolitions: 667 Hanford; 1909 Holburn Ave.; 850 Jaeger; 85 Southwood; 262 Stewart.

Variances: 667 Parsons. Sign variance. Civic approved. Cosme moved to approve; Green seconded. Motion carried 11-0.

1353 E. Gates. One variance to raise the maximum garage height. Civic approved. Green moved to approve; Patterson seconded. Motion carried 11- 0.

- **Education**, (Vacant), meets 3rd Monday of each month. Chair Griffin will be attending a meeting on the Facilities Master Plan for CCS.
- **PAMA**, Kathy Green. Art for the Southside Monument is scheduled to be installed October 4 or 5. The October PAMA meeting will center on crime in commercial districts. Southside area CLO's will be present to discuss issues.

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- **Safety, Health, Welfare and Equity**, Tom Less, meets 4th Thursday of each month. Tom announced he is stepping down from his role as Chair of the committee due to work commitments.
- **Public Services/ Planning**, Erin Synk – meets 3rd Wednesday @ 6:00 pm, @ Library. Erin thanked everyone for their participation in the Avenue for All event. COTA was at their last meeting and announced they will be moving to a cashless system. They will also be expanding the retailers where customers can purchase passes and add cash to their digital accounts.
- **Public Relations**, Adam Cohn – Chair Griffin reported that Adam is working on quotes for CSSAC t-shirts.
- **Religious Services**, Rev. Aaron Hopkins – No official report. Hopkins stated he wants to start putting together a committee for Religious/Social Services. Hopkins is also looking for community input for a project at Champion and Frebis. A Southside CAN meeting on this issue is planned for October 11, at 6:30pm.
- **Substance Abuse Solutions Committee**, Anne Stewart – No report.

Reports of Officers:

- **Report from the Chair**, Chair Griffin announced the availability of the 2021 Election Packets. Chair Griffin motioned to appoint Paula Copeland as Election Committee Chair. Davis seconded; motion carried 11-0.
- **Fiscal Report:** Cassandra reported we only had one expenditure for the Zoom subscription, which left the current balance at \$2,320.15. Annual report is due to the city in December.
- **Informal & Public Presentations:** Carla Fountaine and Lydia Prenger of Nationwide Children's Health Homes shared highlights of the Southside Home Repair Program to make

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exterior repairs to owner-occupied homes. Applications are available at www.healthyhomesco.org or call Lydia Prenger at 614.355.0395.

- **Public Comments & Announcements:** None.
- **District Reports:**
 - District 1 – Adam Cohn, 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. No report.
 - District 3 – Tom Less, 7PM, 1st Wednesday, St. Paul United Church of Christ, 225 E. Gates Street; Tom announced last Yoga in the Park event will be this coming Saturday.
 - 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 reported the Edgewood Civic has been active with community beautification by weeding community gardens and engaging in trash abatement. The Civic also hosted a community BBQ in August. Over 50 people attended. They also held a Fall Health Forum with information concerning the flu season and COVID concerns in young children.
 - District 5 – April Tisby: Deshler Park Civic Association, 3rd Thursday, Fruit of the Spirit Church, 1355 Frebis Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43206. April reported that Alvis House is building a new facility. She also talked about the new amazing mural at Frebis and Alum Creek.
 - District 6 – Jim Griffin: Vassor Village Civic Association 7PM, Barack Recreation Center, 580 E Woodrow Ave. Jim stated that the Vassor Village planter has once again been destroyed by a car.

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- 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. Lillie reported the civic is still holding meetings via Zoom.

New Business: None

Adjournment & Next Meeting: Next meeting October 26, 2021, 6:30 pm.

Davis motioned to adjoin. Meeting Adjourned at 7:25 pm.

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