

***Northeast Area Commission Meeting
July 7, 2022***

Commissioner Attendance Roll Call:

Karen Rogers, Chair - Present
 Karen Brown – Present
 Kevin Kenley- Absent (Unexcused)
 Alice Porter– Absent (Unexcused)
 Elenora Moore – Absent (Excused)
 Kathe Musa– Present
 Sandra Chapple - Present
 Antwan Horston– Present
 Nicole Horston - Present
 Chanel McDougle-Yakubu – Absent (Excused)
 Elwood Rayford – Absent (Excused)
 Dr. Medina-Cortes – Present
 Brad Davis- Present

Meeting was called to order at 6:05pm. Commissioner Chapple verbally confirmed the number of Northeast Area Commissioners present were sufficient to conduct business.

Meeting Agenda Approval (July 7, 2022)

- Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the July 7th agenda without modification.
- Commissioner Medina-Cortes seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous approval.

Meeting Minutes Approval (June 2, 2022)

- Commissioner Chapple stated the date of the June meeting minutes reads “June 3rd, but the meeting occurred on June 2, 2022, which should be corrected in the official minutes.
- Commissioner Medina-Cortes made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes with the correction of the date reading June 2, 2022. Commissioner Musa seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous approval.

Treasurer’s Financial Report (June, 2022) – Commissioner Chapple, Treasurer

Date	Transaction	Origin	Description	Balance
Beginning Balance: 6/1/2022				\$1,081.01
6/15/2022	Withdrawal	City of Columbus	Year-end funds removal per City of Columbus Memorandum of Agreement	-\$781.01
Ending Balance: 6/30/2022				\$300.00

- Commissioner Medina-Cortes made a motion to approve the June, 2022 Treasurer’s Report. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous approval.

Chief Liaison Officer Rodney Reed (Community Report: 7/14-7/27/2022):

- 34 = stolen vehicles (Kia-Hyundai thefts)
- 10 = stolen items from vehicles
- Burglaries: 1 Commercial; 4 Residential
- Assaults and Robberies: 1 Aggravated; 1 Individual
- Youth home (south of Mock Rd.-east of Woodland-off Holt Ave.) will not have Columbus Police oversight; facility will maintain their own security through a private company (previous constituent inquiry)
- The City of Columbus will increase area commission National Night Out grant money distribution (from \$250 to \$500); Northeast Area National Night Out (8/2/2022: 5-8 pm) at Howard Recreation Center. The City of Columbus will provide glasses, t-shirts, a community banner and hats to various area commissions as gifts to various area residents. The Police Bicycle Patrol (Safe Streets) will be in attendance to meet, greet and answer any questions.

Guest Presentations/Speakers:

- City of Columbus and Warhol & Wall Street (Alum Creek Trail Connections Project):
 - The Alum Creek-Olentangy connector trail is currently being designed and constructed (major east to west connection); trail links Mock Road (at Sunbury Rd.) for walking and biking. This trail is funded by a grant.
 - Connector will also support links to downtown and Easton areas
- Habitat for Humanity (Lisa Jones-Director):
 - Habitat homes purchased in the Northeast Area (2-Genessee Ave., 1-Agler Rd, 1-Hudson St.); 2 to 5 bedrooms with unfinished basements, a shed and concrete slabs (no garage)
 - Veteran discounts are available at \$1,000 for every year of service up to \$10,000 off the mortgage
 - Habitat homes qualifications include: 1) Steady income source (at least 6 months at current job during the last year; 2) Credit Report pulled for review only; 3) Debt-to-Income Ratio consideration
 - Mortgage payments up to 27-1/2% monthly gross; 0% Interest Mortgage; 15-30 year mortgage period; home repair program is available (services Franklin, Licking and Madison Counties)

City of Columbus Representatives Updates

- Sarah Pomeroy, City Attorney's Office:
 - Currently working on several code violation filings for Cassady Village
- Stanley Gates, Director of Community Engagement:
 - City Council coordinating Capital Budget hearings: Southside Area (7/12) and Eastside Area (7/14 at the Far East Community Center: 5:30-7 pm); Feedback Survey provided at these meetings
 - Northside Council Community meeting (7/13 at the Karl Road Library branch: 6 pm); opportunity to engage with City Council members and City offices to express concerns about your neighborhood and ideas about your areas

Old Business (Chair Rogers)

- Commissioner Musa explained the Commissioner elections process (open commissioner seats and corresponding areas they represent, applications, voting process and important dates and deadlines); City-Wide Elections occur on 8/27/2022
- Chair Rogers provided National Night Out logistics including sponsors and planned attractions

Commissioner Announcements:

- District News:
 - Arlington Park I: None
 - Arlington Park II: None
 - Bridgeview: None
 - Somerset: None
 - Walnut Creek: None
 - Walnut Springs: None
 - Brunswick Estates:
 - Residents had training on the City 311 process
 - Concern about overgrown grass on Montclair & Morse Crossing-Easton no longer landscaping property
 - Inquired about “No Parking Signs” promised at neighborhood entrance
 - Cumberland Ridge:
 - Concern about parked and abandoned vehicles on residential streets
 - Inquiry about plans for cleared property on Agler Road
 - Framingham:
 - Concern about City of Columbus using property for crosswalk
 - Increased car theft concerns

New Business (Chair Rogers):

- Chair Rogers stated a commissioner who recently resigned held the position of Vice President; she moved to postpone the discussion and vote on a new Vice President to the September, 2022 meeting, especially due to the absence of a few commissioners at today’s meeting
- Commissioner Medina-Cortes made a motion to postpone the Vice President discussion and vote until the September, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Musa seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote
- Chair Rogers distributed a document on Commissioner Roles, Expectations and Code of Conduct and asked each Commissioner to review and sign the document for clarity
- A robust discussion commenced regarding internal business practices and concerns specific to Commissioner roles and behaviors. Additional review and discussion may be warranted for resolution.

Public Comments - Open Floor

Meeting Adjournment: 8 pm