

Northeast Area Commission Meeting June 30, 2021

Commissioner Attendance Roll Call:

Stan Fleming, Vice Chair – Present
Karen Rogers, Chair-Elect - Present
Elenora Moore - Present
Kevin Kenley- Present
Alice Porter– Present
Antwan Horston– Present
Kawther Musa– Present
Elwood Rayford – Absent (Excused)
Robert Hill – Absent (Excused)
Brad Davis- Absent (Excused)

Meeting Agenda-June 30, 2021 (modifications):

- Commissioner Porter confirmed approval of Demolition Permit #2123703 (2415 Bancroft Street)
- Commissioner Moore revealed a city-wide training opportunity for Commissioners relating to a pilot program for future elections occurring July 7, 2021
- Commissioner Rogers moved to approve the June 30, 2021 Agenda with stated corrections; Commissioner Porter seconded the motion. All Commissioners present voted to approve; motion carried.

Meeting Minutes (June 3 & June 30, 2021):

- Commissioner Horston requested the spelling of his name be corrected (June 3, 2021 minutes)
- Commissioner Rogers stated that Commissioner Fleming should be listed as “Vice Chair” (June 30, 2021 minutes)
- Commissioner Rogers stated that she should be listed as “Chair-Elect” (June 30, 2021 minutes)
- Commissioner Rogers stated that former Commissioner Van Pelt’s name should be removed (June 3, 2021 minutes)
- Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve both the June 3 & 30, 2021 minutes with stated corrections; Commissioner Horston seconded the motion. All Commissioners present voted to approve; motion carried.

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Treasurer's Financial Report (Commissioner Kenley):

- \$252.09 = Beginning Balance
- \$75 = Cash App payment to Tanya Johnson (former Commission Secretary)
- \$16.11 = Zoom meeting expense
- \$160.98 = Ending Balance

- \$2,500 = Budget
- \$1,500 = Administrative & Special Projects
- \$700 = Consumables
- \$167.78 = Postage
- \$32.22 = Zoom meeting expense

- The budget was amended for years 2021-2022 to reflect stipend payments to the Secretary for meeting minute transcription for the Full Commission and Zoning monthly meetings.

- Commissioner Porter made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Financial Report as stated; Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. All Commissioners present voted to approve; motion carried.

Guest Presentation for KIP School West Campus Expansion (Smoot Construction):

- Location: Agler Road
- Primary school: Kindergarten-Grade 1 (675-720 students/88,600 sq. ft.); planned opening in Fall, 2023
- Elementary school: 2nd-5th Grades (1,200-1,300 students/151, 500 sq.); planned opening in Fall, 2024
- Graduation and various events will take place in buildings on campus
- Construction will begin during Fall, 2021
- Agler Road improvements include a new turn signal at west campus entrance, a new turn lane and street improvements

Zoning & Variance Report (Commissioner Porter):

- John Stevenson (legal counsel for America's Floor Source) presented plans relative to building and road expansion near Stelzer Road (#Z2021-049). Mr. Stevenson requested the full commission authorize a final vote for these expansions at the July 20, 2021 Zoning Committee meeting

Zoning & Variance Report (cont'd):

- Commissioner Moore requested an individual verbal vote as follows:
 - Elenora Moore = Yes
 - Alice Porter = Yes
 - Stan Fleming = Yes
 - Karen Rogers = Yes
 - Kevin Kenley = Yes
 - Antwan Horston = Yes
- Commissioner Porter clarified this vote will ensue if Mr. Stevenson has adequate information from the City of Columbus
- Commissioner Porter explained that she researched the Morristown demolition request and discovered that this project was in the Northeast Area district; therefore, after further review of the demolition details, she approved it electronically
- Commissioner Moore mentioned and Commissioner Porter confirmed that a 311 call referencing a fire in a garage and subsequent demolition was in the Arlington Park area (Commissioner Horston's district)

Old Business-By-Law revision reviews (Commissioner Moore):

- Commissioner Moore asked Liaison Scales to share her screen to illustrate By-Law sections as they are reviewed; Liaison Scales agreed
- Article 1 (Districts): Separate Arlington Park into 2 districts and add Willow Springs and Brunswick – the Northeast area is now comprised of 9 districts (Appendix A)
- Article 2 (Community Partnerships): Forming cooperative relationships with communities
- Article 3 (Administrative Guidelines): Add 2 At-Large Commissioners. Also, retain administrative language that if a Commissioner has 3 unexcused absences from full commission meetings, it represents a voluntary resignation and to report any full commission meeting absences to the Secretary prior to the meeting so that a quorum can be gauged in order to conduct business at meetings
- Article 4 (Officers): Voted on during last full commission meeting
- Article 6 (Zoning Applications): Applications should be received 10 days prior to the full commission meeting in order for commissioners properly review the data prior to the full commission meeting
- Liaison Scales advised that all amended By-Law pages should have initials on each amended page and signatures of the Chair and Vice Chair on the last page of the document prior to officially being submitted to City Council for inclusion, then will be effective 30 days after they appear in the City of Columbus Bulletin
- Articles 7-11: Focuses on training, code of conduct, public records and amendment of By-Laws. No changes were made to these articles

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- Commissioner Horston made a motion to accept the By-Laws with modifications as stated by Commissioner Moore; Commissioners Kenley and Porter both seconded the motion. All Commissioners present voted to approve; motion carried.

Commissioner Announcements/Districts News and Updates:

- No News or Updates

Elections (Commissioner Moore):

- Elections will occur on August 7, 2021: 1-3 pm (Shepard and Northern Lights Library)
- Application packets will be available on July 7, 2021 on the Northeast Area Commission website and on our Facebook page
- 2 Commissioner seats are expiring (Arlington Park District)
- Walnut Creek (seat expiring December, 2021)
- 1 At Large commission seat vacant and 2 added At Large Commissioner seats
- Election committee consists of Commissioners Fleming and Musa

Chair-Elect Comments (Commissioner Rogers):

- Commissioner Rogers asked Commissioners to consider the following:
 - Modifying the current full commission meeting start time from 6:30 pm to 6 pm
 - Changing the commission meeting location
 - Holiday fellowship in 2021 planning (should it occur this year?)
 - Review training being offered to Commissioners by the City of Columbus
 - Ensure we are conducting business appropriately, understand and follow the By-Laws

City of Columbus Updates & Reports:

- Stanley Gates (Community Engagement Director) shared:
 - Short Term Rentals: Legislation will be introduced to City Council soon that could revoke host licensing if community rules are not followed
 - Reimagine Safety: A program implemented to address community safety concerns. Residents are provided with various surveys' to express their views on crime, violence and other community deterrents to positive growth. Specific resolutions to human trafficking, ATV/Dirt Bike disturbances, reducing crime and addressing police relationships with the community are current focuses.
 - City Council residential districting commission: City Council plans to expand to 9 members in 2023; the community will be updated with this information in the near future.

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- Danielle Weber (Code Enforcement Manager) summary:
 - When complaints are filed, they are prioritized and normally takes between 3-10 business days for an officer to go to the site and assess the complaint
 - Urgent concerns consist of matters that may harm someone or jeopardize safety
- Liaison Scales summarized:
 - Trash and Recycle schedules and advised commissioners to update their community constituents of these schedules
 - Reviewed City of Columbus training schedule for Commissioners
 - Acknowledged the city-wide election information sessions; they occur on Monday (7/12: 5:30-6:30 pm) and Saturday (7/17: 10:30-11:30 am) – only need to attend one session
 - Evictions have again been postponed to 7/31/2021
 - The 311 call center is experiencing high call volume on Monday's; suggested placing your calls toward the middle of the week or to submit an online request
 - Those who have been identified as website managers should have received an email from the website administrator (Matt) to answer any questions or provide support
 - PPP should be purchased by the commission for the first in-person meeting on September 2, 2021 (6:30 pm) at Howard Recreation Center. PPP includes masks and hand sanitizer for those entering the meeting to utilize upon entry. The city is permitting commissioner's to purchase a camera to record meetings with a wide angle zoom and a high powered microphone, then post the meeting video to your website. The cost is \$150 and Liaison Scales plans to email camera logistics to all commissioner's in the near future

Public Comments:

- Commissioner Horston announced there have been children shooting guns in his community and expressed concern about how to get the police to address these types of concerns expeditiously. He also asked how to assist a tenant with an eviction that should not have occurred. Commissioner Rogers advised that Commissioner Horston speak with our Police Liaison about the police response time concern. Liaison Scales offered to link Commissioner Horston with a City of Columbus Retaliatory Evictions Team contact to discuss the eviction matter. Liaison Scales also suggested Commissioner Horston email "northsidesafeststreets@columbus.gov" to address the shooting incidents in his district which will activate a bicycle team to begin surveillance of that area

Commissioner Moore made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Fleming seconded the motion. All Commissioners present voted to approve; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.