

# **NORTHEAST AREA COMMISSION**

## **MAY 4, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

### NORTHEAST AREA COMMISSIONERS ROLL CALL

Karen Rogers, Chair (Cumberland Ridge) = Present  
Elenora Moore, Zoning Chair (Arlington Park I) = Absent Excused  
Karen Brown (Brunswick Estates) = Absent Excused  
Sandra Chapple (At Large) = Present  
Brad Davis (Bridgeview) = Absent Excused  
Antwan Horston (Arlington Park II) = Absent Unexcused  
Nicole Horston (At Large) = Absent Unexcused  
Chanel McDougle-Yakubu (Walnut Creek) = Absent Excused  
Dr. Dimaris Medina-Cortes (At Large) = Present  
Rosaline Mbae (At Large) = Present  
Kawther Musa (Framingham) = Absent Unexcused

Meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by Chair Rogers. She announced that a voting quorum would not be met for this meeting and then gave the option for any Zoning representatives to return during the June 1, 2023 meeting to present their Zoning requests. Chair Rogers proceeded to review meeting decorum. Commissioner Chapple conducted roll call and confirmed that a quorum to conduct business was not met.

### **Meeting Agenda Approval/Amendments (May 4, 2023)**

- Chair Rogers announced no quorum exists to vote on approval of today's Agenda.
- Chair Rogers added an amendment to today's agenda for a presentation by Lewis Teba for a City Zoning update

### **Meeting Minutes Approval/Amendments (April 6, 2023)**

- Chair Rogers announced no quorum exists to vote on approval the April 6, 2023 meeting minutes.

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### Treasurer's Financial Report (April, 2023) – Informational Only

Opening Balance & Dates	Transaction Type	Payee	Transaction Description	Balances
<b>April Beginning Balance</b>	-	-	-	<b>\$2,303.49</b>
<b>4/13/2023</b>	Commissioner Shirts	Designerz Outpost	Event Marketing	<b>\$272.27</b>
<b>4/25/2023</b>	Commissioner Shirts	Designerz Outpost	Event Marketing	<b>\$272.27</b>
<b>4/30/2023</b>	NAC Supplies	Amazon	Receipt Book / 2 Microphones / 4 Mic Holders / Magnetic Name Badges for each Commissioner / Name Plates for Commissioners Karen Brown and Rosaline Mbae / 2 Printer Toners	<b>\$550.32</b>
<b>April + Year Ending Balance</b>				<b>\$1,208.63</b>

- Chair Rogers announced no quorum exists to vote on approval of the April 6, 2023 Treasurer's report.

#### Community Liaison Officer (CLO) Report: Officers Barbeau and Barney

- Felony Assaults = 4 (Glenbar Dr-shots fired into unoccupied home; McCutcheon Crossing-suspect spit on officer during arrest; Oak Springs Dr-school stabbing and Boyleston & Innis Rd-domestic shooting)
- Motor Vehicle Theft increase (Governor's Place Apartments: Kia's & Hyundai's)
- Provided a reminder of the new Distracted Driving Law (Primary Offense: officer can pull you over for this offense' 6 month trial period with no ticket; starting October 4, 2023 forward, you will receive a monetary ticket fine if charged with driving distracted)

#### Guest Presentations:

- The Honorable Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Clerk of Courts (County Elected Official):
  - Common Pleas Court; 10<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals
  - Maintains Felony, Court of Appeals and Common Pleas Court records

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### Guest Presentations:

- The Honorable Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Clerk of Courts (County Elected Official) – con'td):
  - Sets dockets for Judges
  - Administers Auto Titles (legal proof that you own your vehicle)
  - Manages 200 Deputy Clerks in 9 Districts in Central Ohio
  - Coordinated improved process automation (website and e-filing)
  - Working on obtaining certified translators and document translations for various languages (e.g. Spanish, Somalis speaking and more)
  - Now issues passports and passport photos
  - Distributed 2023 Annual Report
  
- Lewis Teba, City Planning Division (Zoning)
  - Staffs the Downtown and Arts Commission
  - Management of Dept. Social Media
  - Zone-In process coordination (updating Zoning City codes due to population and area growth)
  - Zone-In will improve transit, environmental sustainability and modernize the City Zoning Code which has not been updated since the 1950's
  - Zoning updates will begin in the corridors of the City (main streets); neighborhood adjustments will commence once corridor zoning is updated
  - Ongoing educational discussions are taking place in various parts of the city. Additional workshops will occur with communities and stakeholders in July and August, 2023 (<https://www.columbus.gov/bzs/>)
  - Upcoming meetings include:
    - Housing (How can modernized zoning support better housing in Columbus) – May 10 at Whetstone Community Center
    - How mixed use main streets support equitable growth in Columbus (May 16: City of Grace or June 1: Schiller Community Center)
    - Zone-In on Development (How can modernized zoning support better development in Columbus (May 24: Linden Community Center)
    - Zone-In on my Business (How can modernized zoning support the success of my business (June 8: Virtual mtg)
    - Will this material be translated in other languages or is there an option for this on your website? Response: Currently working to utilize google translator for other languages to reach out to various communities

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- Lewis Teba, City Planning Division (Zoning) – cont'd
  - Questions-Responses:
    - Will the zoning modifications include mobile home communities in the City of Columbus? Response: If the first phase (Corridors) is near a mobile home community, that area will be considered. In the second phase, if there are mobile homes present, the codes will include that parcel of land
    - Will the Zoning Codes change for just the structures on Cleveland Avenue or just around the corridor and if so, how will the zoning code changes make a positive impact on that community? Response: Currently, most of the Cleveland Avenue area is zoned as Commercial. We want to make a zoning code that will reduce dependency on variances and hopefully modify the zoning code to be more like neighborhood planning (e.g. mixed use)
    - How is the zoning code broken? Response: The current zoning code does not fit with today's character of communities and population; therefore, it needs to be updated to match community area plans and should be based on today's existing conditions
    - What are the project timeframes for the zoning changes to be completed? Response: Approximately between the years of 2024-2025

### City of Columbus Representative Updates:

- **Sarah Pomeroy, City Attorney's Office**
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Zone Attorney will be added to the City Attorney's office
  - Cassady Village apartments did comply with resolving some interior violations and are working on existing exterior violations and is now a filed court case
- **DeLena Scales, Neighborhood Program Specialist, Dept. of Neighborhoods**
  - Closeout Financial Reports are due by May 31, 2023
  - Commissioner Spring Networking meeting will occur on May 31 (6 pm: East Market)
  - \$300 will be left in our bank account for business purchases needed. Once the monies are left in the account, it may be used. Reminder to only conduct commission business during the monthly meeting in a public forum and not within an email to other commissioners
  - Currently, interviews are being conducted for a new Liaison. Once a person is selected, NEAC will be introduced as the new Liaison

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### **Old Business/Commissioner Announcements (Chair Rogers)**

- Reminder: Seeking Commissioner candidates for Somerset and Willow Spring communities
- Commissioner Moore posted updated election information on the NEAC website (<https://cbusareacommissions.org/northeast/>)

### **New Business/Commissioner Announcements**

- 2022-2023 Year-End Budget Vote (No quorum to hold vote)
- 2023-2024 Budget Vote (No quorum to hold vote)
- 2023 National Night Out discussion & event (No quorum to hold vote)
- Reminders: Trauma Response Civic Leadership (moved to June 14: 6-7:30 pm by Webex)

### **Commissioner District Announcements/Updates: (None)**

### **Public Comments**

- Sheriff's Dept. has various job opportunities for women and men (<https://sheriff.franklincountyohio.gov/>)

**Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.**