

**Northeast Area Commission Meeting**

**October 6, 2022**

**Northeast Area Commissioners Roll Call:**

**Karen Rogers (Cumberland Ridge): Chair - Present**  
**Kevin Kenley (Willow Springs): Treasurer – Present**  
**Chanel McDougle-Yakubu (Walnut Creek): Secretary – Present**  
**Elenora Moore (Arlington Park I): Zoning Chair – Present**  
**Sandra Chapple (At Large): Treasurer – Present**  
**Brad Davis (Bridgeview): Present**  
**Antwan Horston (Arlington Park II): Present**  
**Nicole Horston (At Large): Present**  
**Dr. Dimaris Medina-Cortes (At Large): Present**  
**Kawther H. Musa (Framingham): Present**  
**Alice Porter (At Large): Excused Absence**  
**Karen Brown (Brunswick Estates): Present – Early Departure 7:34pm**

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Meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by Madam Chair Karen Rogers. Madam Chair discussed meeting decorum. Commissioner McDougle-Yakubu took roll call and verbally confirmed that enough commissioners were present to conduct business.

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**Meeting Agenda Approval/Amendments (October 6, 2022)**

- Commissioner N. Horston made a motion to accept the agenda as is with no changes. Commissioner Medina-Cortes seconded that motion. Motion carried by unanimous approval.

**Meeting Minutes Approval/Amendments (September 1, 2022)**

- Commissioner Medina-Cortes made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Brown seconded that motion. The motion was carried by unanimous approval.

**Treasurer’s Financial Report (September 2022)**

<b>NORTHEAST AREA COMMISSION</b>				
<b>September, 2022 Treasury Transaction Report</b>				
Opening Balance & Dates	Transactio	Payee	Transaction Description	Balances
September Beginning Balance				\$2,590.66
9/12/2022	Service Purchase	Staples	Additional 100 flyers for distribution (Mobile Residence Committee)	\$70.00
September Ending Balance				\$2,520.66

- Commissioner Chapple read and reviewed the financial report for September 2022.
- Commissioner Moore made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Financial Report for September 2022. Commissioner Kenley seconded that motion. The motion was carried by unanimous approval.

**Community Liaison Officer (CLO): Officer Lisa Barbeau**

- Reviewed stats for our precincts
- Public discussion
- Questions were answered and some questions were tabled to allow time for Officer Lisa Barbeau to research

**Guest Presentation:**

- **Chloe Nunez - Representative from Mayor Ginther’s Office - 10 min**
  - Explanation about bond issues 14-21 that are on the upcoming November ballot were discussed
  - Public discussion and questions were answered
  - Discussion about the possibility of Continuing Education credit classes
  - More information can be found at the following websites
    - Bonds 14-18: [columbus.gov/2022bondpackage](http://columbus.gov/2022bondpackage)
    - Bonds 19-21: [columbus.gov/2022charter-amendment](http://columbus.gov/2022charter-amendment)

**City of Columbus Representatives Update**

- **Sarah Pomeroy, City Attorney’s Office**
  - Gave in depth explanation about the Capital Park Apartments on Agler Road: Injunction has been filed and a hearing occurred this week.
  - Discussed matters that were raised at prior meetings with the appropriate parties.

➤ **Department of Neighborhoods: Neighborhood Program Specialist: DeLena Scales**

- Free Flu & COVID-19 Vaccines in Linden:
  - Columbus Public Health will be offering free COVID-19 and flu vaccines at our 240 Parsons Avenue location and at community locations starting this week, including drive-thru options at some Columbus Fire stations. The bivalent COVID-19 booster dose, as well as primary COVID-19 doses and flu shots, will be available. (Please share the attached flyer as appropriate.)
  - Columbus Fire Station 18 – 1630 Cleveland Ave.
  - Wednesdays (Oct. 5-Nov. 16) • 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- 2022 Neighborhoods Best Practices Conference: October 15, 2022, 9am-3pm
  - Do you want to know how to Build Resilient Communities Post Pandemic? Consider attending the 2022 Neighborhoods Best Practices Conference October 15, 2022, from 9am-3pm. The event will be held at Columbus State Event Center @ 315 Cleveland Avenue.
  - There is a track dedicated to youth. The Department will also honor 20 youth under 20 for their work in our Columbus Neighborhoods.
- Register to Receive a Free Tree to Plant
  - Did you know Green Columbus is hosting three FREE tree giveaways in October? All you have to do is register for the type of tree you want! They will be distributing free yard trees in 3-gallon pots on the first three Saturdays of October. People can register to pick up a tree from Green Columbus nurseries in the Hilltop on Oct. 1 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and Linden on Oct. 8 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The department has partnered with Green Columbus to expand this tree giveaway to the South Side neighborhood so a tree giveaway will be held at Barack Community Center on Oct. 15 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 614 Beautiful Program:
  - 614 Beautiful is a grant program that seeks to beautify communities through vibrant, neighborhood-driven solutions that address issues of equity and enable greater connectivity within the neighborhood. In addition to activating spaces and creating places, the program aims to encourage dialogue amongst neighbors, local businesses, and organizations, and promote creativity and ingenuity in strategies that support all within Columbus.” Please see the attached flyer for more information and check out the website at [614beautiful.org](http://614beautiful.org).
- 2023 New American Leadership Academy:
  - The New American Leadership Academy (NALA) is a leadership and professional development program within City of Columbus Department of Neighborhoods. It fosters personal development, builds an enhanced knowledge of civic engagement, and helps emerging New American leaders discover how they can contribute to the success of the community. The application closes on Friday, November 18, 2022. For additional information on the 2023 program

and to apply please visit [www.columbus.gov/nala](http://www.columbus.gov/nala). NALA is open to all qualified applicants 18 years or older with a high school diploma or equivalent.

- Free Home Delivered Meals to Franklin County:
  - For residents aged 60 or older, extended through December 31, 2022. Visit Franklin County Office on Aging at [officeonaging.org](http://officeonaging.org) or call 614-525-6200 to learn more.

### **Zoning and Variances Presentations/Reports: Zoning Chair Moore**

- **Abshir Haji – Vice Chair – IbnuTaymiyah Masjid and Islamic Center – 2334 Mock Road, Columbus, Ohio 43219**
  - Came to ask for the commissions support and resources to help move the process along for proposed 2 floor Masjid and Islamic Center
  - Code enforcement stated that there were site plan issues that were a major hold up
  - Commissioner Musa and Commissioner Moore both expressed that there may be some language barriers preventing the parties involved at the IbnuTaymiyah Masjid and Islamic Center to understand what is needed of them.
  - Commissioner Musa and Commissioner Moore will continue to support their efforts through to completion.
- **BZA22-108: 2973 McCutcheon Road, 43219 – Representative Kim Mikanik**
  - Absent

### **Old Business (Madam Chair Rogers)**

- Election Updates - seeking volunteers for Somerset and Willow Springs –
  - Neighborhood Program Specialist: DeLena Scales has been in communication with someone from Somerset. That individual has been invited to the commission to voice their concerns and see if joining is a possibility
  - Commissioner Kenley is working on sending out a newsletter to the residents of Willow Springs in hopes that someone will volunteer
- Building Peace in The Community – vote to accept/deny
  - Commissioner Brown made a motion to vote on acceptance or denial of this training session. Commissioner Medina-Cortes seconded that motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote to deny.
  - The commission will not be moving forward with this training session.
- Agler Road Bridge Update
  - Opening date has been pushed back to November 17, 2022

- Vice Chair Discussion
  - Commissioner Chapple was nominated at the September 2022 meeting but Chair Rogers is asking that the seat stay vacant until the newly appointed commissioners are in their seats
  - Commissioner McDougle-Yakubu expressed concern over having commissioners that are not actively involved in other roles/committees outside of attending the regularly scheduled meetings and asked if anyone would be interested in stepping up to fill the role
  - Neighborhood Program Specialist: DeLena Scales stated that filling the role now, the appointed would only be in that role until December 31, 2022 and then another vote would have to take place.
  - Commissioner N.Horston made a table the vice chair election until a date to be determined. Commissioner Moore seconded that motion. The motion was carried by unanimous approval.

### **New Business (Madam Chair Rogers)**

- Welcome new At-Large Commissioner Aaron Woosley
  - Not in attendance
- MHP Updates - Commissioner Medina-Cortes
  - First meeting was a huge success
  - Mobile Park Home Residents voiced many concerns ranging from stray cats to the lack of police presence
  - Language and literacy barriers were discussed
  - Still seeking volunteers for the committee
  - Code Enforcement Officer stated that as of 9/29/2022 the city of Columbus code enforcement can take complaints for specific issues pertaining to mobile home parks within the city limits
- Cassady Avenue from Plaza Properties Boulevard to Agler Road support letter – asking for support
  - Questions were raised about the amount of funding wanted as well as if they can include a proposed layout
  - Chair Rogers will try to get someone at the next meeting so that the commission can ask questions before signing a letter of support
- Special meeting/training for motions
  - Chair Rogers will send a few dates to Neighborhood Program Specialist: DeLena Scales to get training on the calendar for the commission
  - Commissioner A.Horston stated that Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays would be ideal for his schedule
  - Commissioner McDougle-Yakubu suggested virtual training sessions
  - More to be discussed in the upcoming months

### **Commissioner Announcements (Madam Chair Rogers)**

- Seeking Collaboration & Mutuality: Oct 8th 10-11:30 - via zoom with Tom Carlisi
- Neighborhood Best Practices Conference: Oct 15th 9am-3pm – Columbus State Community College
- 311 Training: Oct. 20th, Oct. 25th, & Oct. 27th 5pm-7pm: Karl Road Library
- Building & Zoning Training: Oct 29th 9am-12pm – via zoom and presented by Building & Zoning Services

### **District Updates**

Arlington Park I: No updates

Arlington Park II: No updates

Bridgeview: No updates

Brunswick: Absent

Cumberland Ridge: Sheetz traffic is still an issue; requesting a right turn only sign at speedway to help with traffic concerns

Framingham: Commissioner Musa stated that she has passed out flyers to introduce herself to her sub-division.

Somerset: Vacant

Walnut Creek: Commissioner McDougle-Yakubu stated that the Walnut Creek Civic Association is hosting its first annual trunk or treat and invited the commissioners to volunteer and spread the word to their respective districts. She also stated again for the commissioners that were absent for the last meeting what the protocol is for reporting absences. Absences should be reported by 5pm the day prior to any scheduled meeting. If there is an emergency that will prevent a commissioner from being in attendance, then a phone call is preferred to the secretary's cell phone. If there are attendance issues (early departures, etc.) then they should come to the secretary and then the chair if the secretary is not available.

Willow Springs: No updates

### **Public Comments**

- None

**Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm by Madam Chair Karen Rogers.**

- Commissioner N.Horston made a motion that we adjourn. Commissioner Medina-Cortes seconded that motion.