

COLUMBUS SOUTH SIDE AREA COMMISSION

Tuesday, December 22, 2015, 6:30 pm

Reeb Avenue Center

MINUTES

1) **Call to Order/Roll Call/ Pledge of Allegiance**

Roll Call: **10 present** - M. Kromer (District 1); C. Macisco (District 3); M. Grace (District 5); J. Griffin (District 6); C. Patterson (District 7); L. Banner (District 9); W. Bibb (District 10); C. Davis (At-Large Business); A. Stewart (At-Large Education); B. Leighty (PAMA); **5 absent** – no representative currently (District 2); C. Loutzenhiser (District 4); B. Specht (District 8); E. Synk (At-Large Tenant/Home Owner); R. Bowman (At-Large Religious/Social Services).

2) **Approval of Minutes**

Corrections to Minutes from November meeting and additions to December agenda were made. Secretary will send corrected documents to commissioners. (Note: completed 12/23/2015)

3) **Reading of Correspondence**

None

4) **City Liaison Report** – Jo Anne St. Clair

- Columbus Division of Fire has free smoke alarms and installation available to residents, call Hotline 614-724-0935
- Mark Stansbury has apples and oranges to give away
- Trash day will change with holiday
- Code enforcement meetings will start up in January
- South Side Voice will have January edition and then a Feb/March edition so plan ahead, submit articles by mid-January
- Brunch at Roots will be curtailed on Saturdays due to lack of demand, market will be closed then also
- Check with your neighborhood association, the South Side Pride Center, www.allthingsouth.org events calendar, or South Side Voice for more information.

5) **Community Housing Forum update** – no report

6) **Standing Committee Reports**

a) **Zoning** – Curtis Davis; meets 2nd Saturdays @10:00am at locations with pending variance/zoning applications; zoning updates are posted on Facebook.

Variances

- 341 E. Barthman Avenue – building renovation for business use.

Variances needed: 1) reduced parking; 2) vision clearance due to position of existing building; 3) non-conforming use (existing) in R-3 district; 4) side and rear yards reduced; Reeb-Hosack Association, Commission zoning committee, and City staff approved. Chris Macisco abstained because he does business with security business at this location. Lillie Banner made motion to approve variance. Second by Maudie Grace. Unanimous approval of variance request by commissioners.

- 1125 Linwood Avenue- applicant did not attend meeting.
- 587 Lehman St – rezoning request from CPD (Commercial Planned Development) to AR-2 to allow 165 apartment units. Parking will be underground and in garage. 2 ½ story height near existing residential neighborhood, 4 ½ story height on the side near the commercial development at Livingston and Parsons. Bridge added to allow pedestrian and road access from Jackson to Lehman, applicant met with Schumacher Place a couple of times and incorporated suggestions. Schumacher Place Civic Association, CSSAC zoning committee, and City staff approved the request. Children’s Hospital supports what applicant has done so far and has requested some units be smaller for rental by their short term employees. Chris Macisco made a motion to approve. Lillie Banner seconded. Unanimous approval of rezoning request by commissioners.

South Side Area Commission Demolition Procedure: Upon notification from City of Columbus of proposed demolition in commission area, CSSAC Zoning Committee Chair shall notify commissioner in affected area, president of the area civic association, and all CSSAC Zoning Committee members. Chair shall wait 10 business days for comments before signing permit, unless Emergency Order is issued or Order by any Court in Franklin County. If Chair is notified of issue with a proposed demolition, Chair shall wait until next regularly scheduled Zoning Committee meeting (second Saturday of each month) to discuss, before taking any action.

Demolitions

- No demolitions on agenda.
- b) **Education** - Anne Stewart- went with South Side Stay on December 1 to South High School and listened to National Honor Society presentations, invited NHS to commission meeting, principal accepted and they will be at CSSAC meeting in February.

Southwood site based council meeting, attended for Merion Village Association, recently adopted literacy collaborative for teaching reading, has a high need for books, will get titles to share in Jan., school is a candidate for firefighters against drugs holiday bash,

provides raffle and toys for kids, firefighters work with 5 schools on programs to discuss drugs, bullying, etc.

- c) **Public Services/Planning** – Erin Synk: meets 2nd Thursdays @ 6:30 pm in Barack Recreation Center, Room 128. No report, next meeting in January.
- d) **Block Watch Community Meetings** – Meets 4th Wednesdays, except December @ 6:30 pm at Barack Rec Center. No report.
- e) **Public Relations** – Chris Macisco: No report.

7) **Reports of Officers Chair** – Jim Griffin

- Special election will be held for 2 other districts (8 and 10). Campaigning from Dec 23 through Jan 22. Election - Saturday, January 23 at Barack Recreation Center from noon-5 pm. No one is running for District 2, will need to have another special election.
- Officer nominations for 2016 – Secretary – Marleen Kromer; Treasurer – Cassaundra Patterson; President – Jim Griffin; Vice-President – Curtis Davis. All commissioners voted in favor of slate of candidates except Maudie Grace opposed. No abstentions. Vote for officers will be taken at January meeting.
- Chair Jim Griffin reappointed Randi Bowman (Religious/Social Services) and Anne Stewart (Education) to the at-large positions. Curtis Davis made motion to accept reappointments, Chris Macisco seconded. All commissioners voted in favor of reappointments except Maudie Grace opposed.
- Mike Sexton from the City will probably have a late January community wide meeting to discuss Parsons Avenue traffic plan.

Fiscal – Cassaundra Patterson

- Should have check with second disbursement of funds from the City by the end of this week. Will need to make a budget for next year.

8) **Informal & Public Presentations**

- None

9) **District Reports**

- a) **District 1 Schumacher Place**: 3rd Tuesdays @ Plank's Café on Parsons at 6:30pm. No report.
- b) **District 2 Southern Orchards**: 1st Tuesdays @ Stowe Mission of Central Ohio at 6:00pm. No report.
- c) **District 3 Merion Village**: 1st Wednesdays @ St. Paul UCC Church, 225 Gates Street at 7:00pm. No report.

- d) **District 4 Southside CAN/Ganther's Place/Edgewood Acres:** CAN-2nd Monday, 7:00pm @ South High School; GP-4th Thursday at 6 pm @ 566 Reinhard; EA-2nd Tuesday at 7:00pm, @ 1111 E. Stewart Ave. Ganthers – No reports.
- e) **District 5 Deshler Park:** 3rd Thursday @ Southeast Apostolic Mission, 1505 Fairwood Avenue at 6:00pm. No meeting this month. Had toy giveaway with the Church at Barack last Saturday, good turnout. Linwood Blockwatch – new officer, Eric Jones; gave out 37 complete Thanksgiving dinners.
- f) **District 6 Vassor Village:** 1st Wednesday @ Barack Rec Center at 7:00pm. Planning free event – pancake breakfast on Saturday January 16; Hazel's House of Hope actors coming in to do super heroes program.
- g) **District 7 Innis Gardens Village:** 4th Thursday, Block Watch at 6:30pm, Civic Association at 7:00pm –1402 Smith Rd. Park (Fairwood & Smith). No meeting or report.
- h) **District 8 Hungarian Village:** 2nd Wednesday @ Hungarian Reformed Church at 7:00pm. – No report.
- i) **District 9 Reeb-Hosack:** 2nd Tuesday @ Resurrection Missionary Baptist Church @ 6:30pm. – adopted 8 families for holidays, Lillie handed out written summary report from the Regional Neighborhood Network Conference. No update on the PACE project. Jo Anne will get report.
- j) **District 10 Stambaugh–Elwood:** 4th Saturday @ various locations @ 11am – Food Pantry will be open on Saturday.
- k) **Tenant or Home Owner:** meet in January to begin planning next year's Housing Expo.
- l) **At-Large Business:** \$15million investment in community by Patriarch; support mid-Ohio Food Bank (Roots and Market) by getting a loyalty card; City is finishing the optic fiber on Parsons Avenue.
- m) **Religious and Social Services:** No report.
- n) **At-Large Education:** Report presented earlier in meeting.
- o) **Parsons Avenue Merchants Association:** 1st Wednesday @ Scrambler Marie's at 12:00pm. – South Side Voice on www.allthingsouth.org. Public announcements can be posted in visitor center area at Alchemy at Village Pointe. January 6 - next meeting at Scrambler Marie's. How Sweet It Is event will have silent auction to raise money for Plant Pride on Parsons. Theme: Your Home. Looking for committee members; Monument project – Ironworkers Local 172 meeting in January to see about getting something completed, have about \$83K, may need \$100K to complete it; Local Matters moving into Village Pointe soon. Fresh Foods Here Program - South Columbus in 2016 - plans to have displays in IGA and May's Produce Market. Library, Barack Apartments, Innis and Parsons Blueprint project, Pocket Park at old South Side Settlement House site are all progressing; recruited over 100 people for paid food survey study in Southside CAN and Southern Orchards neighborhoods. Grant applications are underway.

10) **Old Business**

- Charlie Loutzenhiser – by-laws sent out to commissioners for final review, submit final comments by end of year, December 31. Comments solicited from public through Facebook posting. Revisions will be done in sections, easy changes first then discussion and revisions of more complex sections.

11) **New Business**

- Maudie Grace made motion to move CSSAC meetings back to Barack Recreation Center. Cassaundra Patterson seconded. At an earlier Executive Committee meeting, Randi Bowman had requested that we revisit the meeting location in February. After discussion, motion was tabled until February meeting.
- Maudie Grace made motion to move Executive Committee meeting to Barack Rec Center in January. Marleen Kromer seconded. Six commissioners were in favor and 2 opposed, 2 did not vote. Executive Committee will meet at 9 am, January 23 at Barack Rec Center.

12) **Public Comments & Announcements**

- Commissioners are encouraged to attend Mayor Coleman's final event.
- William Bibb will be stepping down from the commission at end of his term this year and was commended for his service. He thanked everyone for supporting the Stambaugh-Elwood community.
- Free income tax filing and utility assistance by appointment at the Benefit Bank at the Reeb Center.

13) **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Next Meeting - Tuesday, January 26, 2016 @ 6:30 pm @ Reeb Avenue Center

CSSAC Recycles

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