

COLUMBUS SOUTH SIDE AREA COMMISSION

Tuesday, March 22, 2016, 6:30 pm

Reeb Avenue Center

MINUTES

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

Roll Call: **13 present** - M. Kromer (District 1); Taylor Stewart (District 2); C. Macisco (District 3); C. Loutzenhiser (District 4); J. Griffin (District 6); C. Patterson (District 7); Teresa Martin (District 8); L. Banner (District 9); Lauretta Freeman (District 10); E. Synk (At-Large Tenant/Home Owner); C. Davis (At-Large Business); R. Bowman (At-Large Religious/Social Services); A. Stewart (At-Large Education); **2 absent** –M. Grace (District 5); B. Leighty (PAMA).

Amendment to agenda – Bruce Black will be added to City Liaison Report to report on Neighborhood Pride. Delete Executive Committee Meeting Day from New Business.

Approval of Minutes

February commission meeting minutes approved. (Motion-Curtis Davis, Second-Chris Macisco)

2) Reading of Correspondence

None

3) City Liaison Report – Jo Anne St. Clair; Bruce Black, program manager for Neighborhood Pride

- Bruce Black, Neighborhood Pride – planned activities in focused area, applications received from several communities, given to Directors who will pass on recommendations to Mayor, the South Side will get on the project list, not sure what area. Program evolved in 2002, offers free breakfast and lunch to everyone who comes in for the day, each lunch has educational component, speaker will present on neighborhood problems to be addressed. Tuesday night-free dinner from Donato's, police and fire precinct presents on Safety; Wednesday lunch - Healthy Eating topic; Wednesday night – 2-mile community bike ride; Thursday night - Mayor and his cabinet have a meeting with neighbors; Friday-cookout. Elementary Schools- focus on bike safety- students will get bike helmets; Middle School-Talent Search; hope to have decision by April 1st where events will take place, orientation and training planned for April 6.
- Jo Anne St. Clair – April 14th – Plant Pride meeting at Parsons Library, 6 pm
- April – Earth Day week – Clean up Parsons and plant pansies; 16th – Hosack to Frebis, 17th - Frebis to Livingston
- Responsible Landlord event – April 14th at 4:00 at Reeb Avenue Center
- Spring Into Action flyer available for April 2nd event at South High School
- Alicia Brown, Community Program Manager for Celebrate One Southside - March 29th at Barack Recreation Center
- Two work groups: Birth spacing – 2nd Tuesday each month; Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Group – 3rd Thursday at noon.
- Check with your neighborhood association, the South Side Pride Center, www.allthingsouth.org events calendar, or South Side Voice for more information.

- 4) **Community Housing Forum update** – Church/Community Development for All People
- Heyl School redevelopment underway; applied for permits, 44 units - 14 townhouses. Workforce Development office will be located on first floor.

5) **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

- 496 East Beck Street – Height variance requested to raise height of new garage to add artist loft space. Space will not be developed as livable space. New single family home also being developed on lot, variances for residential building previously approved. City staff approved, Schumacher Place approved, Zoning Committee approved. Motion to approve garage height variance - Chris Macisco, Second – Erin Synk; unanimous vote of approval by commission.

Demolitions

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

- 1221 S. Champion Avenue – garage
 - 776 E. Whittier Street – commercial building
- b) **Education** - Anne Stewart- April 4th – pre-K enrollment deadline for Columbus City Schools. Mike Alcock, Facilities Master Plan ad hoc committee member – Advisory group formed in January, recommendation to school board for districtwide facilities plan for the fall ballot; looking at the physical buildings and how they're being used, and future enrollment projections; survey to get feedback from public on their views and priorities wrapped up March 14th; in early – late April community meetings will be held to get feedback on entire scope of the schools programs and facilities. Mike encouraged everyone to participate in the public process to provide input to the plan which will affect future building locations and programs across the district.
- c) **Public Services/Planning** – Erin Synk: meets 2nd Thursdays @ 6:30 pm in Barack Recreation Center, Room 128. Part of 17th Street will be resurfaced this year, it's at the top of city's list, will be completed next year; need to send letter to Ohio EPA to get air quality report about Marion Road Fire; additional information expected on Urban Infrastructure Funds.

d) **Block Watch Community Meetings** – Meets 4th Wednesdays, except November and December @ 6:30 pm at Barack Rec Center.

e) **Public Relations** – Chris Macisco: No report.

7) **Reports of Officers**

Chair – Jim Griffin

- Commissioner Orientation – held on March 12th, seven commissioners attended, makeup session will take place once all new commissioners are sworn in.
- Community Engagement Event, “Spring into Action – South High School, April 2, 10am-noon.

Fiscal – Cassaundra Patterson

- Budget was approved last month, Department of Development sent form to request funds, should receive funds at end of April-early May.

8) **Informal & Public Presentations**

- Chelsea Hutton, C.A.R.E. (Columbus Area Revitalization & Empowerment) presented on this for-profit company that plans to create affordable housing by constructing 65 modular home units on Morrill Avenue, east of Parsons; part of resident’s monthly rent will go into savings program which can be used toward one month rent if facing financial hardship or used for down payment for purchase of home; will work with local nonprofits and other partners to improve lives of residents through education, job creation, and investment. More information: www.caregroupunlimited.com
Requested a letter of support from the CSSAC for C.A.R.E. project concept with initial focus on Morrill Avenue. Motion to provide letter of support - Erin Synk. Second - Curtis Davis;
Commissioners vote: 2 opposed, 9 in favor, 2 abstained. Letter of support will be sent by CSSAC.

9) **District Reports**

- a) **District 1 Schumacher Place:** 1st Tuesday 6:30pm @ Plank’s Café on Parsons. Variance application for 601 South 9th Street to develop 10 condominiums has been withdrawn.
- b) **District 2 Southern Orchards:** 1st Tuesday 6:00pm @ Stowe Mission of Central Ohio, 888 Parsons Ave. No report.
- c) **District 3 Merion Village:** 1st Wednesday 7:00pm @ St. Paul UCC Church, 225 Gates Street. Fundraiser at Red Brick Tavern-April 16; Cleanup-April 23; Yard Sale-May 7; Arts Festival – June 10-12; Merion Village Festival-Aug 28.
- d) **District 4 Southside CAN/Ganther’s Place/Edgewood Acres/Thurman Square:** CAN-2nd Monday 7:00pm @ South High School; GP-4th Thursday 6:00pm @ 566 Reinhard; EA-2nd Tuesday 7:00pm @ Corpus Christi, 1111 E. Stewart Ave; TS-3rd Tuesday 6:30pm @ Parsons Library; Easter Egg Hunt, March 26, 10am-1pm at Ganthers Place.
- e) **District 5 Deshler Park:** 3rd Thursday 6:00pm @ Alvis House, 1755 Alum Creek Drive. Moved back to Alvis House on Alum Creek. No report.
- f) **District 6 Vassor Village:** 1st Wednesday 7:00pm @ Barack Rec Center. Membership drive to be held at Planks on Parsons.
- g) **District 7 Innis Gardens Village:** 4th Thursday 7:00pm, Block Watch 6:30pm, Civic Association–Come as You Are Ministries, 1402 Smith Rd. (Fairwood & Smith). Cleanup-April 16.

- h) **District 8 Hungarian Village:** 2nd Wednesday 7:00pm @ Hungarian Reformed Church, 365 Woodrow Ave. Cleanup-April 16.
- i) **District 9 Reeb-Hosack:** 2nd Tuesday 6:30pm @ Resurrection Missionary Baptist Church, 258 Hosack St. Columbus Realtors Association and City planning CARE project day – June 8.
- j) **District 10 Stambaugh–Elwood:** 4th Saturday 11:00am@ various locations – Cleanup-April 2.
- k) **Tenant or Home Owner:** presentation to Columbus Realtors Association who will sponsor a CARE Day event to clean up a three block area on Reeb, Bruck, and Barthman in Reeb-Hosack district on Wednesday, June 8. Will need 50-80 volunteers. Going door-to-door this Saturday, March 26, to get list of projects. Housing EXPO will be Saturday, Sept 24, planning underway, showcase groups and neighborhood tours, planning meeting March 31, 6 pm at Barack Center.
- l) **At-Large Business:** No report
- m) **Religious and Social Services:** Many church services and egg hunts for Easter week.
- n) **At-Large Education:** Report presented earlier in meeting.
- o) **Parsons Avenue Merchants Association:** 1st Wednesday 12:00pm @ Scrambler Marie's. South Side Voice on www.allthingsouth.org. Public announcements can be posted in visitor center area at Alchemy at Village Pointe.

10) **Old Business**

By-laws revisions – commissioners had agreed to take up Article 3 which deals with appointing at-large positions; proposal had been made that this should be changed to elected positions rather than appointments. Most commissions have both elected and appointed members based on task force recommendation. People for appointed seats are identified through input from civics, PAMA, and others. Marleen Kromer suggested more time to consider proposal because commissioner who requested change was not in attendance. Decision was tabled until later meeting. Also, an ethics policy provision has been requested to be added to the by-laws. This item was also tabled for consideration at future meeting.

11) **New Business**

None

12) **Public Comments & Announcements**

None

13) **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn – Jim Griffin; Second – Curtis Davis; all in favor. Adjourned around 8:00 pm.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 6:30 pm, April 26, 2016 @ Reeb Avenue Center
CSSAC Recycles - Please Leave ALL Unwanted Papers On Table For Recycling