

Minutes from April 4, 2023 Meeting

- Chair Commissioner Chamberlain called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
- Commissioner Dodley requested attendees to Pledge of Allegiance.
- Chair Commissioner Chamberlain called for Roll Call introduction of Commissioners.
- Chair Commissioner Chamberlain, Secretary Commissioner Tyree, Treasurer Commissioner Holmes., Zoning Chair Commissioner Abner, Commissioner Dodley, Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Reese were present. Vice Chair Commissioner Moynihan was excused.
- Approval of March 7, 2023 Minutes
 - Chair Commissioner Chamberlain asked Commissioners to review March 7, 2023 Meeting Minutes which resulted in no modifications. Chair Commissioner Chamberlain made a motion, which was seconded, to approve March 7, 2023 Minutes. Roll Call Voting resulted in unanimous approval.
- Zoning
 - CV23-008 1244 Manor Drive. Treasurer Commissioner Holmes made a motion, which was seconded, to take CV23-008 1244 off of Table. Cephas Pearson presented. Secretary Commissioner Tyree made a motion, which was seconded, to approve CV23-008 1244 with the stipulation for the City of Columbus to review line of sight from South to North direction of Manor Drive which needs to be opposite to the parcel in question. Roll Call Voting resulted in unanimous approval.
- Community Comments and Questions
 - Greater Eastside Coalition Housing Event
 - Chair Commissioner Chamberlain open a question, comment and information sharing session with agreed follow up task.
 - > Informed Power Point presentations will be posted on Greater Eastside Coalition Facebook Page.
 - Planned to invite Transportation Director, City of Columbus, to next meeting.
 - Agreed by Manager Lynne LaCour to follow up with Dr. Messer, Veterinarian, Health Department, City of Columbus on eagle habitats.
- Reviews
 - o Facilitated by Chair Commissioner Chamberlain with discussions and agreements by Commissioners
 - Far East Bus Tour
 - Planned April 21, 2023 Bus Tour with City officials and Commissioner to view noted areas for improvements.
 - Closed Out Budget
 - Secretary Commissioner Tyree made a motion, which was seconded, to reallocate remainder of budget to advertising and mission statement interpretation for events.
 - 2023 Capital Improvement Budget Recommendations
 - Prioritized Recommendations
 - 1. The Pride Center is so small. It is difficult to hold meetings with the capacity of people in audience. If possible, an addition to doubling its size would be top priority.
 - 2. Request a centralized community/recreation center for the Far East with room for multipurpose spaces.
 - 3. The area 14 and 20 precincts to cover our existing shared substation is too large. Request a new police substation towards northern end of Far East Commission area.
 - 4. McNaughten Road between Broad and Main Streets will have an upgrade for shared use path/sidewalks (MORPC). Request the upgrade be followed all the way through to Livingston Avenue.
 - 5. Request help alleviating traffic that backs into Independence Village Park. It is difficult exiting out of that subdivision.
 - State of the City Community Night
 - Asked Commissioners to attend State of the City Community Night at Marion Franklin Center , April 11, 2023, 6 pm to 7:30 pm.

- Community Events
 - Requested by Chair Commissioner Chamberlain to consider volunteering for future The Ultimate Resource Network, Food Giveaway and East Columbus Business Association Clean Up events.
- Community Updates
 - o Lynne LaCour, Neighborhood Pride Center Manager and Neighborhood Program Specialist
 - Informed of Mayor Ginther appointment of Rena Shak to lead the Office of Violence Prevention.
 - The office will align strategies and drive collaboration among neighborhood safety and violence prevention responses city-wide and further enhance overall effectiveness when it comes to reducing violent crime throughout Columbus.
 - Emphasized Community Pride Team Meeting on April 19, 2023, Noon to 1:30 pm, at Far East Neighborhood Pride Center.
 - Sent out Flying Horse Farms event. Flying Horse Farms is a nonprofit organization that provides free-ofcharge camping experiences to children with serious illnesses through various spring, summer, and fall programs.
 - Passed on Franklin County Auditor Neighborhood Survey which asked Franklin County residents to complete survey about neighborhoods to give Auditor's office the best and most accurate information possible as the office work to establish the most fair and equitable property values possible.
 - Invited Commissioners to attend Mayor's State of the City Southside Community Night on April 11, 2023, 6:00pm to 7:30pm, at Marion Franklin Community Center.
 - Brief on City of Columbus Grants Management Section release of Community Development Block Grant.
 - o Officer John Brown , 14 Precinct Liaison Officer, Division of Police, City of Columbus
 - Conducted elderly presentation at Castleton Apartments.
 - Made police officer encounter presentations at Walnut Ridge and Independence High School.
 - Gave Blockwatch sign to McNaughten-Grove coordinator.
 - Briefed on
 - > ATM robbery
 - Increase automobile break in
 - car club meeting at Floor Décor
 - > automobile shooting
 - Stanley Gates, II, Director, Community Engagement, City Council of Columbus
 - Unveiled Initiatives to Include, Preserve, and Invest in Columbus' Housing Portfolio.
 - Reminded Columbus Urban Public Policy Academy Training.
 - Announced accepting applications for summer 2023 internship cohort.
 - Christoff Sweet, Community Clinical Counselor, CARE Coalition, Public Health, City of Columbus
 - Presented Manager LaCour with Certificate of Appreciation, Columbus CARE Coalition March 2023 Volunteer of the month.
 - Informed of National Trauma week of May 15-19, 2023. Columbus CARE Coalition will sponsor a Resource Fair on the east side of Barnett Park on May 15, 2023, 4 pm to 6 pm.
 - New Business

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- Speaker
 - Charday Litzy-Taylor, Community Liaison, Civil Service Commission, City of Columbus
 - Informed the Civil Service Commission, in partnership with Citywide Training and Development, will host Civil Service Commission Testing Clinics each month from now through October 2023 to help better preparation for the testing process.
 - Greater Eastside Coalition
 - Briefed by Chair Commissioner Chamberlain the Greater Eastside Coalition supported Independence High School contribution request and thanked volunteers and contributors.
- Adjournment
 - Secretary Commissioner Tyree made a motion, which was seconded, to adjourn. Chair Commissioner Chamberlain called for Voice Voting which resulted in unanimous approval. The meeting ended at 8:55 pm.
- Remainder Meetings: May 2, June 6, July 4, August 1, September 5, October 3, November 7, December 5.