



## Minutes from August 4, 2020 Virtual Meeting

- Chair Commissioner Chamberlain called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.
- Chair Commissioner Chamberlain requested attendees to Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.
- Chair Commissioner Chamberlain called for Roll Call Attendance of Commissioners. Roll Call resulted in the presence of Chair Commissioner Chamberlain, Secretary Commissioner Tyree, Treasurer Commissioner Holmes, and Commissioner Dodley. Commissioner Johnson was not present. Vice Chair Commissioner Moynihan, Zoning Chair Marshall, and Commissioner Jones-Harris were excused.
- Chair Commissioner Chamberlain stated the July 7, 2020 Virtual Meeting Minutes will be voted on during the September 1, 2020 Meeting due to no existing quorum.
- Zoning – There was no zoning or variance.
- Treasurer Update - Treasurer Commissioner Holmes informed that Department of Neighborhoods was processing Far East Area Commission allotted budget.
- Community Updates
  - Lynne LaCour, Far Eastside Community Pride Center Manager and Neighborhoods Liaison
    - Offered by Celebrate One
      - ❖ virtual stroller socials with raffles
      - ❖ virtual Safe Sleep Ambassador trainings
      - ❖ continue working relationship with pregnant women and families
      - ❖ Contact Sarah Posten slposten@columbus.gov or 614-645-1375
    - Sponsored Ultimate Resource Directory by Ashleigh Lindsay-Behnkefor - Lindsey Acura location – a gathering of people of faith with interest in effectively changing the culture of our community
    - Mounted cameras by Solid Waste to record illegal dumping
    - Terminated Safe Streets services in August 2020 due to limited Summer hours operates
    - Suggested creating Bylaws Committee to address Best Practices
  - Chair Commissioner Chamberlain, Far East Area Commission

- The Department of Neighborhoods distributed Covid Care Boxes and fresh produce at Barnett Center on July 31. Commission members from the Mideast Area Commission and the Far East Area Commission came to help pass out 500 of these boxes for the community.
    - Greater Eastside Coalition members met online Saturday August 1st to set in motion our next challenge to both ourselves and our community. More information to come on 100 Days of Service beginning September 7th. It was a great meeting and we are thankful for those that joined us as we continue our mission for the Greater Eastside. We look forward to connecting with members of the community, providing resources and information, and serving those with the greatest needs.
  - Commissioner Ava Johnson, Greater South East Area Commission
    - The Greater South East Area Commission (GSEAC) held its 3rd annual Shred, Recycle, Donate Day on July 25th from 8am to noon at the SE Lowe's at 2888 Brice Road. Over 200 cars showed up with paper to shred, electronics, and gently used clothing, games, houseware, and toys. The Commission partnered with Lowe's who allowed the use of their parking lot for set up, VRC formerly Fireproof Document Solutions, Volunteers of America, TDR Electronic Recyclers, and Columbus Gives Back, a volunteers group.
  - Stanley Gates III, Division of Community Engagement
    - City Council allocated funds to provide Area Commissions with new technology equipment. An Area Commission Technology Enhancement Program was created by City Council to facilitate the work of Area Commissions and to ensure Area Commissions have the tools necessary to effectively serve neighborhoods.
- Zoning Update – There was no update.
- Community Liaison Officer Update – Office Poole informed an increase in crime and will provide Chair Commissioner Chamberlain with data.
- Old Business
  - Secretary Commissioner Tyree reminded of previous suggestion of Roberts Rules trainer critiquing Far East Area Commission Meeting and giving constructive Parliamentary feedback.
  - Chair Commissioner Chamberlain requested Community Liaison Lynne LaCour to follow up on status of Next Door.
  - Chair Commissioner Chamberlain did the second reading of proposed Bylaw changes.
    - Article IV. Membership - 3. Terms. The term of membership of elected officials shall be three (3) years. All terms shall expire during the annual meeting in the year that the term expires; however, a member may continue to serve beyond term expiration until a successor is appointed. Terms shall be staggered so as to maintain continuity of experienced representation. As determined by lot one-third of the initial membership shall serve for one (1) year ; one-third, for two (2) years; and the remaining one-third, for three (3) years or until their successors are appointed. Term of at – large commissioners shall be for ~~two (2)~~ **three (3) years**

- Article VIII. Elections - 1. The Elections Board shall consist of a minimum of three (3) Commission Area residents appointed by the Chairperson with the approval of the Commission at the last regular meeting in ~~October~~ **January** of each year. No individual running election night activities can be connected in any way with any candidate appearing on the ballot for the Commission.
- New Business – Chair Commissioner Chamberlain provided the following:
  - Recommended Community Wellness Initiative supported by partnerships of Far East Area Commission, Greater South East Area Commission, Mideast Area Commission, non-profits, and private sector organizations. Chair Commissioner Chamberlain agreed to meet with Area Commissions to determine next steps. Commissioner Dodley agreed to research Initiative event locations. Commissioner Johnson and Pride Center Manager LaCour mentioned getting Columbus Health Department and Celebrate One involved.
  - Suggested exploring options to store virtual meetings. Chair Commissioner Chamberlain, Treasurer Commissioner Holmes, and Commissioner Dodley agreed to work on the project.
  - Briefed on:
    - 2020 Zoning Training, Saturday, August 15, 2020, 9 am – 12 pm (Webex Presentation). Registration will close on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 11:55 pm.,
    - City of Columbus Virtual Townhall Series, Eastside Update, August 10, 2020, 5 pm – 6:30 pm. Watch live on [Facebook.com/cbusneighbor@CBUS](https://www.facebook.com/cbusneighbor@CBUS)
- Requested volunteers for a Bylaws Committee.
  - Chair Commissioner Chamberlain, Secretary Commissioner Tyree, Treasurer Commission Holmes and Brandon Collins agreed to participate on the committee.
- Adjournment - Chair Commissioner Chamberlain called for a motion to adjourn. Secretary Commissioner Tyree made a motion, which was seconded, to adjourn. Roll call voting resulted in unanimous approval. The meeting ended at 8:53 pm.
- Remainder Meetings – September 1, October 6. November 3, December 1