

Columbus Community Coalition
January 31, 2008
Minutes

I. Welcome

Chris Gawronski welcomed everyone, explaining the goals of everyone working together and to join forces to look at common issues affecting all areas of Columbus. Gary Baker called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m.. All attendees introduced themselves and the following announcements were made:

- Mike Puckett, Neighborhood Services City of Columbus, and Dave Paul, 2012 Committee, informed everyone of the five 2012 regional meetings that would occur during the week of February 19th. In addition, a lot of the good ideas for 2012 will not make the final cut and thoughts are that the CCC could be a group to take up those ideas.

- Gary Baker, Chair of the AC/CA Work Group, announced that Representative Dan Stewart of House District 25 has made an official proclamation thanking the CCC for the noble efforts it will make.

II. Discussion of AC/CA Work Group Final Report

Gary Baker gave a history of the AC/CA stating the group was formed by Columbus City Council to better review and provide recommendations about specific questions dealing with the role of and relationship with City Council and the Area Commissions and Civic Associations. The groups first meeting was in April of 2007 and met for eight months.

Chris Gawronski reviewed the eighteen recommendations given by the AC/CA to City Council. He explained that during discussions of these recommendations, the group had the idea to form the CCC.

III. Organizational Discussion: Create Steering Committee

Catherine Girves discussed the need for a Steering Committee to make the organizational discussions on how the CCC will run, the goals, and to make sure the ministerial tasks are done. Attendees were asked to place a star next to their name if they would consider sitting on the Steering Committee. The following people volunteered:

Catherine Girves, Mark Belson, Matt Baldwin, Rev. Gina Hawthorne-Hill, Dr. Nathaniel Bastic, Becky Obester, Dave Paul, Jennifer Adair, Chris Gawronski, Debra Diggs, Dorian Wingard, Joe Decker, Tiffany White, Mike Wiles, Gary Baker, Michael Cole, Sharon Ware

The attendees discussed issues about how often the CCC would meet, how we would chose issues to act on, who are members of the CCC (groups or individuals), how structured should the CCC become, and whether the AC/CA recommendations could be revisited.

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IV. Topics for discussion: What Issues Should CCC Consider

Catherine Girves asked attendees to identify issues that the CCC should consider. All topics were written on large post-its and attendees were asked to identify which topics they would personally like to work on by placing a sticker next to the topic. If an individual was interested in possibly heading a committee on the topic, they placed their name next to the topic. The following are the lists of topics, number of stickers and individual's name, if applicable:

Topic	Number of Stickers	Individual's Name
<i>Topics dealing with the AC/CA Recommendation</i>		
AC/CA Recommendations (implementation)	3	
AC/CA Recommendations (changes to)	1	
Area Commission Boundaries (changes in)	5	Mike McLaughlin
Prioritize AC/CA recommendations	2	
<i>Topics dealing with Business Development and Jobs</i>		
Development of Business	3	
Development of Jobs	6	
<i>Topics dealing with CCC</i>		
Operations/Steering Committee	3	
One Day Retreat to Share Success	0	
Organizing Large numbers for Political Pressure	2	
Networking	0	
Structure that allows people to plug in where necessary	1	
Working and Playing Well with Others	0	
Working with County, City and State government	2	
Monitors of Activities of City Government	0	

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<i>Topics dealing with City Services and Infrastructure</i>		
Failing Infrastructure	8	Matt Baldwin
Support Building Services	0	
Absent Infrastructure	3	
Expansion of City Boundaries	0	
Street Lights	0	
Transportation	2	
Walkable Communities	2	
Traffic Patterns (auto/bike/pedestrian)	4	Catherine Girves
<i>Topics dealing with Education</i>		
Education: Schools	4	Mike Wiles
<i>Topics dealing with the Environment</i>		
Recycling	2	
Green Space	3	Becky Obester
<i>Topics dealing with change to City Code/City Groups</i>		
Graphic Commission (changes to)	2	Jennifer Adair
Code Enforcement (changes to)	6	Jennifer Adair
Liquor Laws (changes to)	2	
Zoning Law (changes to)	6	Jennifer Adair
<i>Topics dealing with Social and Community Problems</i>		
Safety	7	Dave Paul
Graffiti	4	Ian McConnell

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Topic	Number of Stickers	Individual's Name
Social Ills	4	Tiffany White
Vacant Houses	4	
Gang Violence Issues	3	Dave Paul
Demolition prevention	4	
Slum Lords	4	Pauline Edwards