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**Minutes**  
**Steering Committee Meeting**  
**March 12, 2008**

The Columbus Community Coalition Steering Committee met at the J. Ashburn Jr. Youth Center 85 S. Claredon Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43223.

Steering Committee Members present were: Jennifer Adair, Co-Chair, Becky Obester, Co-Chair, Debera Diggs, Co-Chair, Gary Baker, Mike Wiles, Anita Jones, Catherine Girves, and Dave Paul.

The Meeting was called to Order by Co-Chair Jennifer Adair at 7:00 pm.

**I. Organization of CCC**

**A. Structure**

The Committee discussed how structured CCC would become. The goal to let the leadership be transparent and have open processes of communication, but have enough structure to make the meeting productive, have legitimacy and accountability. The Committee determined there would be three Co-Chairs. The Co-Chair position would rotate among members of the Steering Committee in order to provide leadership growth. Secretary and Committee Chair positions were also discussed, as well as having a Treasurer if necessary. A vote was taken to keep Jennifer Adair, Becky Obester and Debera Diggs as Co-Chairs until June 30, 2008. No other formal vote was taken.

**B. Steering Committee**

Discussion was had on how members would become members of the Steering Committee. The group contemplated keeping the steering committee open vs. having accountability. No formal vote was taken.

There was also discussion on the purpose of the steering committee and whether it should focus on policy or operations. No formal vote was taken.

**C. Membership**

The Committee talked about having individual members, organization members or a combination of both. There were concerns about having representatives of organizations act without the consent or approval of their organization. There was also concern that without organizational representatives there may not be leverage with the city (trump card) or perhaps voting block of interested individuals. No formal vote was taken.

**D. Meetings**

Discussion was had on the frequency of meetings of the Steering Committee and CCC. It was suggested that CCC meet quarterly, with the steering committee to meet more often. No formal vote was taken.

**II. Purpose**

**A. Goals**

There was discussion about the balance of information sharing among groups vs. taking positions on issues CCC should do. No formal vote was taken.

**Next Meeting:** The Co-Chairs determined that another meeting of the Steering Committee would be necessary prior to the March 29<sup>th</sup>, regular CCC meeting. March 22, 2008 from 3-6 was chosen and the Co-Chairs would determine a location.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.