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**Minutes**  
**Steering Committee Meeting**  
**March 22, 2008**

The Columbus Community Coalition Steering Committee met at Capital University Law School, 303 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

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

The Meeting was called to Order by Co-Chair Jennifer Adair at 3:20 pm.

**I. Purpose/Mission**

A. Purpose

The Committee reviewed the purpose of both the Columbus Community Congress and Northland Community Council to begin. After much discussion, the Committee voted to present the following Purpose Statement to the CCC. (Motion made by N. Bostic, second by G. Baker, vote taken, motion passed with no objection).

The Purpose of the Columbus Community Coalition is:

- 1) To foster relationships between Area Commissions, Civic Advisory Bodies and other types of Community Organizations and Groups, for the purpose of information sharing.
- 2) To utilize the strength of the Columbus Community Coalition to influence policies, procedures, rules and law, in order to improve the quality of life in the City of Columbus.

B. Mission

After much discussion the Committee voted to present the following Mission Statement to the CCC. (Motion made by C. Girves, second, by G. Baker, vote taken, motion passed with no objections).

Mission: The Columbus Community Coalition fosters and enhances the relationship among community groups by advocating to improve the quality of life in the City of Columbus.

**II. Structure**

A. Membership

The Committee talked about having individual members, organization members or a combination of both. The Committee voted to have "Entities" or organizations as the General Membership of CCC, rather than individuals. (Motion made by G. Baker, second by A. Jones, vote taken, motion passed with no objections).

The Committee defined *Entity* as "an Area Commission, Civic Advisory Body, Civic Association or other types of community group or organization, including a not-for-profit 501 (C)(3) or not-for-profit 501 (C)(4) organization". (Motion made by A. Jones, second by G. Baker, vote taken, motion passed with no objections.)

The Committee determined that a second level of membership was necessary, and called it an Associate Membership. Associate Member is defined as "an individual, business, business organization, church, social

organization, and not-for-profit 501 (C)(6) organizations.” (Motion made by B. Obester, second by G. Baker, friendly amendment by C. Girves, accepted by B. Obester and G. Baker, vote taken, motion passed with no objections).

The Committee further defined the rights of General and Associate Members. A *General Member* is an entity that has voting rights, can hold leadership positions, has full participation in discussion at all meetings, and has full participation in CCC Committees. An *Associate Member* has full participation in discussion at all meetings and has full participation in CCC Committees, except cannot become a member of the Steering Committee. An Associate Member is a non-voting member. (Motion made by G. Baker, second by C. Girves, vote taken, motion passed with no objection).

The Committee will develop a Membership form for eligible organizations to appoint representatives. Those forms must be complete by the June meeting. Anita Jones volunteered to develop the form.

D. Meetings

The Committee determined that the CCC would meet quarterly and that a slate of dates would be presented to the CCC for formal vote. Two slates were developed:

Slate One: June 26, 2008; September 25, 2008; and January 29, 2008 (Thursdays)

Slate Two: June 28, 2008; September 27, 2008; and January 31, 2008 (Saturdays)

***Next Meeting:*** The Co-Chairs determined that the next Steering Committee meeting would be held on April 12, 2008 from 2-4 at Capital University Law School, 303 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, Room A121.

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:22 pm. (Motion by G. Baker, second by D. Diggs, vote taken, motion passed with no objections).