

# *Livingston Avenue Area Commission*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**640 S. Ohio Avenue ~ Columbus, OH 43205**

**January 21, 2012**

### **Annual Meeting Highlights**

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- 1) Columbus City Schools Planning Committee is accessing district buildings to determine which schools to close. Exploring ways to adjust feeder patterns to encourage stability in neighborhood children's education. South High School has been renovated. District schools have lost 15,000 students but the trend may be reversing. If enrollment declines, the result will be more school closures. Under the new plan, South will become 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>, Southmore and Heyl will close, Moler will transfer to Southmore building and remaining schools will become K-6. District went from 200 buildings to 118 in the past few years. School board meetings are Mondays at 3:45 and 6:00 pm.
- 2) Columbus ceasefire-..... Has conducted extensive research and published work that explores shooters mentality by interviewing over 400 youth in New York. Currently working to develop a holistic approach to address youth violence in the area. Will employ evidence based practices to structure a plan that addresses gun violence. The Board consists of elected officials, who are independent of government organizations, who decided that Ceasefire model is the way to go in 43205/06 area. They circulate a quarterly newsletter and "The Interrupters" DVD will be available at the end of February.
- 3) Carla Fontaine, NCH Community Relations- HNHF- completed 11 properties in 2011, started repairing 12 homes, sold 3 homes to employees, have 2 homes pre-sold and sold their first home to a patients family. Will host 2 healthy home tours in 2012 and plan to renovate 10 homes, rebuild 25 and sell 10. Has started a FAN club at Livingston, Lincoln Park, Linden and Avondale Elementary schools. The research department found a need to address nutrition needs of area students and created this new program. Funding an Education project that works with 7-10<sup>th</sup> grade girls through partnership with the Delta Phata Sorority. Roy Hall and Santonio Holmes bought a semi full of food to distribute to Livingston Elementary. NCH has created community gardens with 30 partners, have donated 80 lbs of food to the St. John's food pantry.
- 4) NDC- Livingston Street Scape project- Katie Olone from Workshops- Residents would like to add trees along Livingston to Alum Creek, improve crosswalks, gateways and include branding for the area. 200 Columbus Grant received for a gateway at Nelson and Livingston. Looking for a local artist to paint mural for



this gateway. Next meeting are Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 & 8:30 at Stowe Baptist and 10-noon at Stowe on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>.

- 5) Chic Harley garden- in 1907 the Harley family moved to Columbus, all area homes that they lived in are gone. The site near the intersection of Champion Ave. and Newton is where the Chic Harley garden will be located. Slated to begin breaking ground in June with the unveiling of the sculpture and garden on Chic Harley birthday in September, which will correspond with an OSU home game. The 501c-3 has been established and is accepting donations, proceeds will also benefit concussion research.
- 6) Joyce Beatty, 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District- This marks the first time that Franklin County will have a representative. Her focus will be on small business, education and healthcare. Realizes neighborhoods become a federal issue because they need federal funding.
- 7) Driving Park Library- CaW- First on the list of renovations for Columbus Metro Libraries. Compiling ideas for new Library with indoor and outdoor space, taking in to consideration, the speed of technology and trying to develop plans for buildings that are easily adaptable.
- 8) Rec & Parks- Community Recreation Council for r Driving Park is working with DP manager and city reps, will host youth basketball beginning May 12<sup>th</sup>, currently provides a Zumba class, walking club, line dancing and aerobics for adults. Reaching out to area schools with empowerment programs. Created a partnership with Hunger Alliance to feed kids Mon. thru Fri. from 4-8 p.m. Created Girl Scout Troop 2281, began upgrading weight room and computer lab. Will be hosting a summer camp and beautification projects. Log on at Columbusrecsandparks.com. Columbus Ice Hockey Club has been partnering with DP Rec and Columbus Blue Jackets. Club was founded in 1999 to give all area kids the opportunity to play hockey. Started with 15 kids and has grown to 5,000. The CIHC is 11 times the size of most NHL programs, with ½ the budget, serves 7 age groups from 4-18 years of age. Last year, paid \$33,000 for ice, \$2,000 for transportation for kids. Considering building near DP Rec or attaching an ice rink. Local institutions such as The Jewish Center, Bexley High School, CSG and Capital University have expressed interest in having a rink here. 50-60% of kids have never been on ice skates. Looking to build in the neighborhood, but not limited to the DP area. Need input from the community to drive future plans. The CRC meets the second Thurs. at 5:30pm at the DP Rec Ctr.
- 9) Tracey Maxwell-Heard- Serving the 26<sup>th</sup> District- fought Senate bill 5 because so many concessions had already been made by the business sector. Still pushing for education and responsible distribution of funding. House Bill 345 is for drilling of wells in the wastewater. Looking to gain support for the bill that addresses the gun show loophole which is, no background check for purchase of 10 or more guns at gun shows. Also working on getting funding for the CPD. Ohio is ranked #4 for bad air. Has worked to block pushing the business sector to purchase the right to pollute more air. Has an interest in local area development and mental health issues, her mantra is jobs, communities, rights, opportunities.



10) CaW- presented 3 Obama MLK dream major service awards, to Carolyn Kimbro, James Johnson and Mike Aaron.

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