

# *Livingston Avenue Area Commission*



## **Meeting Minutes**

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

**March 27, 2012 General Meeting**

- 1) Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by BS.
- 2) Roll call –all present
- 3) Approval of Minutes- none prepared, however need to amend Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> meeting to reflect DC as excused.
- 4) Rescheduling 2012 meetings (April, November, and December)  
BS- Will not be available for April meeting, also need to reschedule Nov. & Dec. meetings due to Holidays. CW will lead April meeting. CF made a motion to reschedule Nov. & Dec. meetings for the third Tues. of the month. LS seconded. Discussion, will have to send notification to the Zoning Meeting location has been moved to 640 Ohio Ave. Passed 7-0-0.
- 5) Gregory Winbush-Central Ohio Workforce Coalition- Not present.
- 6) Shane Mark, Transportation Operations Coordinator with City of Columbus-neighborhood bicentennial signs  
-working with Hannah Jones on the Coleman initiative for new signage to celebrate 200 Columbus. Passed out info including pictures of proposed signs. Signs will be 2 sizes, 40 x 20 in. or 60 x 30 in. Size is dictated by right of way, which has been researched and plotted on maps. Placement of the signs in the right of way makes the responsibility of the City. Design of the signs is up to the ACs/Civics. Each AC has been allotted 5 signs with 2 additional signs for each Civic within the AC. Requests must be received by June 15<sup>th</sup>. Historic Districts would have to work through the HRC to receive approval for signs. Locations other than those plotted don map can be requested. Recommend a white background for colorful designs.  
Q- Can AC's request more than 5 signs?  
A- Can request and may be considered once all applications have been received. City Pot Hole repair program is up and running. Contact 311 or make requests for repairs through Facebook. There is a 311 app available for phones through the COC.  
- AC needs to inform civics of the deadline to apply for the 200 Columbus signs.
- 7) Katie O'Lone, Neighborhood Design Center – Neighborhood Branding meetings.



Next meeting is Thurs. 6:30- 8:00 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Stowe Baptist on Parsons Ave. to discuss Livingston Ave. branding. City is looking for approved ideas from public forums. NDC focus will be shifting to the gateways along Livingston and will present preliminary drawings. Hopes to create a cohesive design along the Corridor.

Q- Can you give clarification on the process to this point?

A- LAVA-C has been working with NDC to direct funds from United Way Grant awarded to this area.

- The NDC can shift focus/funds to other projects in the area since the city is paying for new signs.

8) Nationwide Children's GNA flowers and mulch-

BS has been contacted by NC about flats and mulch this year. Would like to discuss possible sights such as Rickenbacher Woods, or along the freeway, by Livingston Elementary or at the DP Library for planting

Q- Is this the first time the AC has been contacted for this?

A- Yes, usually flowers are distributed to the Civics which is still the case this year.

Q- Are there any planters currently at RW?

A- Beds would have to be created.

Q- Which committee would this fall under?

A- ??

-TG volunteered to take the lead. CF made a motion that TG head up the installation of the flowers that the AC will receive to be placed at RW and Lockbourne/Livingston sign. LS seconded. Discussion- Will be receiving 30 flats of flowers, 30 bags of mulch, R& P would be a good fit, but TG will need volunteers. Motion passed 9-0-0.

BL- Has been contacted by Linda Lee and would like to coordinate her efforts with those of the AC. CW is to contact Linda Lee.

9) Public Comments

S Green- concerned with the prostitution that has moved to the alley south of Livingston between Miller & Seymour. Perps are meeting at the parking lot at Miller and walking back to the alley, turning tricks on the furniture that has been dumped there. There are some alley lights that are out in that area. This has been an ongoing problem for 3 years that has not been addressed. The vacant houses in that area need to be boarded up and the area needs to be patrolled frequently. BL will facilitate contacts to make sure all related issues are addressed. S. Green will contact chairs of each committee involved with pertinent info. Also consider contacting Franklin Co. Sheriff.

- Consider posting signage that informs those participating that they are being watched.

Q- Deb Grayson, what is the process to address vacant houses?

A- Contact 311, file a complaint, follow up on complaints through the provided SR number or contact Dana Roves at City Code Enforcement 645-2202 with complaints/concerns.

10) Committee Reports



BS, MA, SM, LW met with reps from St. John's to discuss the creation of a CDC in the area. Bylaws would need to be revised and other issues worked out to create the CDC. A total of \$1.1 mil is slated for OO to renovate and repair vacant homes, and remove graffiti, etc.

Q- Are the funds slated for just the OO boundary are or is it a city wide program?

A- Yes.

LW- the program is to make matching grants available to new owners or owner/residents of formerly vacant properties of OO.

LW, Chic Harley garden- had a meeting with reps from OSU to discuss promoting the dedication of the park slated for Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>.

MSa – There will be an Economic Development meeting the first Sat. in March from 3-5 p.m. a DP Library. Passed out information about the Juneteenth Celebration, Fri. June 15<sup>th</sup> through Sun. June 17<sup>th</sup> at Franklin Park. Attended the White House Community Partnership meeting and would like to have info received at the meeting disseminated to local agencies. DC, GL will put together info from prior committee and hand it over to current chairs of ED.

BS, PSa- Has received more information on recycling training. The recycling program will provide bins to be placed in front of properties that will be picked up on a regular basis. In addition, this program will fund yard waste collection throughout the city. Has also been working on the renaming of alleys located in the AC in celebration of 200 Columbus.

11) Meeting adjourned at 8:45 by BS.

Reviewed By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

