

## FEB. 2013 MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING:

### LIVINGSTON AVENUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The monthly meeting of the members of the above named was held on: Saturday, 3:00pm -5:00pm Feb. 2, 2013 at Driving Park Library, 1566 E. Livingston Avenue, Columbus Ohio 43205

The following Co-Chair's were present:  
Mustafaa Shabazz

There were 6 members in attendance. The meeting was called to order.

1. First business conducted was the tabling of last months meeting. Secretary was not present at the last 2 meetings and had not had a chance to type up the minutes.
2. Report from LAAC meeting on Jan. 12, 2013.
  - a. Two new commissioners were elected. Terry Elliot and Latrice Holmes.
  - b. New library was discussed, including location and when we can expect construction to begin.
  - c. Children's Hospital representatives were present and talked about things they were doing.
  - d. LAAC bylaws are currently being revised.
  - e. Questions posed about community input for library including increasing the amount of books and book content and classroom space.
3. Chair & Co-Chair reports
  - a. The city's 2013 proposed budget amendments
  - b. \$7.5 million general fund has been carried over from 2012 budget for community economic development, including workforce development, small business incubators, micro enterprise loan programs, CDBG fund, and neighborhood commercial revitalization.
  - c. \$3 million for rainy day fund.
  - d. Questions were raised on whether or not we can lobby for an incubator at the sites of the old cookie and marble factories (Rhodes Ave. just north of Livingston).
  - e. Ohio Alliance for Arts Education, funding for arts programs; \$2,000 in grants that is given out 3 times a year. (Last business day in Feb is deadline, award notification is in April)
  - f. Businesses Opportunities: Walsh Construction in need of supplemental materials, Waste Water Plant in Dublin, Cincinnati Street Car Project (contractors), and Kenmore Construction has various projects then need employment on.
  - g. Senior Employment, contact [info@employingseniors.org](mailto:info@employingseniors.org). (50 years old and up)
4. New Business
  - a. Committee will begin working on a development plan. (Freedom District)
  - b. Mayors State of the City address will be Feb. 21, 2013; 6 PM at South Urban Academy, 1160 S. Ann Street. (Rsvp at <http://mayor.columbus.gov/soc2013>)
  - c. One on one with City Council members is being held on March 19, at Barnett Community Center; 1184 Barnett Rd., from 5:30 PM to 7 PM.
  - d. The All Star baseball game will be held in Cincinnati in March of 2015.
  - e. Concern of street lights out, vacant property and public safety brought before committee. Instructed to follow protocol and take issue to Driving Park Civic

Association. Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month. The next meeting is on Feb. 20, 2013 at 5:30p.m. at the Driving Park Recreation Center.

- f. Committee expressed the need for an active housing committee for the Commission.
- g. Committee expressed interest in offering Home Occupation Programs (classes) and Community Education classes; may have to work with Livingston Avenue Business Association for the Home Occupation Programs.
- h. Committee also expressed having landlords more active in the process of improving the Livingston Avenue community. (Despite landlords not living in neighborhood)
- i. Hearing for closing Kent Street property set for March.

Next meeting will be on March 2, 2013 at 3:00p.m. at the Driving Park Library.

There was no further business, and upon motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED, that all the items have been examined by all members, and are approved, and that the members of the Livingston Avenue Economic Development Committee have approved all actions taken thus far.

There being no further business, upon motion made and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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Printed Name

Co-Chairs:

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