

# *Livingston Avenue Area Commission*



## **Meeting Minutes**

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

**November 20, 2012 General Meeting**

- 1) Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. by BS.
- 2) Roll call –CF-e, LS-ue
- 3) Treasurer’s Report  
SM-2011 business closed as of 11-12-12. Waiting for City approval, collecting receipts from 2012. LAVA-C needs a new PO Box and voice mail.  
MS attended 2012 RNNC and should submit receipts for reimbursement.  
-LAVA-C should consider purchasing business cards and name cards for commissioner. LW needs to submit receipt for the LAVA-C gavel.  
- LAVA-C should consider opening a new account for stipends that can be accessed by the Executive Board.  
-Economic Development meetings are held the first Sat. of the month from 3-5 pm at the DP Library.
- 4) Demolitions  
-770 Kimball application #1234127 for removal of garage at rear of property to be replaced by new 2 car garage, designs have been approved by the HRC. Owner let members from the OO Civic remove type 103 lap boards from garage prior to demolition. LW made a motion to approve demo application for 770 Kimball place, CW seconded, passed 5-0-0.  
-1371 Mooberry application #1237517 for demolition of burned out 1 family dwelling and garage at rear of property, owned by the City of Columbus. LW made a motion to approve the application for demolition at 1371 Mooberry. CW seconded, passed 5-0-0.
- 5) Officers Teresa Kalous and Barry Kirby  
TK-there are 3 existing block watches within the LAVA-C boundaries. Currently working with HV to create a 4<sup>th</sup>. It is difficult to attend Mon. meetings as that is the liaison’s day off. However, this is a slow time of the year so TK will attempt to attend Civic meetings in the next couple months. In the process of creating door hangers to be distributed in the hopes of getting others involved. Can use e-mail to invite liaison to a civic meeting and is in need of a contact for DP (S. Green). E-mail concerns to 12<sup>th</sup> precinct block watch.org.  
Q-Is there funding available for block watches?  
A-Not through the city, but block watches can apply for grants. Liaisons can use funds from seizures, which are collected once a year, while supplies last.  
Q-How are block watches defined?



A-Can get started with interested citizens willing to cover a street and one or two adjacent streets. There are 3 training courses which need to be completed once those things happen, block watch signs are available.

-Citizens in the area have had issues with officers relaying info about who was calling in.

BK-Federal law states that Officers can not approach a person based on a call without a detailed description.

-Residents need to realize that criminals have no more rights than they do.

Q-What is being done about the high rate of prostitution in the area and are there stats on stolen plates?

A-Will obtain and relay information on crime patterns in the area.

-3 more cameras are to be installed along Livingston.

Q-What is the role of the CRT?

A-They are to act on hot spots and other information obtained from block watches. A CRT cruiser is manned by 2 officers that do not respond to calls but concentrate on hot spots in the area. Concerns can be sent to

[S.Pettengill@columbuspolice.org](mailto:S.Pettengill@columbuspolice.org).

-LAVA-C is working on collecting contacts and creating a data base that lets us know who is where.

-Larry Marshall would be a contact for Civics interested in grants, i.e.-National Night Out.

Q-Who watches the cameras that have been installed along Livingston?

A-Police use them as needed, they are not necessarily monitored.

-It can pay to be bold, there are instances where those that serve the community have asked drug dealers, etc. not to discuss their activities in front of them because they are bound by laws that require them to testify, if needed, and those same criminals are allowed to make sure that that person was protected in the community.

Q-Is a homeowner allowed to install cameras on their home?

A-No laws on video, but audio is illegal.

#### 6) Neighborhood Pride Application

LAVA-C can make application for Neighborhood Pride in the area which consists of street cleaning, graffiti removal, code enforcements and bulk pick ups.

-There have been issues in the past with Code Enforcement because the write citations for all code violations and many in the area can not afford to remedy them. LAVA-C will open a discussion on Facebook once BS contacts administrators about how the program works.

-LAVA-C should also gather info on what the Community wants.

#### 7) Elections Report

BS-The Election Committee is considering the best option for the elections would be at the annual meeting, when we have the largest Community attendance. This would require a by-law change that will have to be approved by the city. SM made a motion to change by-laws, to state that elections will be held at the Jan. annual meeting, LW seconded, passed 5-0-0.



BS- LAVA-C received an application from one resident to fill the seat formerly occupied by DC, whose term will expire Jan. 14, 2013. There are 4 open seats, with 3 year terms, available in Jan. CW made a motion to appoint RR to finish DC's term, which expires Jan. 14, 2013, LW seconded, passed 4-0-1. RR will have to run for re-election for 2013.

8) Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

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

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

