

# *Livingston Avenue Area Commission*



## **Meeting Minutes**

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

**September 18, 2012 General Meeting**

- 1) Meeting called to order at 6:38 p.m. by BS.
- 2) Roll call –CF-e, DC-ue, LW-e
- 3) Treasurer’s Report  
SM spoke with Mike Puckett and has all forms needed to file for 2011 Treasury Stipend. Spoke with DS, has not received receipts for 2011 which are needed to close out 2011 budget.
- 4) Business Development Committee Report  
There were 9 members at the meeting. Read minutes and reported on LAVA-C’s August minutes. Citizens are requesting that LAVA-C explore the possibility of voting Livingston Ave. dry along with objecting to current liquor permit holders and installation of cameras along Livingston. Discussed the Economic Development Committee’s role in drying up Livingston Ave. Also discussed programs for graffiti removal and the addition of murals along Livingston. Consensus was that Columbus Compact would be the most likely CDC candidate. Next ED meeting will be Oct. 6, 2012 from 3-5pm.  
BS-resolutions can only be approved at a LAV-C general meeting.  
Subcommittees are advisory and cannot pass resolutions.
- 5) Community Development Committee Report- tabled
- 6) Norfolk Southern Presentation  
Katie Olone, NDC- NDC focus was branding the area, approached Norfolk Southern in 2011 about creating a Gateway, NS representatives, Gary Patrick and Solomon Jackson, presented BS with a check in the amount of \$1,000 for the mural to be placed at the NW corner of Livingston & Nelson. Check was passed to Katie Olone with NDC.  
BS-LAVA-C is sandwiched between 2 affluent neighborhoods and we are starting to bridge the gap between the two as a prosperous community.
- 7) Bill Lewis, City of Columbus Traffic Department  
There will be changes to traffic controls in the LAVA-C area though collaboration with the city of Columbus and ODOT. Traffic signals in the area were analyzed. It was determined that the stop light at /Champion and Mooberry no longer meets any of the 9 warrants required to keep the stop light in that location. As a result, traffic on Champion will not have to stop at Mooberry. There will be an additional bike lane added along Champion, south of Livingston, and Ohio from Mooberry to the South End.



Q- Will there be a stop sign placed on Mooberry at Champion?

A- Yes

-Stop sign may not be enough to keep pedestrians safe. Chances are better that drivers will recognize a light better than a stop sign.

-Possible issues with line of sight for Champion traffic at that intersection. May need to consider strobes.

Q- Could a no parking sign be installed near the new stop sign?

A- That can be looked in to.

- A new park is being created on Champion and there is a concern with traffic speed on Champion once traffic light has been removed.

Q-Why no stop sign for Champion traffic at Mooberry?

A- Does not qualify for any of the 9 warrants.

Q- What is the time frame for reevaluating an intersection once a light has been removed?

A- A study will be conducted for months to gather data on the effect of the change.

Q- Were any studies conducted about pedestrian risk?

A- No.

George H.- kids and other people cross at Mooberry and Champion, what will be in place to protect these people as they cross the intersection?

-NCH is projecting major growth in the next 5 years and Mooberry will become a major thoroughfare. Reduction of traffic calming is not what is needed and the warrant system is flawed if it looks backward and not forward.

Q- When was the study conducted?

A- One or two years ago.

- Bike lanes are a great idea but the public needs to be made aware of them and educated on how to navigate with them.

8) State Representative, Tracy Heard- tabled

9) Cities Plans to raise structures in DP

Demo of 601 Champion has been delayed due to asbestos removal.

CW-Email from Kristen Kroflich concerning the houses approved for demo within OO. 2 have been purchased, the city is proceeding with the remaining 5.

The OO Historic District pilot program has been approved. There will be matching funds available for new home owners of formerly vacant properties and agree to occupy homes for 5 years. OO is set to meet with Director Safford, Rita Parise and Development Staff on Oct. 23.

-Program should have had provisions for those currently in the neighborhood that need help with exterior maintenance.

Q- Will grants similar to what was available in the past be made available to current residents in conjunction with this program?

A- No.

10) Demo Permit Applications

CW-Requesting in the future, zoning items be part of the agenda.

Q- Would that be time prohibitive with 2 meetings in one?

A- Zoning issues are action items that can only be decided at General Meetings. Zoning can meet and discuss but the vote takes place at General Meetings.



- In the future, time will be set aside to discuss Zoning issues as needed. CW will reach out to permit applicants prior to the General meetings.
- a) 858 Miller -no recommendation currently from DP civic, CW will contact the landbank for info and request a walkthrough if necessary. Tabled until Oct.
- b) 1476 Gault- CW should table until Oct. meeting as well, to give time for the owner to contact DP civic or CW and for DP civic to make a recommendation.

11) Relocation of LAVA-C meetings

Brooke Gaberle concerning LAVCA-C move to DP library, Fr. Wagner would like to apologize for the issues of the past. St. John's will ensure WiFi and projector are available for meetings, if LAVA-C would like to return to Champion Hall at 640 S. Ohio Ave.

Q- Can a contract be drawn up between LAVA-C and Holy Rosary for meeting space time and amenities?

A-Under consideration

12) Commissioner Resignation

BS- DC has resigned due to absences which leaves 2 open seats on the Commission. Petition forms for anyone interested are available through BS and BF, the LACA-C website. Resumes and petitions are due by Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>.

13) Concerns and questions from the public

BL- The don't shoot program training will be available soon. Manny Clark from the DP Rec. Ctr. passed out cards and requested contact info from the LAVA-C and information about meetings and times.

Q- Can MC provide a list of activities at the Rec. Ctr. to LAVA-C and the DP library?

A- Yes

14) Adjourned at 8:00 p.m. by BS

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