

# *Livingston Avenue Area Commission*



## **Meeting Minutes**

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

**October 16, 2012 General Meeting**

- 1) Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. by BS.
- 2) Roll call –SM-ue, LS-e
- 3) Treasurer’s Report- None
- 4) Demolitions–
  - a- 858 Miller Ave  
BS-No recommendation from DP. CW spoke with the COC who has no plans for the lot, could be acquired through the mow to own program.  
MS-House needs to be demolished. CF made a motion to approve demolition of 858 Miller, MS seconded, motion passed 4-0-0
  - b- 1476 Gault Street  
Structure is a burn out. The owner would like to donate the land once the house is removed. Owners have been subpoenaed to appear in court Nov. 15. Would like AC approval before then. No recommendation received from DP civic.  
Q- Have the owners approached any local non-profits?  
A- We’re hoping to acquire contacts through the AC.  
CF made a motion to approve the demolition of 1476 Gault Street, MS seconded, motion passed 4-0-0
- 5) Lucy Wolfe, Commissioner- LW presented BS with a gavel engraved with LAVA-C. John Turner from the landbank confirmed 5 addresses within the OOCA that are in process of demo. Those are, 633 Ohio, 1097 Mooberry, 780-782 Linwood, 699 Ohio, and 738 Champion.  
BS sent a list of landbank properties to appropriate civics and is waiting to hear back.  
-LAVA-C requests a press release once OO meets with the city to discuss matching funds grant program. The NCR needs a business association to get started. LACA-C needs to get in touch with businesses along Livingston.  
- There are issues with criminal activity at or around 1070 Livingston. Please call 4545 anytime you see people gathering in that vicinity.  
-LAVA-C could pursue purchasing a Brinks truck outfitted with cameras that could patrol a street at a time within LAVCA-C boundaries. There was a recent murder in front of the Rickenbacher Woods house.
- 6) Katie O’Lone, Neighborhood Design Center- Gateway Improvement Updates  
There will be a public meeting on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> to announce future plans. The artist who was selected for the mural “John” is in attendance. The mural will be made of



plasma cut iron that will be powder coated, red and gold. Will feature 3-D figures, approximately 60 inches tall, with a trolley car 118 inches long x 95 inches tall. Will be a period correct depiction of a female boarding the trolley. NDC is considering applying for future grants in order to start a series of sculptures where the second place design could be used, which was not chosen because it was over budget.

7) City of Columbus Public Service Representative, New Bike Facilities in the Area Part of the Bicentennial Bike Way Plan, current focus is on accessibility for all users which is a shift from safety. Attempting to create a network of bike pathways that are walkable, bikeable, safe and attractive. There are currently 60 miles of shared use pathway with 48 miles on the street. Will be installing share-o-lanes along Ohio and Champion from Frebis to Mooberry. Contact Nicholas J. Popa at 645-0543 email, njpopa@columbus.gov.

- Studies have shown that defined lanes calm traffic, so Ohio and Champion will have 7 ft. for parking, 11 ft. for traffic, 5 ft. for bikes.

Q- Expected time from for completion of Ohio/Champion project?

A- 2012 weather permitting.

Q- Are designers aware of plan to remove traffic light at the Champion-Mooberry intersection?

A- No, but speed calming has been considered.

Q- Stats for traffic patterns were gathered when?

A- Not sure.

-Upper speed limit with share-a-lanes is 30 mph.

Q- When will all bike paths be connected?

A- Will begin connecting paths in 2 or 3 years.

Q- Who will be installing bike racks along bike paths?

A- COC, it will be on city owned property.

Q- How will people know where bike racks have been installed?

A- Working on an on-line map.

8) Courtney Rowland, Ceasefire Initiative, Central Community House  
3 pronged approach with law enforcement, Social Service, and the community as a whole. Law enforcement uses data and group mapping to determine who is driving crime, follows up with calling targeted offenders in to meet with community, officers, and Social Service. Offenses are laid out, offenders are notified that help in the form of Social Service is being offered but if they choose to continue their current path, law enforcement will use data, etc. to the full extent of the law. Social Service will assist with providing housing, training, and education for those that need it. The community will set standards and moral values for the neighborhood that all are expected to uphold. This would be a city wide initiative that needs support from the mayor/city council. The mayor has stated that he would like to see community input before backing the initiative. The next meeting will be Thurs., Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm at the Rock of Faith Church 1661 Main St. Visit [nnscommunity.org](http://nnscommunity.org) for information.

Q- What does Ceasefire need from the AC?

A- We need an endorsement from the AC.

CF made a motion to endorse the Ceasefire initiative, LW seconded passed 5-0-0.



9) Jonathan Beard, DARE 2B FAIR – Columbus Compact

There have been multiple shooting along Livingston involving drug dealers and high powered rifles. Worked with CC for 18 months trying to find a legislative way to deal with open air market at the corner of Main & Champion, through re-tooling the loitering and aiding laws. In the fall of 2011, council seats changed, new members with appointed and the initiative stalled. The loitering law was finally passed mid 2012. Currently Columbus, Seattle and Austin are the only cities with at-large government structure but all are in the process of creating districts or wards. Council would not put the charter change for creating wards on the ballot and the citizens petitions were short of the 27 thousand signatures needed for the charter change to be on the ballot. B FAIR is proposing a charter change where City Council will be made up of 11 members, 4 at large and 7 districts. This would bring down the cost of running for city council, where even incumbents have trouble finding funding to run. DARE 2B FAIR will collect signatures again and believes that the commitment to the community should be similar to the commitment shown for the casino project, which Columbus residents did not support. This is a campaign finance reform that will enhance public dialog. We're asking ACs to show their support for the placing support for the charter change on the ballot.

Q- How much will this change cost the city, and how will it be funded?

A- Approximately 300 thousand dollars but has a potential to save money ie. The casino was voted down 5 times by Columbus residents, but the city ended up funding the project anyway. CF made a motion to endorse their ballot initiative, CW seconded, motion passed 3-1-0.

10) Korie Jenkins; Latrice Holmes, Organizing for America

The Obama campaign is pushing a call out to vote, door-to-door voting campaign. Columbus Nov. 3, 4, 5 and 6<sup>th</sup>.

11) Livingston Avenue-Commissioner Candidates

Ryan Reiseger just closed on a home in the OOCA, is looking for an up and coming area to lay down roots and help to rebuild.

BS- Would like to discuss changing LAVA-C election date due to presidential elections and push LAVA-C election date to the Dec. meeting. Also considering permanent by-law change to accommodate this change,

CF made a motion to move election date and examine necessary by-law changes, LW seconded, passed 5-0-0.

RR will be on LAVA-C ballot. MS, CF and CW intend to run for Commission seats again.

12) Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 pm

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

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