

Livingston Avenue Area Commission



Meeting Minutes

640 S. Ohio Avenue ~ Columbus, OH 43205

March 19, 2013 General Meeting

- 1) Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. by BS.
- 2) Roll call –All present
- 3) Minutes- Approval of November 2012-February 2013 CF made a motion to approve, RR seconded, passed 9-0-0
- 4) Treasury Report-2013 budget submitted, 2012 is closed out, log on to Livingstonave.com for Economic Development meeting minutes.
- 5) Comments from the Chair-BS-LAVA-C will ask any group looking for a letter of endorsement to draft the letter for review before meeting to be approved at meeting
- 6) David Brown, Harmony Project-Week of Service on Livingston –Hybrid non-profit brings together arts and community service. Has been in existence for 4 years. People are invited to sing in a concert with National Recording Artists in exchange for Community Service. Services include planting, cleaning Rec. Ctrs., etc. Began a project near South High School which grew and expanded to the JCC. Will be hosting an on line fund raiser called One Day, One Hundred Trees. Coordinated with Recs. And Parks to install the murals based on the newly installed Street Car mural throughout the LAVA-C area. Plan to commission 5 artists to create these murals that will be painted on panels similar to the windows of the Street Car sculpture depicting the area through the decades. Will be installing a playground at Fairwood Park on April 24th. There was a clean up scheduled to clean empty lots along Livingston in conjunction with Alvis House, NCH and Capital University. Will be painting murals on some local businesses during clean up dates.
LH-Thanks to Harmony Project for all they are doing in the area. On April 13, the Bexley clean up will include Hanford Village and Driving Park.
-Keep us posted on concert dates and artists.
-There has been a lot of info about the area being passed on from Patrons of the JCC.
Q-Who is being hired to organize these projects?
A-Reach out to the community for volunteers has been funded through city grants.
- 7) AB-Gateway project installation should be happening in a few weeks. Will be hosting dedication ceremony. Will also be relocating the DP Rec. sign this week.
Q-What local businesses have been solicited to help with Harmony Project programs?



A-None for this project. Just the artists chosen from community based steering committee. City funded projects equals city contractors.

-AB-NDC had decided to put 2 passengers on the trolley car to recognize MS and her dog and thank her for her effort in the community over the years.

8) DP Library Updates-CF-Schematic Design has been released. The East side wall will not be all glass as depicted, but the South side will be. There will be more room for computers in the building along with a Life Skills Center and will be a library system wide young minds strategy that will focus on Kindergarten readiness, young readers and high school graduation.

-TE-Would like to see more physical books at the Library.

9) Newpoint Educational Partners-Kent School/Buckeye Preparatory Academy-based in Columbus, will hopefully have the opportunity to employ local contractors. Newpoint is a non-profit property manager looking for a K-8 school operator.

Wendy Rydarewicz with Buckeye Community Hope (Buckeyehope.org) founded in 1991, based in Florida, is encouraged to move toward the Midwest, opened a school in Akron, OH offers hands on education with focus on community through project based learning. Technology is offered to assist students with research, distribute Parent Surveys quarterly, building will be set up for all future requirements for education that are on the way i.e. Wifi for testing. Will be meeting with Columbus School Board on April 9th.

Q- How is the school funded? And how will it affect local public schools?

A-Does not receive money from levies, but from property tax.

Q- Who would be a direct competitor?

A-White hat management.

Q-Who oversees management of the school?

A-Newpoint, who will establish a local school board. If Newpoint fails, property owner will maintain the building.

-Buckeye does have other schools under their property management, and also monitor school performance. If the school is failing for 2 consecutive years, they have to close the school as they are doing with 2 in Akron this year.

Q-How will students be recruited?

A-Will send out mailers, host open house and community events. The building will be set up with 25 classrooms which will hold 25 students in each.

Q- Will the same model for other schools be used in this example?

A-Yes.

Q-How will the community benefit?

A-Will begin by interviewing those qualified in the community and locally.

Buckeye could begin economic development based on housing, as they have in other areas.

BS-Buckeye has drafted and submitted a letter of support.

LS-It seems Buckeye and Co. should have contacted the Civics first. There are 5 Civics to speak with before coming to the AC.

BS-LAVA-C will write a letter stating that Buckeye has met with the AC and is in the process of meeting with the Civics. LAVA-C will provide Buckeye with contact information for the Civics.



10) Keisha Gibbs-African American Digital Collection- To Pursue and centralized information about the black community and organizations. Has an advisory committee made up of local leaders. Anyone can drop off pictures, etc. at Main, Shepherd and Linden Libraries along with the MLK Center. Archives can be dedicated to the library. Also exploring creating drop off sites at DP and local churches. In search of photos, letters, post cards, 3-D objects specific to Columbus or Central Ohio. E-mail kgibbs@columbuslibrary .org with questions or call 645-2275. Everything can be viewed on the web at digital-collections.columbuslibrary.org.

Q-Do current events qualify?

A-Will be uploading pictures from a recent press conference, so some current events will be submissable.

11) Joe Saverimutto, Director of Admission-Cristo Rey-Private High School, the fact that there are less priests and nuns has raised the cost of Catholic Education. The first school was opened in a Chicago Latino area. Students had the opportunity to work with successful businesses, received \$22 million in grants to expand from 1 to 25 schools. And an additional \$18 million given to expand to 50 schools. Several laws to moderate income through this funding. Will open new school at the old Deaf School location. Families will pay from \$20-\$250 per month with an average of \$80 per month. One hundred students are being recruited based on attendance and academics, behavior and community involvement. Mostly from the north and east side of Columbus. Teachers, food and maintenance personnel will be hired from the community whenever possible.

Q-Is this the same school that was covered by 60 minutes recently?

A-Yes, national curriculum with local focus.

12) Commissioner Comments

LS-New neighborhood grant information has been distributed for 2013. \$1,000 will be awarded per accepted project. Deadline for application is April 30 at 5pm. Will not fund gardens, strictly for safety.

BS-Need to agree on time and date for Commissioner Retreat to discuss committees, and possible changes to Executive Board and By-laws.

LS-The LAVA-C can purchase name plates for each Commissioner for \$15.00 each. Vista Print can create business cards at a rate of \$10.00 for 250. LH made a motion to allocate up to \$300 for cards and name plates for Commissioners, CS seconded, passed 8-0-1.

BS-UIRF update, repaving the alley north of the Fire Department, looking at street lights and traffic signals along Livingston in addition to traffic study for Livingston. -Fr. Wagner's 7 church tour included, St. John's. The LAVA-C area is home to the most beautiful church in Columbus.

TE-LAVA-C needs to be informed by NCH of their plans in the area.

13) Meeting adjourned at 8:10 by BS

Reviewed By: _____ Date: _____

Approved By: _____ Date: _____

