



**General Body Meeting Minutes
640 S. Ohio Avenue ~ Columbus, OH 43205
July 16, 2013
6:30p.m. – 8:00p.m.**

1. Call to Order

1. Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Brian Scarpino

2. Roll Call:

1. *Brian Scarpino - Present*
2. *Clarence Wicks - Present*
3. *Ryan Reisiger - Present*
4. *Lucy Wolfe - Present*
5. *Terry Elliott - Present*
6. *Mustafaa Shabazz – Arrived Late*
7. *Cathy Fithian - Excused*
8. *Latricia Sparks - Excused*
9. *Latrice Holmes – Excused*

3. **Treasury Report:**

1. No treasury report

4. **Speakers**

1. Bardia Nikrahei – Ohio State Graduate Student – Doing a dissertation on Neighborhood Emotional Attachment. Handed out surveys to residents of the Livingston Avenue Area. Brian Scarpino recommended he attend an Old Oaks Wednesday on the Porch. Mary Simons recommended he attend a Livingston Avenue Neighborhood Improvement Association meeting.

5. **Demolition Reports – presented by Terry Elliott**

**This section is under review*

1. 1631 Gault St – Clarence has stopped received demo permits. Mike Puckett said he would double check the email list. Decided that emails should be sent to Commission Chair whom would send to the appropriate commissioners.
2. 1671 Gault St
3. 677 Carpenter Ave - Garage
4. Multiple houses on Kent – Burnt out but exact locations were not given. Brian Scarpino pointed out that these were not on the Demolition List.
5. 1673 Gault St – Burned and open, needs to be boarded up.

6. **Driving Park Library Request for Construction Variance Approval**

1. Request to remove requirement of bypass lane.
2. Plan would have one spot for parking at drop-off slot with one additional behind.
3. Brian Scarpino made motion
 1. *Brian Scarpino - Abstained*
 2. *Clarence Wicks – Yes*
 3. *Ryan Reisiger - Yes*
 4. *Lucy Wolfe - Yes*

5. *Terry Elliott - Yes*

6. *Mustafaa Shabazz – Yes*

7. Proposed Committee Meeting

1. Brian Scarpino suggested a monthly meeting for both Committees that would take place the 4th Tuesday of each month.
2. Decided to discuss over email and present at next Livingston Avenue Commission Meeting.

8. Name Plaques

1. Commissioners received their name plaques.

9. Business Cards

1. Lucy Wolfe mentioned that she had a source to design.
2. Ella Moody volunteered to design.

10. 1567 E. Livingston Ave – Report by Terry Elliott

1. Was previously a bath house.
2. Sold to Thomas C. Smith who intended to make it into Flamingo Club, a bar/restaurant with a hotel on top.
3. Was working without permits and the building inspector suspended their Certificate of Occupancy until permits were secured.
4. Brian Scarpino extended an invitation to attend the Infrastructure and Systems Meeting, 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:00pm at the Driving Park Library to discuss derelict properties.

11. Concerns from Resident

12. Additional Unscheduled Discussions

1. Ella Moody

1. Provided a list of properties that she believes are being rented to sex offenders.
 2. Thanked the Commission for raising a property on Mooberry.
 3. On June 30th she petitioned Mr. Brown to put a camera at the corner of Livingston and Lockbourne. Also suggested cameras be mounted on COTA busses.
2. Mike Puckett
1. United Way is providing funding for volunteer projects.
 2. Keep Columbus Beautiful is providing free tools for volunteer projects, <http://publicservice.columbus.gov/kcb/>
 1. Brian Scarpino mentioned there are plenty of volunteers but not enough projects.
 2. Was suggested that we put volunteer opportunities on our Face book page.
 3. Has been interviewing candidates for Neighborhood Liaison.
 4. Commissioners are invited to the Driving Park Library ground breaking at 10:00am on Tuesday.
 5. Mentioned that we had extra money and suggested we attend the Regional Neighborhood Network Conference in September, <http://www.peoriagov.org/community-development/neighborhood-development-division/regional-neighborhood-network-conference-rnnc/> Jo Anne St. Clair is organizing, JASclair@columbus.gov
 6. Mentioned neighbors can suggest properties for demolition on the Department of Development website.
3. Mustafaa Shabazz
1. Sent mileage report to Mike Puckett.
 2. Requested that name tags have position titles.
 3. Addressed concerns about crime and safety in the area.

1. Brian Scarpino mentioned these items could be discussed at Committee meetings/
2. Lucy Wolfe asked how we could get crime stats. Reported that we could get these from block watches.

4. Mary Simon

1. Driving Park Crime Meeting on Wednesday at 5:30 at the Driving Park Recreation Center.
 1. Brian Scarpino mentioned that State Patrol had been patrolling the neighborhoods and that a representative would be at the meeting to address resident concerns.

5. Brian Scarpino

1. Commission no longer has PO Box. Mail should be addressed to 648 S. Ohio Ave, Columbus, OH 43205.

13. Meeting Adjourned

Reviewed By: _____ Date: _____

Approved By: _____ Date: _____