

Livingston Avenue Area Commission



Meeting Minutes

640 S. Ohio Avenue ~ Columbus, OH 43205

April 16, 2013 General Meeting

- 1) Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m. by BS.
- 2) Roll call – All present
- 3) Minutes – None- will be voted on with April minutes
- 4) Secretary Assignment – CF made a motion to appoint LH as the Secretary beginning May 1, 2013. LW seconded, motion passed 9-0-0
- 5) Treasury Report – SM 2013 has been submitted to the City and is under review. Economic Development Report will be available on the LAVA-C website.
- 6) Committee Assignments- BS will be combining committees to create 2 Master Committees which will be Infrastructure and Committee Engagement. Infrastructure will be made up of BS, LH, and CW as West Zoning Chair and TF as East Zoning Chair. Committee Engagement will be made up of CF, SM, LS, RR and LW. All Commissioners currently chairing a committee will continue to do so. The idea is to combine meetings which will need 2 week public notice sent 2 weeks before the meeting. BS is also appointing ambassadors, 2 civics near and within LAVA-C boundaries as follows: LH=DP, CW=Southern Orchards, TE=HV, LS=OO, RR=LPINA.
 - BS will entertain the possibility of swapping ambassador areas if both parties are in agreement.
 - TE is concerned about HV meeting frequency and how she will be notified of the meetings. Would feel more comfortable as DP ambassador.
 - LH is currently community relations ambassador for DP, not interested in changing ambassadorship.
 - BS- these committee and ambassador assignments are in effect until January 2014. Committees should try to hold their first meetings prior to May General Meeting.
- 7) Brian Bainbridge-Candidate for Columbus City Council (R) born and raised in Columbus, former small business owner, currently a Realtor. Has experience in creating budgets and leading people. Also is a Hilltop Area Commissioner and would like individual neighborhoods to have better representation at City Council. Casino and the Main St. Bridge are examples of CC ignoring expressed concerns and desires of Columbus Residents.
- 8) Greg Lawson-Candidate for Columbus City Council (R), Columbus native since 1985, OSU graduate, believes there should be an alternative to one sided policies at CCC. Former State employee and public relations lobbyist. Serves on 2 charter



school boards, would support a School of Choice movement, former 5th by Northwest Area Commissioner. Chosen career path is in Public Policy. Favors empowering institutions other than those that are state run. Believes there should be a system in place to create a more diverse CCC.

9) Harmony Project Update – None

10) Neighborhood Design Center- KO-new sculpture has been installed at Nelson and Livingston. Harmony Project will landscape surrounding area on April 25 and the dedication will be held April 27 at 10 a.m.

BS- LAVA-C will be participating in 7 days of service along Livingston Ave. Will meet at 9am on April 22, 23, 24 at the corner of Livingston and Lockbourne for neighborhood clean-up and beautification via painting at the DP Mall, The Medical Center, retaining wall at Kimball and Livingston along with the mural project at the Jewish and Africentric Centers. Starbucks will be providing coffee. Also, the Harmony Project will be assembling volunteers and materials to renovate Fairwood Park. There will be flyers available for business owners who would like graffiti removed during the 7 days of service. Volunteers are searching for picket fencing to replace damaged fence at Rickenbacher house. DP and HV have been partnering with The Greater Bexley clean-up which began April 13, and will continue through April 16. Pictures of that clean-up event are available at Picasso.net.

-COTA has contacted BS about building bus stop shelters along Livingston. BS is in dialogue with COTA to create a trash can study.

-Every third Sat. of the month, there will be a clear-up scheduled. All interested should meet at DP Rec. 9 am

-NE corner of Livingston and Oakwood should be cleaned up by Realtor, Harmony Project will remove the awning of the Office Lounge, next to empty lot at Livingston and Oakwood.

11) David Petroni-Buckeye Preparatory Academy- Will be meeting with DP on April 17th. Has still not received approval for taking over Kent school site as there is a piece of land not owned by the school. This will prohibit opening the school at the end of 2013. All current applications will be pulled and resubmitted next year. Actively working to get NCH involved in case Buckeye pulls out which will shift NCH focus eastward.

Q-Address of proposed site:

A-1414 Gault, Petroni is open to suggestions for ways to change the environment around the school.

-Housing stock is a difficult issue in this area. Could consider homeport type model. Petroni- Ohio's Hardest Hit Fund is not being utilized, so there is discussion on making funds available for demolitions.

-Home ownership vs. renting is the key to any Economic Development. Concept of actually owning a home creates environments for home owners to take pride in their surrounding area.

-Franklin Co. and the City landbank are currently having this discussion as well.

-There has been a trend where those who can afford to move away are doing so, replaced by residents of low to moderate income, which continue to bring an area down to a low to moderate income level.



-There is a concern with the new school coming in to the area and it's affect on the enrollment of the existing schools and the feeder pattern that has been in development for over a year. There is also concern with what this charter school can and will bring to the area, as there is no guarantee it will be a class A school.

-School site in question was originally a park which is where the land issue originated.

-LAVA-C needs to contact Home City Schools for information on plan for the area.

-Conflicting info about what Charter School brings and what they can do. They can improve the health of the local educational culture.

Petroni-charter schools are public schools. If a student chooses a Charter School, a portion of the tax dollars stay at the student's former school without the expenses associated with the student. Students can choose a charter school but not necessarily a public school.

Q-Who holds Buckeye or any other Charter School accountable?

A-The State of Ohio Dept. of Education has requirements/guidelines that Charter Schools have to meet. Charter Schools also have the same report card system as Public Schools. If a Charter School underperforms for a consecutive 2 years, it must close.

-LAVA-C should consider drafting a GNA or requesting a Community Liaison.

12) MP-Neighborhood Liaison applications are being accepted by COC. LAVA-C can hold ad-hoc meetings/retreat as long as there is public notice. Discussion over email to this point has not violated sunshine laws. Please make phone calls if discussions get heated. CW is still the lead on any zoning correspondence from the City.

9) Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm by BS.

Reviewed By: _____ Date: _____

Approved By: _____ Date: _____

