



Livingston Avenue Area Commission
Meeting Minutes
640 S. Ohio Ave, Columbus, OH 43205
February 17, 2015
6:30pm – 8:00pm

Meeting Called to Order at 6:30pm

Roll Call

Terry Elliott – Present
Brian Scarpino – Present
Josephine Copeland – Present
Mustafaa Shabazz – Present
Margaret Nesbitt – Excused
Latrice Holmes – Excused
Lucy Wolfe – Present

Treasurer report - still working on a solution to 2013 budget. Outstanding budget balance of roughly \$500 - 2014 still not resolved

Rachel Silsdorf/City of Columbus - hand in what you have to the auditor's office, have not gotten communication

Contact Hugh Dorian or Megan Kilgore, but the assistant was Hugh Dorian

Commissioner Elliott agreed to contact the City
Commissioner Scarpino will get copies of the receipts and send .pdf copy

Committee Reports:

Education - Commissioner Copeland

Meeting with Patricia Larkins on February 23, 2015'

Commissioner Scarpino

Nothing to report

Demolitions – Commissioner Elliott

David Petroni/Buckeye Hope Foundation has news

Demolitions

1414 Kent, #1502522 – landbank, being sold to neighbor
Commissioner Wolfe Moves, Commissioner Scarpino 2nd
aye 4, nay 0, abst 1

862 Lockborne, #1503655 – landbank
Commissioner Scarpino Moves, Commissioner Wolfe 2nd
aye 3, nay 0, abst 2

Government - Commissioner Wolfe

State of the City/Mayor Coleman, February 19, 2015, Palace Theater, 6:30pm

Economic Development – Commissioner Shabazz

Nothing to report; need to re-reserve a meeting room at the Library

Guest Speakers

Chad Kettler - CPO

4 buildings on Lilley Avenue that are a nuisance - around since 2003 =- bought Broad Street portfolio 2500 units in the area - section 8 - tax credit - MSP- market rate - \$130 MM rehab on portfolio of properties - continue to acquire when people ask - addressed lighting and loitering and have Columbus Police Department monitoring Lilley Avenue properties -- have pulled police runs - one person lost housing due to housing - another for illegal occupants - they don't want to make anyone homeless but they want them to be accountable - trash issue trying to get another barrel - some pending maintenance issues - have been holding unit meetings - 614-545-7233 is the hotline is anonymous in the community - goes to voicemail but notifies the property manager immediately

Discussion:

Commissioner Shabazz - what is your policy on cameras?

They have cameras but it is not necessarily the solution - it does not deter crime really - they were getting destroyed - only records when it happens

Commissioner Scarpino - What is the scope of management? Isn't this a social services organization in addition to housing?

Chad - There are almost 20 people who deal with at-risk but they cannot mandate

Chris Edwards – Miller Factory Classic

After college / high School he found friends getting in trouble so he started this organization - basketball saved his life so he wanted to have a non-profit to help - community cleanup for 4 years but they are getting it back together along with Nationwide Childrens' Hospital - not in need of funding, but wanted to raise awareness - helping kids with trips to the National Underground Railroad museum and OSU Football Camp - just wants to give kids guidance and direction. Using a program in Harlem as a template for success - personal cell (614)364-3435 millerfactory@gmail.com

Discussion:

Who were your sponsors?

Red Bull, NCH, Coca-Cola and several others

George Holliman - he saw many good things happening

Commissioner Wolfe - This location at Ellsworth?

Chris - That's the library now but he wants to keep it in the community

George Holliman - Are you looking for something temporary?

Chris - No, I would rather have it in a permanent location

Commissioner Scarpino – Try contacting the Department of Parks and Recreation

David Petroni – Buckeye Community Hope Foundation

53 properties have been identified with an innovation plan tied to the Department of Parks and Recreation. There will be a meeting regarding historic preservation about carving out the wood house for an office and demolishing the brick house. He is working with Michael Aaron, Executive Director, Rickenbacker House. They have come a long way with the City of Columbus thanks to Driving Park. They believe they are competitive: there are 3 in Cleveland, 3 in Dayton and 3 in Columbus, including Driving Park. They are attempting to obtain more properties on Miller Avenue. The City of Columbus Landbank has contributed \$906k, targeting 14 more to get to 53. The school has 143 students with 8 African-American teachers, important to help reflect the demographics of the student population.

Angela Mingo, Community Relations/Nationwide Children's

Regarding 609-611 Carpenter, the hospital would like this property for redevelopment. They do not need special permitting but want to talk to us about it. They want to renovate it and make it a market rate rental. 612 - 614 Carpenter is in their sites to maintain. 691 Carpenter is working with an organization called "turnkey" for workforce re-entry.

Discussion:

George Holliman - What is the purpose of buying properties? Is it to own as landlords or to sell?

Angela - for this one, it is for renting for visiting physicians. This is separate from the healthy families initiative

Mark Dravillas, Planning Division/City of Columbus - UIRF

Seeking a vote regarding UIRF plan - there were a variety of meetings that created this list -

Commissioner Elliott - What is traffic calming?

Mark - It is just a study right now, these are estimates and we won't know until a study is done.

The difference in price is because the price is per square foot.

Commissioner Shabazz - Could lanes be narrowed?

Mark - Yes, it could be but again there has to be a study.

Commissioner Elliott – So, there are studies but would we have a say?

Mark - Possibly, but the city has ultimate say.

George Holliman- Stop signs could fix a lot.

Mark -It isn't always money, but maybe you could put a condition to have them hand over a review

Commissioner Elliott - If we decide against a road diet is that the final say?

Commissioner Shabazz - Motion that a stipulation that road diet would not be an option if it narrows the lane to be taken or narrowed

aye 3 nay 2

Commissioner Wolfe – Motion to approve the UIRF with a stipulation of the road diet would be consulted before any changes are implemented

All in favor

Meeting adjourned 8:00pm