



Livingston Avenue Area Commission

Meeting Minutes

640 S. Ohio Ave, Columbus, OH 43205

October 15, 2013

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Meeting Agenda

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Approval of Minutes
- Treasury Report
- Demolition Permits - update/report
- ~~Ellen Moore - Community Crime Patrol~~
- AJ Smith - ASJ & Associates - Mayor's Voted Bond Package
- ~~David Petroni~~ (Lucy Wolfe presenting) - Buckeye Community Hope Foundation update
- Announcements
- Adjournment

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Cathy Fithian

Roll Call

Brian Scarpino – Excused
Clarence Wicks – Present
Ryan Reisiger – Present
Lucy Wolfe – Present
Terry Elliot – Present
Mustafaa Shabazz – Arrived Late
Cathy Fithian – Present
Latricia Sparks – Present
Latrice Holmes – Present

Approval of Minutes

September Meeting Minutes not available to approve

Treasury Report:

Commissioner Shabazz

- Commissioner Holmes – posted September 2013 report posted on LAVA-C website, <http://www.livingstonave.com>
 - Commissioner Shabazz - Currently \$1,002.00 on account
 - Consumable supplies purchased, including printer ink and paper
 - Funding available to attend the 2013 RNNC Conference – fees, travel and hotel
 - Need to purchase more supplies, books relevant to running and operating the commission, city planning, safety and urban violence, commissioner hats, shirts or pins, including leadership, notebooks, binders, sheet protectors, etc.
 - Need to order bank checks, \$100
 - Funding available for advertising, including website registration fee, \$120
- Noted:** electronic equipment such as voice recorders are not an allowable purchase, which are items that would need to be recorded with the City of Columbus, tracked and turned in

Noted: no food or water

***Deadline** for purchases and expenses is **December 31, 2013**

Commissioner Wolfe motioned to pass the 2013 budget

Commissioner Wicks seconded

All present in favor

Discussion

Business cards

Logo, First and Last Name, Commissioner (no specific title), Contact Number, Email Address

Commissioner Wicks presented his LAVA-C business cards

Commissioner Elliott motioned to use Commissioner Wicks' business card as a model for the business card order and that Commissioner Holmes place the order.

Commissioner Wolfe seconded

All present in favor

Discussion

Add website and the Facebook URL

Request to use a local printer

Commissioner Training

No commissioner attended the RNNC Conference

Advertising Budget

Not allowed to use for Civic Associations, example advertisement of dates and times for Civic meetings. We can capture this by including that information in a LAVA-C communication (newsletter, website, etc.). May then use postage, ads in local neighborhood news, etc.

Code Rides

Commissioner Wicks - Mileage incurred to document code violations can be reimbursed. Rachel Silsdorf, City of Columbus will confirm and provide more information.

During code rides issues are recorded like high weeds, overflowing dumpsters, and any other

code violations to be submitted to the City of Columbus. Normally takes about 2 hours for the ride, then to be followed up for the request online and via phone calls. Subsequent rides are made to verify that the issues and concerns have been addressed.

Demolition Permits

Commissioner Wicks - 1218 Whittier is gone from the list

Do our boundaries need to be updated with the City of Columbus so that demolition requests can be addressed more timely?

Guest Speaker

AJ Smith, City of Columbus – Issues 1, 2, 3 and 4 on the voting ballot regarding \$842 million package for capital improvements. We are requested to vote in favor of the package with the reasoning that the capital improvements need and will be made. If the bond passes, then the City of Columbus is more likely to receive a favorable interest rate as shown by the backing of the project by the community-at-large.

The city wants to issue municipal bonds through 2018 to fund projects that would include:

- \$445.3 million to maintain water and sewer systems and comply with Ohio Environmental Protection Agency standards of wastewater runoff and treatment.
- \$220.3 million to repave streets, rehab bridges and buy refuse-collection equipment.
- \$124 million for city parks to improve bike paths, fund “spraygrounds” at neighborhood pools, and replace old playground equipment.
- \$52.5 million for public safety to buy police cars and fire vehicles, put crime cameras in neighborhoods, rehab or replace aging fire stations, and improve the city’s crime lab.

The city is seeking voter approval because it would ensure a lower interest rate — around 2.5 percent — and maintain confidence with investors when it comes time to issue the bonds

Discussion

Commissioner Elliott – Please take back to Mayor Coleman that we want the Fairwood Pool reopened as a form of recreation for the many young people within the local community.

Commissioner Sparks – Inquired about the soil contamination and if it had anything to with the pond at the Eddie Saunders Park regarding the old fertilizer plant. Mr. Smith will ask about it. Also, what about the nearby vacant property, what are the plans for its use?

Commissioner Fithian – Please update us on a Hockey Arena on Livingston Avenue, where plans had been created, etc.

Commissioner Elliott – Please update us on the plans to increase the size of the Driving Park Recreation Center.

Meeting adjourned by Commissioner Fithian at 8:00pm