



Livingston Avenue Area Commission
Meeting Minutes
640 S. Ohio Ave, Columbus, OH 43205
April 21, 2015
6:30pm – 8:00pm

Meeting Called to Order at 6:33pm

Roll Call

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

Secretary Report

Commissioner Holmes read March meeting minutes
Commissioner Elliott motioned to approve, Commissioner Nesbitt 2nd
All in favor, motion passes

Treasury Report

Commissioner Shabazz
See April 2015 Treasury Report
\$349.15 due to be eligible for 2015 funding
Commissioner Scarpino - \$60.23 check with receipts that shows the account is closed out.
Rachel Silsdorf - Put all 2014 items together to hand over to the county auditor

Commissioners Scarpino and Shabazz – signed a contract 1/1/13 – 12/31/13
Commissioner Shabazz - Is there a policy that makes an amendment to the contract?
Rachel Silsdorf– This may have occurred in the past. Packet has been received by the City of Columbus.
No Commissions have received funding yet for 2015.

Commissioner Elliott – We are one body. Thanks to everyone for your hard work.

Guest Speakers

Will Petrik – Candidate for Columbus City Council

Not present

Howard Blazedale – Moody Nolan

Department of Parks & Recreation, City of Columbus: Driving Park Recreation Center & Fairwood Pool Updates

<http://columbus.gov/recreationandparks/>

Moody Nolan was contracted after a feasibility study was conducted for the overall project
It was determined that the pool should be a part of the recreation center to provide for shared resources, including locker rooms

Pool – competition/dive well, as well as zero entry for those who may need to roll in (wheel charis)

Building improvements include air conditioning
new front vestibule opening at Rhoades Avenue
gutting and renovating restrooms
bleachers
add classroom space
adding venting for the 2nd kiln in the artroom
adding a multi-activity room in the front of the building
expanding the fitness area
Staying north of the existing stream
Vending machines and Day Lockers
1 maybe 2 slides into the 3 ft swim area
6 lap lanes for swim completion
*swim team for Driving Park
“funbrellas” – for shade
fence area is fairly large with trees for shade and lawn space
Renovation includes more windows for visible light
Entrance canopy, pool has a large sliding door, with small windows into the activity gameroom
Windows into the new gym, east side

Pursuing a parking variance currently 111 spaces. Per city code the site’s expansion requires 274 parking spaces for “fitness club” (recreation center) and swimming pool
fitness center 105 spaces (to accommodate large events)
On street 87 spaces
short 10 spaces
Commissioner Scarpino - Motion in favor of the variance for the number of parking spaces 2nd by Wolfe
Vote was unanimous

J.P. Blackwood – Paving the Way

<http://www.pavingtheway.org/site/home.aspx>

Road Construction in Central OH

Fed funding but hosted by the COC

Always be aware – City of Columbus, Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), Franklin County and the railroads

Facebook and Twitter – like and share

Interstate 70 – 71 project updates in the Fall 2015, east interbelt connection (ODOT will likely do the communication)

670/71 project

Contact: 614-645-7283 (PAVE)

John Rush – Clean Turn

<http://www.cleanturn.org/>

Training and development from incarceration to the trades

Over 300 employment opportunities

33% are in the trade or are self-sufficient

Partnered with local agencies including the Alvis House, COVA and Columbus Urban League

Freedom A-la-Cart – training and employment for survivors and victims of sex-trafficking

Running for Columbus City Council – platform is social innovation and social enterprise

Discussion:

Will Fant – Do you hire felons?

No sex based crimes or murder, primarily because the markets that they serve are in hospitals
Also, Mr. Rush worked with Clean Slate in Chicago, pastoral work, and decided to start his own

Committee Reports:

Economic Development – Commissioner Shabazz

Nothing to report; next meeting to be the first Saturday in April.

Parks and Recreation – Commissioner Holmes

Nothing to report

Government - Commissioner Wolfe

Mayor Coleman presented the City Budget on March 18, 2015, Driving Park Recreation Center

Zoning – Commissioner Elliott

Demolitions

931 Fairwood, #1507767

City of Columbus owns the property

952 Lockbourne, #1506924

landbank

Driving Park, reviewed and approved by DPCA President John Whitten

Commissioner Scarpino to motioned to demolish; Commissioner Wolfe 2nd
aye 4, 2 abstentions; Motion passes

Health Department – Commissioner Nesbitt

Cookbook is almost complete
Attended a workshop on Minority Health at the CHD
Disparities due to the difference in culture
2 additional meetings scheduled
4/25, 10am, 2pm

Education – Commissioner Copeland

Nothing to report

Treasury Report

2013 Budget = \$1,250.00

Signage

Currently using email, social media
suggested to create signs and give a couple to each Commissioner to post prior to the meetings
- suggested locations are near the Library and Recreation Center

By-Laws

Commissioner Scarpino - Motion to approve entire body of amendments and put them into effect
Scarpino; Commissioner Nesbitt 2nd

Discussion:

FBI check can be challenged in court

The extra check shows a willingness to serve

Criminal records are public and anything submitted to the commission is public record. An FBI check could be viewed as a poll tax and may be an economic disadvantage to candidates.

Not right to charge a fee for a position that is not paid

May need to talk to a City Attorney regarding an FBI and BCI check

Can go to Franklin County Clerk to find out about commissioners

Is this something where we should address the language before we vote

Deferring it back to us because we are self-governing

Free or charged into to get what we want

What is the Code of Conduct?

We can come back and re-address the by-laws for the FBI/BCI check and code of conduct

5 all, 1 nay, 1 abstention; Motion passes for the By-Laws amendments

May 30, Old Oaks House & Garden Tour, 3pm – 8pm

Cost \$10.00

(OOCA Members \$8.00)

Old Oaks, Columbus's First Street Car District, will be featuring some of its amazing homes and gardens for a wonderful afternoon/evening walking tour.

Nationwide Children's Hospital – Annual Flower and mulch donation

Flowers and mulch for the spring beautification project will be distributed to the 4 neighborhoods:

Driving Park - Driving Park Recreation Center

Hanford Village – Nelson and Livingston

Old Oaks – Chic Harley Garden

Livingston Park – left a message for the reverend for the distribution location, no answer

Mayor's Candidate Debate, 4/26, 5pm – 7pm, Christ Memorial

Commissioners needed to be present

Commissioner Holmes motioned to adjourn; Commissioner Wolfe 2nd

All in favor

Meeting adjourned 7:56pm