



Livingston Avenue Area Commission  
General Body Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
May 17, 2016  
6:30pm - 8:00pm

Roll call

Elliott - present  
Scarpino - present  
Holmes - present  
Wolfe - present  
Copeland - present  
Shabazz - excused  
Johnson - excused

John Whitten: Community update

James Johnson Home Repair Program: City Council approved an additional \$300,000  
1M, \$400,000  
Contact  
614-645-8526  
email: [homesafeandsound@columbus.gov](mailto:homesafeandsound@columbus.gov)  
Collaborate with code enforcement for the PACE program to be able to use the Program  
PACE

James A. Johnson grant provided for his contribution to the community  
Old Oaks grant  
Livingston Park - Nationwide Children's Hospital

Will Fant, Driving Park Recreation Center  
Appreciate the fire fighters

Updates - Driving Park Recreation Center  
Construction meetings every Thursday  
\$75K budget to buy everything needed

6/7 - 6/14 temporary date of occupancy  
as long as he's not working in Driving Park  
July 5: Date of occupancy  
July 10: Pool scheduled to open  
July 16: Mayor's celebration and ribbon-cutting ceremony  
July 15 - 16: Two day Open House  
- movies, food, stage and live music (Melvin Stewart's son is the DJ)  
- 5 or 6 speakers, Whitten, Elliott, Craig,  
Mike Johnson (swore in Mayor Ginther, opening a clinic on 5th avenue)  
related to the Johnsons who owned BET  
Tonya Robertson, President, CRC  
August 6: Festival, APPS Cap City Festival  
- music, bands, jump houses, food, concessions, etc  
Post card for careers  
City leaders academy - etiquette for kids  
- job experience, etc  
- deadline June 17

Discussion:

Elliott: Feelings on the dates?

Fant: Dates are about 80% accurate for the openings, weather and other contingencies permitting  
Service and activities have been extended 2 additional weeks at Southmoor Middle (Moler Elementary)

Whitten: What about the activities?

Fant: Meeting with City Councilwoman Jaiza Paige regarding activities for seniors

9am - 3pm, TWRP

9am - 12pm, Sat

- pickleball, sewing, cooking, weight room and conditioning  
- hopes to open the center in the morning hours  
- want it to be a 50+ center

Ask Lifecare Alliance to do a senior program (Michelle Jones, Director)

Whitten: Contact Debera Diggs, (614)598-2237

Whitten: Requested meeting space at the Center for Driving Park Civic Association Meetings

Fant: Meeting space has been set aside; rooms have central air and Wi-Fi

10K residents asking for information for the John A. John Home Repair Program

They need to be able to invest in their own homes

Do not wait until after the deadline. Show that you are making an effort to make repairs

For Driving Park, Hanford Village and Old Oaks

Secretary Report

April meeting minutes - read and approved

By-laws

Type all with the amendments and a summary of changes

Scheduling a meeting once/month until we get it done

Demolitions

Motion for all 3, Commissioner Scarpino 1st, Commissioner Nesbitt 2nd

1101 Miller Avenue - wood framed, owner requested

1744 E. Kossuth Avenue - garage, owner requested

1627 E. Kossuth Avenue - landbank, across from the Driving Park Recreation Center

Approved by DPCA President Whitten

Discussion:

Why demolish instead of rehab

Past where anyone would rehab

Also, drive down Studder to the Hwy - they don't want knee high grass and boarded properties

Commissioner Elliott - obtain, 4 in favor, motion carries

Spring beautification - each Civic Association will receive flowers:

Livingston Park, Hanford Village, Old Oaks and Driving Park

Look for specific locations within the Commission area planting

Sherry Boyd - 2 intersections coming in and 2 of the community gardens

Mary Simon - leadership contacted for Livingston Park with no answer. She will assist on behalf of Livingston Park

Committee Reports

Commissioner Elliott has requested that we report quarterly - articles, presentations, etc.

Parks & Recreation - Commissioner Holmes

\*see notes above for the Driving Park Recreation Center and Pool updates (Fant)

Education - Copeland

No report

Health - Commissioner Nesbitt

Infant Mortality - prenatal education, OSU east, 4.5 - 6.5pm - Pt openings

healthcare, share a meal, make friends, childcare and transportation provided

Government - Commissioner Wolfe

No report

Zoning - Commissioner Elliott

New homes have started to be developed on the north side of Driving Park

Ribbon cutting event at the Driving Park Library

Corrie Slawson, Cleveland artist, worked with kids in the community for a mural; unveiling with cookies and punch

4 children created from start to finish and others helped along the way: silkscreening, digital art, silver leaf

Mural is on display in the library's atrium

Working for America - House Bill 394

Commissioner Scarpino with Mike Aaron - Contacted Grabel for the lighting project in the southeast Livingston Park

35 lights will be installed from Fairwood Avenue to Alum Creek Drive

Scheduled to be completed before the winter

JoAnne St. Clair, Neighborhood Pride Center - Livingston Park was renovated a few years back; no lights and vandalism community asked for additional lighting

Infrastructure: Commissioner Scarpino

Code enforcement

Western half - survey of street lights

Keep Livingston Avenue clean and visible - 311 calls

Bus stop at Livingston and Champion - scheduled to have it replaced

special to the community, want to keep the architectural integrity/design

Suggested to give the bus stop structure/bench to the Driving Park Recreation Center or Commissioner Wolfe for storage

COTA wants to replace the artwork seating at the park a traditional bus stop and will not pay for it

Commissioner Elliott: Requested that Commissioners place 311 calls under the Commission, not as ourselves for tracking as the Commission and efforts on its behalf

Newton (e/w) or Kimball (n/s)

- Kimball and Bedford - potholes filled in but not resurfaced

Old Oaks Civic Association - putting up signs expanding the number of flags in the community

Commissioners Elliott and Scarpino contacted the Neighborhood Design Center

- bicentennial gateway signs to be installed soon

- restricted parking like on OSU Campus and Old Oaks

Commissioners Holmes and Elliott inquired about the permanent signage for street sweeping

- cost prohibitive; in the past temporary signage and wooden stakes were provided for street clean-up project

CNC grant: Commissioner Holmes - consider for bike lights

City BBQ - hiring

Columbus Metropolitan Library - Parsons Branch opening

July 4, Noon - Ribbon-cutting Ceremony

Opening Event Noon - 3pm

Regular hours start the following week

Meeting adjourned 7:55pm