



Livingston Avenue Area Commission
General Body Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2017
6:30pm – 8:00pm

Meeting called to order 6:32pm

Call to Order

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

Commissioners/Officer Elections

Introduction of New Officer

Leslie Attwooll – Originally from Toronto Canada; Civic involvement; Professionally, higher education and workforce development; Chase, training and marketing departments; Career coach, Career Service, CSCC
Volunteer – Participant in the Leadership Program, Next Level

Officer Elections

Commissioner Elliott for President

Commissioner Holmes, Motion to approve; Commissioner Copeland, 2nd

Discussion:

Commissioner Shabazz – how many years should the Commissioners executive offices be held?
Commissioner Elliott – keep the momentum going after only one year. Need to review the By-laws to work to hold the seats for the 3 year term

All in favor – 7-0-0

Motion passes

Commissioner Scarpino for Vice Chair

Accepted the nomination by proxy Commissioner Elliott

Commissioner Elliott motion to approve; Commissioner Shabazz 2nd

Discussion

VP and all executive commission for 3 years

Commissioner Elliott – Yes, if we can get the By-Laws changed

Leslie Attwooll – suggestion to stagger the election appointments

Commissioner Elliott – the election appointments are staggered by the way our appointment begin and end

All in favor; Motion passed, 7-0-0

Commissioner Shabazz for Treasurer

Commissioner Elliott motion to approve; Commissioner Copeland 2nd

Discussion

Commissioner Shabazz would like to cross train another Commissioner

Commissioner Elliott – nonprofit checking account with no fees. The City of Columbus funding was not available until August 2016, so the checking account incurred monthly fees. Need to check to see if we can spend ahead or bill for the first half of the new year so that the does not incur fees.

Please spend the money! Proxying to buy a computer and file cabinet.

Proxying to buy a computer, file cabinet

All in favor; Motion passed, 7-0-0

Commissioner Holmes for Secretary

Commissioner Elliott motion to approve; Commissioner Nesbitt 2nd

Discussion

Commissioner Shabazz – budget \$25/month for Recording Secretary for the Meeting Minutes

Aide or staff from the City of Columbus has recorded minutes for other Commissions, where we could leave the \$250 allocated in the budget

For now, budget for the notes, \$25 per meeting

All in favor; Motion passed, 7-0-0

Secretary Report

Commissioner Holmes – December 2016 meeting minutes presented and read for approval

Commissioner Elliott motion to approve; Commissioner Nesbitt 2nd

All in favor; Motion passed, 7-0-0

Meeting Minutes – Process: Submit and review within 7 days after the Commission meeting to distribute by 4th Tuesday.

Commissioner Elliott motion to submit meeting minutes within 3 days (Friday after the meeting) to the Commissioners, for their review, to be distributed by the 4th Tuesday; Commissioner Copeland 2nd

Commissioner Shabazz – What if we are out of town? Don't respond?

Commissioner Holmes – All Commissioners will be responsible for responding. Non-response will not be considered an approval of the meeting minutes

All in favor – Elliott, Holmes, Nesbitt, Copeland, Wolfe, Scarpino,

Objection – Shabazz

No Abstentions

Motion passed, 6-1-0

Zoning – Commissioner Elliott

#1700001 - 681 S. 22nd Livingston Park – forward to Pastor Josephus

No response (typical)

*demolition reviews normally expire and the properties are demolished after 60 days

*LAVA-C forwards demolitions to the Civic Associations, where we are one of the only Commissions to do so, to get a feel for the relevance of the property to that particular Civic.

#1628083 - 1359 Mooberry Street, Driving Park, Landbank

***Not on the auditor's site, unsafe; already demolished**

Commissioner Elliott – The City of Columbus emails the demolition list

Susan Keeny asks the applicants to email their demolitions to her Civic

Commissioner Elliott – we don't want to be beholden to the property owners to receive information from them.

Commissioner Elliott motion to approve; Commissioner Nesbitt 2nd

Discussion

Commissioner Shabazz – Do you go out and look at the properties?

Commissioner Elliott – Yes, physically and via the Franklin County Auditor website

Commissioner Shabazz – Can we ask the City of Columbus to send a property photo with the demolition notices

Commissioner Wolfe – Property photos and information can be accessed on the Franklin County Auditor website,

<http://property.franklincountyauditor.com/web/search/commonsearch.aspx?mode=owner>

All in favor – Commissioners Elliott, Holmes, Wolfe, Scarpino, Nesbitt, Copeland

Abstention – Shabazz

Opposed – None

Motion passed, 6-1-0

Guest Speaker:

Susan Keeny – Columbus Landmarks, Home Preservation Program

The program is for owner occupied housing built 1967 (or older) for low interest loans (terms and conditions will apply) for renovations and repairs to strengthen neighborhoods by strengthening homes (helping home owners be good neighbors)

Provide technical advice, information and referrals for contractor with specifications and guidelines

Partnered with Huntington Banks and funded through several organizations including the City of Columbus, the Greater Columbus Arts Council and MORPC. They are looking for other groups at additional organizations, groups and resources to make the program even more affordable.

The program should be in place by next month (February 2017). Initially, it was to be a targeted program but has since been updated to be available for citywide participation

*See Wilson and Linwood – Old Oaks

There are many different loan programs for community reinvestment areas, for example, property on E. Main Street getting zoned historic.

Targeting low-to-moderate income neighborhoods and HUD houses

Commissioner Attwooll - Is there a preferred rate negotiated? Are the borrowers mandated to use the program contractors?

Keeny – No negotiated rate and the program participants are not mandated to use the program contractors (mandating can actually serve to be a liability)

Commissioner Attwooll - Are the interest rates the same for everyone within certain areas, or do they vary by family size?

Keeny - There are different loan programs to avoid red-lining

Committee Reports

Parks & Recreation – Commissioner Holmes

Metro Parks Winter Hike Series -

http://www.metroparks.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/WinterHikesSchedule2017_web.pdf

52 Hike Challenge - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y1Yva3tsDSE&feature=youtu.be>

City of Columbus, Department of Parks & Recreation Programs

<https://apm.activecommunities.com/columbusrecparks>

Zoning – Commissioner Elliott

Approximately 60 demolitions in 2016, 3 City Council variances

Meeting adjourned