



Livingston Avenue Area Commission  
General Body Meeting Minutes  
February 20, 2018  
6:30pm – 8:00pm

Call to Order

Roll Call

Terry Elliott, Chair – Present  
Brian Scarpino, Vice Chair – Present  
Latrice Holmes, Secretary – Present  
Mustafaa Shabazz, Treasurer – Present  
Leslie Attwooll - Present  
Josephine Copeland - Present  
Brenten Johnson – Late  
Michael Herman – Present  
Nina Craddolph - Present

**Treasury Report – Commissioner Shabazz**

February 2018 Treasury Report presented Within 2018 for any expenses  
Approximately \$300 remaining in the budget for expenses within 2018

Motion to approve, 1<sup>st</sup> Copeland, 2<sup>nd</sup> Attwooll  
All in favor, Motion approved

Commissioner Elliott - Property on Carpenter Street (Carolyn Kimbro)  
BZA zoning changes from zoning packets – the City of Columbus provides a list of residents who are within 100 feet for any potential changes  
Nationwide Children’s Hospital is requesting to make inclusive 3 locations on Livingston avenue and at the Afro-centric High School, to re-zone to make it a CPD (Commercial Planning District) The school property location is not currently zoned as a CPD.  
3 brick doubles on Livingston Avenue, directly East of the current childcare center at 18<sup>th</sup> and Livingston

Here to present, went to Livingston Park Improvement Association first (not thrilled and gave alternative solutions). Wanted to make ground-level parking out of the 3 properties. They are not here tonight. They will be here in March.

Jason Hottle, Livingston Park Improvement Association (LPIA) - Will new postcards regarding the zoning changes be sent for the next meeting?  
Commissioner Elliott – Likely not sending a 3<sup>rd</sup> time, but LPIA can do so. The City of Columbus should be notifying the community. Guest speakers for 1971 Livingston Avenue have missed attending to the Commission meeting twice.

Mr. Gilbert - present to present for 1971 Livingston Avenue and was sure that they were confirmed to present during the February meeting. Commissioner Elliott researched her email and after deliberating, verified that they were not confirmed but that they could present at the March Commission meeting. Noted they have presented at the Driving Park Civic Association meeting that the Livingston Avenue Business Association meeting.

### **Guest Speakers**

#### **Norma Richards – Free Ride to College, a Guide to Grooming Your Children**

Business Owner in the Driving Park Shopping Plaza

Submitted a proposal to United Way of Central Ohio for a STEM Program, supported also by NSBE (National Association of Black Engineers)

Her own children were labeled ADHD, etc. but went on to become engineers and had participated in NSBE since a young age

Survey for what we need within the community

3<sup>rd</sup> graders are not passing the reading test

Hosting a conference, “Ball is Life”, to include fun, hands-on activities, facilitated by young engineers, including women engineers

Partnering with Rickenbacker Woods, Margaret Nesbitt

Commissioner Shabazz – is the program already funded?

Richards – No, she will receive an answer about the \$10k funding request in April

Summer program - Stem Challenges Chess - at the Library, how to play chess, for the non-violent prevention grant for critical thinking skills, including a chess tournament

Baller’s Life Summit

Food – lunch and snacks

t-shirts, books, insurance

Job and career-readiness, entrepreneurship, coding, college tuition, self-image workshop targeted for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders to also include programs for young parents

Jessica Mays, Gertrude Woods Community Foundation – Is there a curriculum and if so, what type.

Richards – Yes, it is a custom curriculum

Commissioner Shabazz – If the program is not funded through the United Way of Central Ohio, how much do you need?

Richards – the request was for \$10k, but it can be scaled down

Commissioner Holmes – Are you collaborating with other agencies?

Richards - Not really, primarily NSBE

Jason Hottle, LPIA – Is this the Neighborhood Partnership Grant? Who is the partner for the donation?

Richards – 25% equity presented through the volunteers, with up to 45 engineers to participating

### **Katelin Hansen – Southside Leadership Academy**

Offshoot of the Greater Columbus Leadership Academy

The program is into the 4<sup>th</sup> year (4<sup>th</sup> Cycle) and services zip code 43205, 43206 and 43207

Commissioner Copeland graduated from Cycle 3

If you have a passion for the Southside and an interest in being a part of transformational change with practical skills around local government, including grant writing, apply at apply at

<http://www.4allpeople.org/ssnla>

The 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the program includes participant driven projects to with a budget of about \$1,500

Commissioner Copelands team project addressed healthy eating and living on a budget, and human trafficking and domestic abuse

The meetings average about 2 Saturdays per month with lunch and childcare provided. About 25 attended Cycle 3.

Commissioner- Elect Craddolph – What is the criteria to participate

Hansen – A candidate demonstrating a heart for the community and what’s happening. What are your assets?

### **Dr. Tina Pierce – WORTH**

The survey requesting information from the Community is to be completed by COMMISSIONERS ONLY.

If community members are interested in providing feedback directly, they can be forwarded to Toya Johnson and at their discretion, those comments will be included in the survey responses.

### **Demolitions**

691 Berkely Rd

1698 Whittier Avenue

Landbank, 2 story

690 Carpenter – garage

emergency building order, hazardous, damage and danger of imminent collapse

Not presented to the Livingston Park Improvement Association

Motion to approve demolitions, 1<sup>st</sup> Holmes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Herman

Discussion

Mary Simon, Resident – She is certain that the property is already demolished.

Commissioner Elliott – The application was submitted on 1/30/18 and received on 2/1/18. She believes she has time to take it back to the Application on 1/30, received on 2/1

Terry thinks she has time to take it back to the LPIA and bring it back for the March Commission meeting  
All in favor; Elliott and Shabazz abstained; motion passed

### **Committee Vacancies**

Commissioner-Elect Herman – Government and Legislation

Commissioner- Elect Craddolph – Housing Health and Human Services

### **By-Laws - Meeting**

A public meeting was held on 1/31/18, Driving Park Library, 10:30am – 11:30am

Results were presented in order that they can be voted on at the March Commission meeting:

Change Acronym from LAAC to LAVA-C

- Add a code of conduct; FBI and BCI check

- 9 members on the Commission

- Term expiration date, 12/31, with elections held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in November, (11/8/18, for example), giving the City of Columbus 60 days to concur

- Private ballot, should be public ballot per the City Attorney and the Sunshine Laws

- Strike from the by-laws to give notice of vacancies to unsuccessful candidates (place the burden on them to be remain active for upcoming vacancies as with other formal elections)

- add a method of communications to include community postings

- poor attendance, more than 3 to result in an automatic resignation from the Commission BY THE COMMISSIONER unless they petition their resignation circumstantially

- Commissioners must be the owner of a business within the Commission boundaries, not the manager of a business (vested interest)

### **Discussion:**

BCI, FBI Check

Commissioner-Elect Craddolph – What if the candidate cannot afford the fee?

Commissioner Elliott – It would be the cost of applying to the Commission where we want to vet for any criminal behavior and the best candidates.

Shayla Favor, Assistant City Attorney – She will do some research and get back to us

### **Removing a Commissioner**

Commissioner Shabazz – only the Mayor can remove a Commissioner

Commissioner Elliott - If we adopt this, the Commissioner will AGREE to resign

Commissioner Shabazz – I don't agree that the Commission be responsible for changing the by-laws to remove an elected official that public voted in

Commissioner Holmes – The public has voted in the Commissioner to carry out the duties set forth by the Commission

### **Committee Reports**

Commissioner Holmes – Recreation and Parks

Commit to be fit – walking clubs, walkathons, marathons, park recreation and cultural classes and events offered through the Department of Recreation and Parks

Commissioner Scarpino - Infrastructure

Clarence Mingo, Franklin County Auditor – meeting at the Parsons Library, 3/2/18, 2pm – 6pm regarding the application process to challenge taxes for property valuation

### **Upcoming Community Events**

Gertrude Wood Community Foundation - Pallet Paint Night Fundraiser, 2/23/18, 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Rickenbacker Woods Foundation, 1330 E. Livingston Avenue Columbus OH 43206

\$25, <http://www.gwcfpaintparty.eventbrite.com>

Columbus Landmarks - Masonry Workshop, 2/24/18, 11:00am – 1:00pm

Rickenbacker Woods Foundation, 1330 E. Livingston Avenue Columbus OH 43206

\$10, CLF Members, \$15, Non-members

Driving Park Community Center – Driving Park Art Showcase, 3/22 – 3/24/18

Thursday - Noon - 8:45 p.m.

Friday - Noon - 8:45 p.m.

Saturday - 9 a.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Admission to the exhibition is free.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am