



Livingston Avenue Area Commission
General Body Meeting Minutes
January 16, 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 - Excused

Josephine Copeland - Excused

Brenten Johnson - Late

Commissioner Holmes - Secretary Report

December 2018 Meeting Minutes read

*Tabled until report is official

Commissioner Shabazz - Treasury Report

Report read

Motion to pass, Commissioner Scarpino, 1st, Commissioner Elliott 2nd

Discussion:

Can we use the balance for new commissioner's business cards and contract services for secretary services?

Commissioner Johnson - Can Commissioners be reimbursed for mileage from work to the meetings?

Commissioner Elliott - Not for the LAVA-C Commission meetings but yes for meetings to the

support the Commission.

Commissioner-Elect Craddolph - Can LAVA-C funds be used to help with National Night Out donations?

For marketing yes, but not the Commission for donations

Can LAVA-C funds be used for marketing and advertising? What method?

Commissioner Scarpino – yard signs were purchased and there are still some available to anyone who would like to post one for the meetings.

Commissioner Scarpino – yard signs

All in favor; motion passed

Demolitions:

#1800074 – 1133 Seymour Avenue

privately owned detached garage, severely leaning, coming down for an unsafe structure
landbank

#1715617 – 1162 Bulen Avenue

landbank

#1715473 – 761 Lilley Avenue

leaning and severely deteriorated

Motion to approve demolitions – Commissioner Scarpino 1st, Commissioner Elliott 2nd

Discussion:

Commissioner-Elect Craddolph - Does the Seymour Avenue property owner reimburse the City of Columbus for the cost of demolition?

Commissioner Elliott - Yes

Resident – Can the Landbank properties for demolition be used for fire house training?

J. Pack, Columbus Fire Department – Yes. They are oftentimes made aware of landbank properties up for demolition ahead of time, since some of them are the result of irreparable house fires.

Opposed, Shabazz; Abstained, Elliott;

In Favor – Holmes, Scarpino, Johnson

Motion passed

Guest Speakers:

Cheryl Evans, Branch Manager – Driving Park Library

New Branch Manager

Several programs offered:

Literacy

Homework Help Center

Black History

New Media Program - children age3- 7 with a mentor from Columbus College of Art & Design for art projects

Black History 2018

Story Time – Every Wednesday, to build skills with parents for pre-kindergarteners

Comic Book Club

Upcoming events include Career Day

Adult resources include GED Classes and the Aspire Program

Commissioner Scarpino – Columbus State Community College had partnered with the Driving Park Library for free classes. Are they still being offered? LAVA-C has a partnership with Capital University (Dr. Paul) where we can collaborate for more resources.

Evans – Currently, no classes, but there are resume building workshops and an adult learning lab. She will be in contact with the Commission to further opportunities to partner with LAVA-C and Capital University.

Dr. Tina Pierce, CEO – WORTH

WORTH – Working Through Obstacles Reaching True Heights

The City of Columbus, Department of Neighborhoods is requesting information from all Area Commissioners on how they can better service the Commissions to meet the needs of the residents and businesses within their communities. The information is intended to increase family and community engagement and to assist in directing policy. It will be delivered both electronically within the next few days and by paper in February. Be Candid! Responses are due by March 1, 2018.

Commissioner Elliott – Is the survey for the Commissioners or for the Community?

Dr. Pierce – The survey is for the Commissioners, to request resources for engagement strategies, SWAT analysis, assistance with Robert’s Rules of Order, etc.

Commissioner Johnson - How to achieve goals and outcomes

Commissioner Holmes – Suggested using Survey Monkey as a tool to for timely responses. with feedback from the community for input from the Commissioners

Dr. Pierce – It is critical to show how we can leverage resources, with a list of trainings, times and locations and what we need from the City of Columbus to grow the Commissions and strategies to effectively listen to the communities. Noted, there is an idea to create an Area Council.

Alfred Akainyah - There is a timeframe, due by March 1. This may not be enough time, so we have to do what we can. Add to the survey that we need a tool for quick answers for information.

Commissioner Johnson – Will the survey for this information be sent to our email?
Dr. Pierce - Yes, the survey will be sent to your email on file.

Doug Arsenault – COTA update – Not available
*2nd request to present at a Commission Meeting

John Ingwersen – Re-zoning 1971 E. Livingston Avenue - Not Available
*Third request to present at a Commission Meeting. Ingwersen had also contacted City Council Member Paige regarding the re-zoning

Committee Reports

Economic Development – Commissioner Shabazz

Read LABA Mission Statement

Meetings are held every 1st Saturday, 3pm – 5pm, Driving Park Library, 1566 Livingston Avenue

Parks and Recreation – Commissioner Holmes

The City of Columbus Recreation and Community Centers - offers several free or minimal cost programs, including music lessons and arts and crafts.

<https://www.columbus.gov/recreationandparks/programs/Find-a-Program/>

Columbus Metro Parks - The 45th Annual Winter Hike Series is underway for free hiking events at local parks, typically 2 hours in length. There are 13 hikes planned for the series.

<http://www.metroparks.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/WinterHikes-2018-web.pdf>

Columbus has a very active biking community with bike trails connecting several communities. Commit to be fit, active and creative

Resident - Who will maintain the garbage receptacles

Commissioner Scarpino – The City of Columbus. Report problems to 311:

Call (614)645-3111 or go to Columbus.gov/311. Get a reference number to follow-up and alert a Commissioner for follow-up, too, if needed

By-Laws

Commissioner absences is a problem. What is excused and what is not excused? Three unapproved absences. The Secretary should notify within 15 days of the 2nd unapproved absence. An unapproved absence is a failure for a Commissioner to notify the Chair or Vice Chair. At least be courteous and tell us why you are not coming.

Commissioner- Elect Craddolph worked on revising the By-Laws on 2013. The 2010 version is the official version on file with the City of Columbus. One item that needs to be updated is the election for officers. We have been voting in yearly (for 3 year terms as seats become open),

but should be voting every 3 years.

Commissioner Scarpino - Voting has been taking place during the Annual meeting, but will go back to taking place in November, to be held on 11/8/18. The 3 Commissioners (Copeland, Craddolph and Herman) elected during the 2018 Annual meeting on January 13, 2018 are Commissioners-Elect until they are commissioned by the Mayor's Office.

Commissioner Holmes – The request to have the 3 Commissioners-Elect commissioned by the Mayor's office was sent on today, Tuesday, January 16, 2018.

Commissioner Holmes – By-Laws Review Meeting – Wednesday, 1/31, 10:30am – 11:30am
Driving Park Library, Meeting Room 1

Commissioner Elliott – All, please read and familiarize yourself with the By-Laws and come prepared for revisions.

Commissioner Scarpino - met with State Representative Hearcel Craig
In budget for \$14M for WODA Construction/Livingston Avenue Theater to senior housing project
AA Trade Unionist and several Area Chamber of Commerce, Hispanic, Women and LGBT, for a strong prevailing wage
MSME – micro small medium size enterprise program. Developer will break down job and collaborate with others for the budgeted contract.

Martha White - Impact Community Action

975 Bulen Avenue, 614-252-7456, mashelle4u@yahoo.com

Construction Trade program – many have graduated and are ready to work for the union sites

Commissioner-Elect Craddolph - Section 3
required but preferable – required based on the project deadlines

Debera Diggs – Lutheran Social Services

Upcoming resources meetings:

2740 Lockbourne Rd (old Beery Middle School)

January 22, 2018, 2:00pm – 3:30pm - BYB (Bring Your Best) – community resources meeting

January 30, 2018, 9:00am – 3:00pm - Fifth 3rd Bank – Financial Empowerment Workshop

Free credit reports

Free tax preparations

VITA

Benefit Bank

Call (614)586-9313 or 800-848-1100

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm