



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

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Chair Terry Elliott

Roll Call

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

Secretary Report –

No secretary report.

Treasury Report

March 20, 2018 Treasury Report presented to Commissioners and general body by Commissioner Shabazz.

Commissioner Shabazz indicated that ink cartridge was purchased due to copier no longer operating. Copiers cannot be purchased or covered by budget.

The City of Columbus agreed to pay the commission and cover June 15, 2017 to April 30, 2018 admin. expenses. Approximately \$188.53 remains in the budget as of March 20, 2018

Demolitions

Demolitions was presented to Commissioners and general body by Chair Elliott.

#1800883 910 Ellsworth Ave
#1801511 1325 Kent Street
#1801565 926 Lilley Ave

Motion to Approve Demolitions- 1st Michael Herman; 2nd Leslie Attwooll

Votes- 5 Approved; 2 abstentions

Motion Carried

Guest Speakers

1. Angela Mingo/ Jill Tangaman- Nationwide Children's Hospital (NCH) – BZA Rezoning

Nationwide Children's Hospital is requesting to make the Afro-centric High School a CPD (Commercial Planning District). The goal is to expand West and not East of Livingston.

Motion to grant BZA Rezoning- 1st Michael Herman; 2nd Terri Elliott

Discussion:

Commissioner Attwooll is in agreement with rezoning change.

Commissioner Shabazz- There was \$730 million that should have been used to invest in the community (Driving Park, Hanford Village, Old Oaks, and Livingston Park). The following questions were presented to the NCH representatives:

1. What are the number of local businesses within the LAVA-C territory hired to provide construction service/supplies?
2. What are the number of residents in the LAVA-C territory hired by your contractors to provide work on the \$730 million project?
3. What are the number of businesses created by local residents within the LAVA-C territory as result of the \$730 million project?
4. What are the number of current businesses within the LAVA-C territory who have hired additional residents as a result of the \$730 million project?

These questions were provided 45 days ago by email. Commissioner Shabazz wanted to know that these are the indicators that may appear to reduce crime and poverty within the LAVA-C commission territory going East.

Angela Mingo (NCH) - Angela Mingo stated that the Engineering Team will schedule time with Commissioner Shabazz to discuss economic development. NCH Human Resource team manages general employment. NCH Career team along with Residence at Career Gateway is a workforce

development avenue to assist local south side residence. The purpose of addressing the community and Commissioners was to seek approval for CPD zoning.

Chair Elliott- Chair Elliott posed the following question- What is the demographic that is used for workforce development at the Career Gateway? Per Angela Mingo, there is a third party vendor that mails out newsletters to the following zip codes: 43205, 43206, and 43207.

Chair Elliott also stated that she would like to see more expansion in other areas/ neighborhoods within the Livingston corridor, affordable housing, and redevelopment within the communities.

Commissioner Craddolph – Posed the following question- Will the expansion be based on educational purposes?

Per Angela Mingo the zoning will then have to be changed. The expansion is not education specific.

Commissioner Herman- Supports the initiative.

Commissioner Attwooll- Posed the following question- 1. Will this initiative be a gateway for small business owners? Per Angela Mingo- This will be an ongoing opportunity and conversation with the Engineering Team. 2. Will there be grant opportunities (Health Homes Grant) for north of Livingston residents as it applies for south residents? Per Angela Mingo- It is a possibility to integrate north residents.

Motion to approve CPD Zoning

Votes- 4 Oppose; 1 approve; 2 abstentions

Commissioner Shabazz- Recommended to table this agenda item until more data is provided. In addition, the data could be used to inform the community about the use.

Chair Elliott- Suggested that each Commissioner provide a comment on the reasoning on their vote. Note- Not all Commissioner were provided an opportunity to state reasoning behind vote. Chair Elliott was the only one able to provide a reasoning.

Angela Mingo (NCH) - Not approving this motion put NCH in a tough position and not able to put value back in the community.

Alfred Akainyah- Posed the question to NCH if we tabled the motion, how will it affect the process? Per NCH- Info was given in January to present at March meeting. A decision must be made today.

Angela Mingo (NCH) - Short term goal is to provide adequate surface parking for employees. Long term- Pathway for possible hospital medical expansion/use.

Discussion to table motion in order to read info and what will be the commercial usage. Per NCH- will take vote as is.

2. John Ingwersen and Jim Gilbert (Attorney) – Rezoning 1972 E. Livingston Ave

Both John Ingwersen and Jim Gilbert represent the Trust for property of 1971 E. Livingston Ave and is seeking approval to rezone from CPD to C4. The owners are unable to attract restaurant owners - which is the sole purpose of the location. The Trust would like the same rights as its neighbors/local businesses. Also, a piece of ply wood was put up this week to window.

Motion to allow 1971 E. Livingston to move from CPD to C4- 1st Leslie Attwooll; 2nd Michael Herman

Discussion:

Chair Elliott- Moving to a C4 could allow the location to be a night club, carry –out store, liquor store, dollar store, or check cashing place. We would like to see a grocery store, fresh produce location, or maybe a bank.

Commissioner Scarpino- Is the buyer of the property listed as a purchaser? Per John Gilbert, there is no purchaser, owned by Trust.

Chair Elliott- Could we set C4 limitation for alternate usage? Per John Gilbert- They are unable to make promises or commitment for alternative usage. They are not authorized to propose limitations. John Ingwersen sits on the Board of Development Commission and will meet with the Board with regard to this. However, he will abstain from vote.

Note- April 12th there will be a meeting with of Development Commission. There isn't a date set yet for Council.

Votes- 7 Oppose, 0 approve 1 abstentions

3. Blue Print Columbus

There were 3 possible opportunities that Blue Print Columbus would like implemented at Driving Park- 1. Wet Pond, 2. Wetland, 3. Small Rain Garden. The goal is to mitigate overflow by river and take water offsite.

These initiatives would not be conducive to the environment. Disadvantages- debris, possible drowning, animals in area, and impacts baseball field.

Chair Elliott- Initiative must be conducive for children. Is it possibly for slow grade drainage by Livingston/Nelson Road flower garden? Per Blue Print Columbus this can be looked into.

Per Blue Print they do not want to impact baseball field. Will regroup and talk with local team. More details to come.

By-Laws

Commissioner Herman – By-Laws meeting this Monday, March 26, 2018 at Driving Park Library from 11am-1pm. Room 1. Discussion about changes in Bylaws will be held in April. There will be voting on changes of Bylaws in May. The Commissioners will need a 30 day notice to discuss changes.

Committee Reports

N/A

Community Comments

1. Representative Hearcel Craig – 1. Wants to ensure that the monthly newsletter is being distributed and received. 2. Feedback is valuable -any issues or concerns, please contact office. 3. Opioids epidemic still on table, continues to address issues of infant mortality, and unemployment compensation.
2. Councilman Stinzano- If there are any issues, please reach out to office. Based on today's meeting Councilman Stinzano recommended to contact all 7 members of Council about zoning agenda items. Chair Elliott advised that additional funding is needed for the James Johnson Grant.
3. Alfred Akainyah stated that two Commissioners have not completed the survey that needs to be completed by all Commissioners. Commissioner Herman and Commissioner Attwooll opted out to complete survey due to not having enough experience as a Commissioner.
4. Stanley Gates is the Community Engagement representative from City Council. Business cards were passed out to community and Commissioners.

Meeting adjourned 8:19 p.m
Notes completed by Commissioner Copeland