



Livingston Avenue Area Commission
General Body Meeting Agenda
March 19, 2019
6:30pm – 8:00pm

Call to Order
6:36pm

Roll Call
Josephine Copeland - Present
Michael Herman - Present
Jennifer Thomas - Present
Terry Elliott - Present
Latrice Holmes - Present
Nina Craddolph - Present
Andrew VerHage - Present
Jeremy Wachtel – Present
David Gray - Present

GUEST SPEAKERS

Stanley Young, U-Haul

Condensed version of variance package was passed out – Graphics Summary
Application #GC18-052
Graphics Commission Application

Banner will last 3 – 5 years, at which time it will be replaced, like for like with the same colors, materials and graphics.

Lighting on the building?

On the arch, the lighting is internally luminated. There are more lighting plans in the works including sustainable LED lights. Meeting with 3 vendors. Don't want the lights to glare onto Livingston Avenue or Alum Creek Drive. There is a beautification commitment from the State of Ohio to be finished by the end of April. A lot of thought has been put into the imaging.

There was a traffic study completed at 1030 Alum Creek at the bend revealing that there are on average 130,000 cars passing the building daily.

Commissioner Gray – Did Driving Park weigh in?

U-Haul went to Driving Park Civic Association's last 2 monthly meetings and received a Letter of Support from Chair John Coats

Commissioner Gray - Does this U-Haul replace an existing U-Haul?

No, because all U-Hauls are independently owned.

Mustafaa Shabazz, LABA - supports the signage

Motion to support the signage

Commissioner Thomas, 1st; Commissioner Gray, 2nd

All in favor, 1 abstention (Elliott)

Motion passed

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) Bernice Cage w/Robert Williamson

Direct Services

Air Quality , 3/1 – Air quality alert – seniors, children or respiratory issues

Email and cell phone alerts

Go

2020 - 2050 Plan

Road improvements must be on the plan to have input included for road improvements

If a road is not already included, you can draw it in for consideration

Census – important to count minorities or senior citizens who may not respond to surveys

The better the population count, the more opportunity for federal funding

Comments can be submitted individually or as a group

Commissioner Elliott – There was a project about 4 years ago. Is this part of it?

There are metropolitan transportation plans. It could have been part of that. The Smart Columbus project was a grant challenge where the funding is coming from a lot of different sources. We can provide input on the projects for the types of projects to be included in the transit plan

COTA in Delaware County. Don't fund alleys and small connector streets

Bikeway projects and sidewalks are funded

This plan includes federal funds from the Ohio Department of Transportation that are then distributed to MORPC

Robert Williams, Director of Residential Services

Furnace tune-up, wall and attic insulation, light bulb replacement

Can be a tenant or owner

MORPC can attend fairs and other events within the community through the community events calendar. Attendees can sign-up individuals through their wi-fi at the events
The program is income-based and will advise of services and what can be provided
There is data that shows how many people need the services so that they know what neighborhoods to target. Data can also reveal energy loss to gauge who can benefit from the services.
The overall inspection that takes about 2 – 3 hours to complete
2 step process – weatherization, then base load (light bulbs, shower head and maybe even the refrigerator)

Welcoming Guests of Honor

Steve Dunbar, Zoning, City of Columbus
Shayla Favor, Columbus City Council
Heidi Tawadros, Asst City Attorney, Zone 5

February Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve Commissioner Wachtel, 1st; Commissioner Thomas, 2nd

Motion passed (Gray and Craddolph – Abstained)

Commissioner Craddolph - Treasury Report

Closed the existing checking account and opened a new one

Funds need to be returned by 4/30/19

Motion to close existing (Commissioner Elliott and former Commissioner Mustafaa Shabazz) Huntington checking account and open a new checking acct (Commission Elliott and Commissioner Craddolph)

Commissioner Wachtel 1st; Commissioner Gray 2nd

Motion passed

Commissioner Craddolph - Commission EIN

City made all Civics get an EIN

Not listed on State of Ohio or IRS

Listed under City of Columbus Department of Neighborhoods EIN

Please provide a list of supplies request to Treasurer

City of Columbus uses the address of the Chair

Email supply requests to Commissioner Craddolph

Commissioner Thomas - Public Service Committee

Request for unused funds in the UIRF acct for capital improvements in LAVA-C to be used in the West District for residential lighting in Old Oaks and the Livingston Park Improvement Association Civic locations

Commissioner Craddolph - Health Housing and Human Services

820 Lilley Avenue, 9am – fresh produce distribution

1357 E. Livingston Ave -produce distribution

1414 Gault

Drying of the Ward –
single serving cigarettes
closing down the stores is gentrification
Economic Development Meeting Monday, 3/25, 7pm, Driving Park Library, Rm 3

Commissioner Thomas – Liaison with the City of Columbus Police Department
Shot Spotter Technology
Hilltop and Linden
Slated to go live in LAVA-C end of March
install physically on houses and businesses
Has already resulted in arrests
detects gunfire when it is discharged with a precise location on a map
Active in 90 cities
5 – 20 sensors per square mile and in some areas even more densely installed
greatly reduces the response time

Commissioners View on the Liquor License
Commissioner Herman - Moving forward with the environmental court plan because they feel that it's
the best way to hold the liquor license businesses accountable.
Use comprehensive, best practices lists from Civic Associations and Area Commission

Not Gray, Craddolph, Elliott
*Craddolph – in favor of a dry ward

Commissioner Elliot – Nationwide Children's Hospital, Carla Fontaine
975 Lockbourne
Received federal home funds, sent to the City of Columbus and allocated to an entity to do a rehab,
which MUST BE Affordable rent
They need a letter of support for the funds
*The Commission previously agreed to the demolition
Rent less than \$900/month. Is that the threshold?
Fontaine – it is the HUD Poverty level

Motion to approve a Letter of Support
Commissioner Gray, 1st; Commissioner Copeland 2nd
Motion passed

Community Comments

Alfred Akainyah, Department of Neighborhoods, City of Columbus – Requesting that the Commissioners
work together as a team

Michelle, Gertrude Woods Community Foundation
Annual Meeting will be held on 4/22

U-Haul – now hiring

Agenda – Who sets the agenda

Commissioner Elliott – the Chair sets the agenda. Also, she has a meeting scheduled with David Hooey.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm