



Livingston Avenue Area Commission
Meeting Minutes
640 S. Ohio Ave, Columbus, OH 43205
December 16, 2014
6:30pm – 8:00pm

Meeting Called to Order at 6:36pm

Roll Call

Clarence Wicks – Absent
Terry Elliott – Present
Brian Scarpino – Present
Josephine Copeland – Present
Mustafaa Shabazz – Present
Margaret Nesbitt – Present
Latrice Holmes – Present
Lucy Wolfe – Present

November Meeting Minutes read

Commissioner Holmes for the motion, Commissioner Shabazz 2nd
All present in favor; Commissioners Elliott, Wolfe, Scarpino abstained

Election Committee

Discussion

Petition/resume

Commissioner Elliott provided an overview – see Elections Committee Meeting Minutes

Brooke Gaberle – Presented with a letter of recommendation for services rendered to the Livingston Avenue Area Commission

GUEST SPEAKERS

David Petroni – Buckeye Community Hope Foundation

Meeting with Commissioner Wolfe and City Council Man Klein on safety and security

Resources and officers dedicated since Neighborhood Pride

Markings for school traffic

street car – 30 homes proposed

Landbank has taken an aggressive position

\$5M award targeted 5 neighborhoods where DP is one of them

68 properties identified

More vacant lots where code enforcement has hired regional representatives (Kim Caine) to identify the houses

Noted – houses were too big and too expensive. Corrected by creating more elevation

Attempting to secure funding for 53 homes

Buckeye Community Properties still buying houses

Application deadline is 1/5/15

1/21/15 – State house and finance deadline

1 page synopsis due by Friday, 12/19/14 that he can share

Rental office to coordinate with a larger office and social services

Designs are 3 – 4 bedroom homes

City funding from the Mayor's office

Housing Finance Agency for tax credits

NOFA – Notice of Funding Availability

3 possible groups can receive the funding

Last year, Buckeye Community Properties received an honorable mention (limited funding)

Commissioner Shabazz inquired about the \$2M funding that initially BCP was bringing to the community

Commissioner Wolfe motioned to write a letter in support to both the City and Housing Finance Agency to Buckeye Community Hope Foundation to bid for available funds. 2nd be Commissioner Elliott

Comments – not much has changed

Commissioner Elliott – Wanted African-American representation by teachers and staff

14 staff, four African-American teachers, 1 custodian

David Petroni - Landlord of the building, not with the operations

Activities ongoing – Lily Avenue for more parking

22 houses for 30 lots

Strategic neighborhood area – Mooberry, Kimball, Seymour

Note: All present in favor; Commissioner Scarpino abstained

Nancy Hood, Community Properties of Ohio (CPO) – early headstart program

Direct supportive services

Attended a headstart program press conference

Schoenbaum Family Service, OSU – 160 slots

0 – 3 years old

Near East and Near South Side, Franklinton

Matching funds – Nationwide Children’s Hospital

OSU

Community Properties of Ohio (CPO) supportive services provides services such as utilities, budget, emergency assistance, employment program, successful children with more than 500 within the city where they are being more systematic with recruiting for the early head start slots

Based at CPO’Model is a network for each geographic area

CPO is a great advocate within the community – housing, education, learning facilities

We want them to be with us because they are bringing resources

4 family daycare providers in the city where Commissioner Elliott is the owner of one of the four daycare centers

CPO will also be present during the February LAVA-C meeting regarding housing

Mary Simmons – Is CPO working with the Childhood League, who works with special needs? They are located at 18th and Livingston and it looks like they will be leaving soon. It may be too late to keep the Childhood League, but Mary suggested that CPO reach out to them.

Michael Aaron – Rickenbacker Woods Innovation Technology Center

Plans to bring the project back to life(non-operational for the last 5 years)

Recognized non-profit, 11/21/15 by the Secretary of the State of Ohio

Can request donations

Worked with Dave Petroni, Buckeye Community Properties

1324 E. Livingston Avenue - wants to lease office space (no historical value)

City of Columbus has matching dollars

Congresswoman Joyce Beatty was at one point a board member and is vested in its success

Need to do demolition of 1321 E. Livingston Avenue – not in use and has no historical value

Need to show sustainability

3 properties are currently landbank owned

The Rickenbackers had a farm onsite and the idea is to tie in rain water conservation, which is an initiative underway with the City of Columbus

Cleaned up and operable

Buckeye Community Hope Foundation and Children’s Hospital – plans and designs

Letter of Partnership and Support with Buckeye Community Hope

Local 189 Union

Holding for the materials, where they are providing the labor
Barrati Group – measurements – rear garage innovation and technology for cost estimates

Commissioner Shabazz – expectation of the longevity of development to hire community residents,
where they will take care of it

Commissioner Wolfe – working to build a relationship through a meeting in January with COSI CEO,
David Cheeseborough

Tarrell Mock – resident, licensed General Contractor

Minority independent contractors – Training Retention Improvement Program
for about 14 years

Working with Life Skills for residential contracting for training with a liveable wage of \$15
Youth Lead, OTAP, Urban League

Difference is entrepreneurship – to grab the contracts to insure that there is a skilled workforce
Deconstruction and construction – best way to teach how to build is to deconstruct/tear down
698 – 700 Kelton is a project site for them to come in and learn from the project while learning about
improvements for older houses

Lifeskills – talk about domestic violence, rape, molested, family-to-family relationships
Stronger relationship with Micha when they have good relationship skills
Also, teaches leadership for ages 16 – 21

Area Commission to be aware that she’s working on 659 Wilson Avenue, land banked property for
renovation

Demolitions/Commissioner Elliott:

1328 Gault – owned by Buckeye Community Hope (David Petroni)
Commissioner Elliott for the motion, Commissioner Nesbitt 2nd
Comments - parking for the church
All present in favor; Commissioners Scarpino and Shabazz abstained

753 Lilley – landbank, falling down by itself,
Driving Park Civic Association President John Whitten approved/signed
Commissioner Elliott for the motion, Commissioner Wolfe 2nd
No comments
Vote: All present in favor; Commissioners Scarpino and Shabazz abstained

700 – 702 22nd Street – landbank property
Commissioner Elliott for the motion, Commissioner Holmes 2nd
Comments - \$9,300 in past due taxes
Simmons, Livingston Area Improvement association
Vote: All present in favor; Commissioners Scarpino and Shabazz abstained

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Service/Commissioner Scarpino:

No updates for parking around Children's Hospital parking

Business Development/Commissioner Shabazz:

No updates

Recreation and Parks/Commissioner Holmes:

No updates

Education/Commissioner Copeland:

No updates

Health Department/Commissioner Nesbitt:

Funding has been made available for the free clinic - part to help individuals in this area to sign up, eligibility, for those with no insurance and the poverty lines, 4pm – 6pm. Doctors donate their time; appointments, acute care can come do walk-ins

Commissioner Scarpino has requested that Commissioner Nesbitt attend a meeting with him to meet with the Director of the Health Department

Governmental Relations Report/Commissioner Wolfe:

Mayor Coleman will not seek a 5th term for office. He is endorsing Andy Ginther for Mayor of Columbus. Former City Council Member Hearcel Craig has been elected as House Representative for the 26th District. His City Council Member seat is open for appointment.

Treasury Report/Commissioner Shabazz:

2013 receipts are cleared and checks will be issued

Meeting adjourned 8:10pm