

North Central Area Commission Meeting

February 1, 2018

Shepard Library

Web site: ncacolumbus.wix.com/ncac
Facebook: North Central Area Commission

Call to Order: Tiffany White called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Presentations:

- **Terrie Taylor**, consultant from Worth Foundation, hired by the Department of Neighborhoods. Goal is to suggest how City can operate effectively for the betterment of neighborhoods. Questionnaire to leaders see how to better achieve goals, will later hold focus groups, and compile a report with suggestions. We are encouraged to provide complete and candid feedback; deadline is March 1.
 - Any questions can be sent to Dr. Tina Peirce via email.
 - Tiffany White asked what the data will be used for. Alfred Akainyah responded to be candid, the results may change way they do training and will help us work more effectively together.

Police Liaison Report:

- Officer Alicia Zacher, 5th Precinct Liaison azacher@columbuspolice.org (614-645-1405) – not present.
- Sergeant Daniher – 7th Precinct Sergeant, was in attendance. Reported Officer Jason Jackson took a job with recruiting. Sgt. Daniher is trying to change the days off for the position to enable them to come to Shepard meetings (Saturdays). The process could be a quick transfer from elsewhere (as early as mid-February or end of March/April). Until then, Sgt. Daniher or Officer Zacher will try to attend.
 - Resources: Columbus police website, www.facebook.com/columbuspolice (daily updated), www.columbuspolice.org/reports – pick a cruiser district and see reports/activity
 - Attempted burglary at 2171 Willamont, tore Ring doorbell camera off. Consider home security,
 - Officers could be taking a long time to respond because they are on another run.
 - Someone from Dispatch will come and do a presentation.
 - Expectations for Liaison Officer: statistics, what is currently going on, new updates, recruiting times, face to face communication w/ officers in the area; etc. What can we provide? Tell them about events we put on, educational/presentations for us, operational understanding of how it works (i.e. narcotics detective), etc.
 - edaniher@columbuspolice.org Current schedule is 11a-7p, sat/sun off,
 - Juveniles can give statement, however only an adult can finalize the report.
 - Mr. McClean, brought up a car sitting on Wentworth, Sgt. Daniher reported call it in to 645-4545, then later call liaison to see what the outcome is.

Presentations:

- **Representative Bernadine Kennedy Kent**, first hearing for mandatory reporter bill, working on second. First hearing for health security act (healthcare for all). Working on grandparents taking care of family members, kin taking care of family getting the same money as foster care – need to build an advocacy group (38 states already do this). She is running again!

Commissioners Present: Alfonso Hooper, Jessica Martin, Wallace McLean, Bee Tolber (arrived at 6:27), Donna Turner (arrived at 6:57), and Tiffany White.

Absent: Lorenzo Brent and Lamar Peoples (*Excused*).

Meeting Agenda Approval: N/A

Meeting Minutes for January 4, 2018: Bee Tolber motioned to approve. Wallace McLean seconded.

Budget: In January, paid safe deposit box and for shirts (Tiffany White still needs some commissioners to give her sizes). Jimmie Moreland is supposed to let NCAC know future Tray Lee Center availability.

Community Liaison Report: Alfred Akainyah; his phone is 614-645-7964, cell 614-678-2605, email: aaakainyah@columbus.gov. – State of the City and neighborhood conversations.

Zoning: N/A

Committee Reports

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Donna Turner, Wallace McLean, Carl Lee

- Carl Lee is compiling list of all businesses in North Central.

ZONING, BUILDING AND HOUSING COMMITTEE: Lamar Peoples & Lorenzo Brent

- N/A

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE: Bee Tolber

- N/A

RECREATION & PARKS COMMITTEE: (TBD)

- Think of input for park next to Library.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE: Lamar Peoples

- Discussed acid ditch w/ Emmanuel Remy.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Jessica Martin

- N/A

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE: Lamar Peoples & Lorenzo Brent

- N/A

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Airport: Alfonso Hooper and Wallace McLean
- Education: No report.
- Elections/Bylaws Procedures: Alfonso Hooper Tiffany White, Bee Tolber, and Lamar Peoples.
- SmartCity: February, March, April are the last meetings to provide input
- ODU: No report.

Old Business/Announcements:

- **Regarding the Argyle Park vacancy, Carl Lee reported he is willing to help in any way for the benefit of the community, can add to the resources that we have to bring improvement. We notified him that this term ends in September and he would have to re-run at that time. Donna Turner motioned we appoint, Jessica Martin second. Unanimous acceptance.**
- Tiffany White was appointed to represent Ward 6 for Democratic Party – voter registration drives in the area; encouraged to look at records for both party candidates; sign up for newsletters and alerts.
- Meet your Columbus City Council was past Saturday, Tiffany White passed out listing of new committee chairs. Commissioners should set up meetings relative to our plan and community needs; go to committee meetings to see what other neighborhoods are asking for.
- Incentives to tax abatements – hearings in February and March
- Bee Tolber reported there is shuttle to Morse Rd. Kroger but will be for a limited timeframe.
- Mayoral Appointee – we have to select a person. Candidates need to come to next meeting and discuss how they will serve (and then we will decide). NCAC Chair will submit to the Mayor.

- Douglas McDonald asked for support as Shepard tries to find out information about who owns old library. Shepard wants the statue that is on that ground to move/place somewhere else. We are unsure who purchased statue. Rep. Kent will assist, call her office.
- Saturday Feb. 13th, 10-12PM, Aminah Robinson, book launch at the Columbus Museum of Art

Community Forum:

- Aminah Robinson family day at MLK Center on the 17th.
- Ark trip – Shepard Association fundraising trip. April 7, 2018; \$90 cost, includes bus fare, buffet, and admissions. Contact Dr. Boyd 614-253-4663 (will leave from the Library).
- Douglas McDonald asked whether it was proper to facebook live your meeting? Bee Tolber pointed out it is a public meeting. NEAC broadcasts their meetings every time. The question is whether permission necessary and Alfred Akainyah will look into this.
- Sonny and Devon, Woodland Park residents, were in attendance, visiting other commissions to see how they work.

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m. with prayer by Bee Tolber.