

North Central Area Commission Meeting
July 5, 2018
Shepard Library

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Call to Order: Tiffany White called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. Reno Lemons prayed the invocation.

Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Alfonso Hooper, Reno Lemons, Jessica Martin, Wallace McLean, Bee Tolber, Donna Turner, Tiffany White,

Absent: Lorenzo Brent, Carl Lee, Lamar Peoples (*Excused*),

Meeting Agenda Approval: N/A

Meeting Minutes for June 7, 2018: Bee Tolber motioned to approve. Donna Turner seconded.

Budget: N/A

Police Liaison Report:

7th Precinct Liaison Officer (@columbuspolice.org) – Not present.

Officer Alesia Zacher, 5th Precinct Liaison Officer azacher@columbuspolice.org (614-645-1405) – Provided weekly stats for June 19th – July 2nd for North and South Linden, increase in aggravated assault. Wentworth Update – there have been additional dumps and a camera placed (and on Windsor in front of church). Officer Zacher is meeting weekly w/ nuisance and waste. Keep sending emails w/ details.

Evan Holt, with CPD for 6 years, is a Dispatching Supervisor (Zone 4). Best if they receive call within first 15 minutes of incident, increases priority of the run and ability to locate suspect and victim. Location is most important thing (system accepts intersections or addresses) and include other descriptors too (i.e., alley northeast, behind blue house, etc.). There is more going on behind the scenes; the dispatcher can send cars out while they are still asking questions. Questions do not delay help coming. Ideally victim calls w/ time, location, car, and suspect information.

Comparisons: 7/5 from 12:00 AM to 3:30 PM for 5 precinct – 47 calls for service; 19 precinct (near west side) had 66 calls for service. On 7/3 during his shift, 5: 28 calls for service; 19: 47 calls.

Need to call to better document a premise history. The dispatcher asks if caller wants the responding officer to speak w/ them or call them (not required). Let people know this so they are not afraid of calling.

Safe Streets can do their own proactive runs; in the past we have talked about doing Citizen Patrol.

Bee Tolber – commissioners should tour facilities to better understanding. Alfred will help coordinate.

Community Liaison Report: Alfred Akainyah; his phone is 614-645-7964, cell 614-678-2605, email: aaakainyah@columbus.gov. – New commissioner training went well, there will be another one in the Fall. Lunch and Learn July 19, 11-12:00 regarding Community Violence at 1111 E. Broad.

Presentations:

Kevin Wheeler, Planning Administrator, Mark Dravillas, Assistant Administrator, and Luis Teba, City Planner, handed out Columbus City Planning Policies (C2P2). Currently over 40 plans across City; it's hard to keep them updated. They focus on land use and design; our plan is more comprehensive. They have talked to 20 groups so far and 10 are early adopters. Legislation is submitted to City Council (Jaiza Page) to endorse sue in the adopted communities, this will be passed in July but there will be another opportunity in the fall.

- C2P2 will be a consistent set of design guidelines to use across City; when there is a zoning or variance proposal, they would refer to these guidelines. This is tool to use w/ existing plan and then would later come back and help us update the use portion of our plan. This is important because they can update more frequently and keep consistency across. This does not take away from old plan or our efforts to update. An addition to our current document; this tool is useful for them in negotiating with developers.
- We are hesitant about the one size fits all mentality. Our 2002 does not include design guidelines, it does have specific land use rules. So these are not conflicting goals. There are no land use recommendations in it; the design guideline is landscaping, screening, signage, how many windows, open space, etc.
- What changed between the C2P2 version we approved previously and the current version? Very minimal changes. Our planning work is a strategic plan; their office is only focused on use and design. In the future update Use, work w/ each individual commission to come up with area specific recommendations.
- They have already been using these design guidelines in different areas; the "look" may be different but some items should be standard (i.e., front door should face street).
- They plan to re-visit every few years. Any time anything would be added it would go through a public process, to provide suggestions and talk about changes. They cannot make changes w/o going to City Council and would have to notify and ask for input from area commissions. Their office has to get support of area commission before going to Council as the area commission is their primary stakeholder;
- We are worried about homeownership, senior housing, not allowing gentrification, etc. We will meet with Planning to ask our specific questions prior to approval (submit questions ahead of time in meeting and receive back answers in writing).

Zoning: N/A

Committee Reports

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

- Meet with Jackie and submit questions; will forward out their last meeting minutes

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

- N/A

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE: Bee Tolber

- N/A

RECREATION & PARKS COMMITTEE: Reno Lemons

- Community Recreation Council does not meet over summer but will attend when they start again.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE: Lamar Peoples

- N/A

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Jessica Martin

- Sandra Lopez will assist in getting a meeting w/ Councilmember Page

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE: Lamar Peoples & Lorenzo Brent

- N/A

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Airport: Alfonso Hooper and Wallace McLean: No report
- Education: No report.

- Elections/Bylaws Procedures: Alfonso Hooper, Tiffany White, Bee Tolber, and Lamar Peoples. Signatures due by July 15th
- SmartCity: N/A
- ODU: No report.

Community Forum:

- Sandra Lopez, City Council Community Engagement (has north-side neighborhoods), will be here every other meeting. Councilmember Stinziano and Remy will have Community Hours. Meeting on July 24th at Northside Pride Center 6 – 7:30 pm
- Reggie McMillan, president of Woodland Holt Association, reported a problem property at 1675 Helena Drive. Their pit bulls have been running loose in neighborhood; trash outside and an eyesore. Tried to contact owner/investor and working with the City, Council, and Officer Zacher. It's been a nuisance for a long time. They would like City to close it down. It is Section 8 housing (complain to CMHA and they may lose status). Mr. Wilson agrees. Some of the investors are not concerned for of the neighborhood.

Old Business/Announcements:

- RNNC – working to figure out who else from Columbus is going
- Jazz in the Park – representation of Area Commissions?
- No meeting next month due to elections; third Saturday of August is elections

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.