

North Central Area Commission Meeting
June 7, 2018
Shepard Library

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Call to Order: Bee Tolber called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m. Lorenzo Brent prayed the invocation.

Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Lorenzo Brent, Alfonso Hooper, Carl Lee (6:37 p.m.), Reno Lemons, Jessica Martin, Wallace McLean, Bee Tolber, Donna Turner, Tiffany White (arrived at 6:19 p.m.)

Absent: Lamar Peoples (*Excused*)

Meeting Minutes for May 3, 2018: Lorenzo Brent motioned to approve. Donna Turner seconded.

Police Liaison Report:

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

Officer Alesia Zacher, 5th Precinct Liaison Officer azacher@columbuspolice.org (614-645-1405) – presented documents about 2 and 5 precinct. Call if there are issues so the Safe Street officers can be there; need calls to support keeping officers in the area. Use email also. Lots of shots fired in the area, need to call or send email about location. Tiffany White requested that Thor sign the no-trespassing agreement. We have talked to him about the road issue and people being in cemetery. Officer Zacher holds crime strategy meetings but there are not calls to support officer presence (needs to be able to show proof of complaints). Bee Tolber is working on getting neighbors more involved in the area too, letting them know to call and send letters. Contact Commander Jennifer Knight to request jknight@columbuspolice.org; she runs the Safe Street program. Officer Zacher has also held crime strategy meetings with Rosewind Properties and CMHA.

Opioid Event on Tuesday the 19th at the Douglass Center

Budget: Turned in budget at end of month. Council has approved next budget but we are unsure when we will receive funding. Tiffany White reserved 3 rooms for Regional Neighborhood Network Conference on October 4-6; Lorenzo Brent, Wallace McClean, Bee Tolber, Reno Lemons, and Latoya Matthews (CelebrateOne) are also interested. This event will be in Columbus in 2020, so trying to make sure there is enthusiasm.

Presentations:

- Octavia Turner, Code Enforcement, report on 2416 Meredith drive was given to the Code officer for that area, Zach McCandlish. He is also over Woodland Holt, Brittany Hills, and north of Mock, Rd.
- Leah Evans and Roy Lowenstein from Homeport gave update regarding American Addition. Homeport bought land in 2006, market and resources have changed so development may too. So far they have built and sold 20, 6 more under construction and 3 pending right now. There is still about 60 single family lots. Presented some designs but would need zoning changes and variances, presented to gain our feedback and reactions. Only considering rental, multi-family properties in the south east quadrant (where most vacancy is); continue to do single family homes by the park. Any builds would attract attention to area.
 - Concept: more density but not as much building mass, just more housing units. Buildings look like single family homes but there are two or three apartments (mix of one and two bedrooms), all of

them flats – no stairs and would be accessible. It doesn't look like an apartment complex but would be rental product that Homeport would own long-term (use third party maintenance). Homeport currently owns 2700 rental units.

- Homeport is unsure that condos would sell; there is currently a depressed condo sales market currently in downtown.
- Douglas McDonald suggested considering a senior complex rather than rental property. There are not many in this area. Current design is fully accessible and seniors have been part of the market research. The style would be attractive to seniors, but not senior exclusive (don't want to limit style yet but looking for feedback).
- In other properties they do independent living, work with national church services.
- We encouraged they hold a meeting with single family home owners who already purchased and a separate meeting after going door to door to get feedback from neighbors. They plan on holding these and looking at other concepts too.
- Parking would be off-street, behind in the alley (garage or parking pad). Zoning variance they would be seeking would require 2 spaces per unit. Would need to go to R4. Only a few variances would be required, they tried to limit it and have not gotten final set of comments back from City.
- \$650 or \$700 for a 1 bedroom – 700 sq feet; \$875 for 2 bedrooms - 900 sq ft. They are pursuing doing an affordable product and are unable to do straight market rate. They are a landlord that accepts a voucher but they are not section 8 housing.
- Average tenancy is 7 years; about 95% occupied – very low vacancy
- Representative Bernadine Kennedy Kent introduced a bill in the house on Tuesday, House Bill 638 – changing statute of limitations for victims of child abuse and neglect. Five children die every day from child abuse, under age of 4; we need to speak up for our children. The City is currently conducting an investigations. The Bill would mean the statute of limitations would not start running until the child turned 18; most crimes are 6 years so it would be 6 years past the 18.
- HB 137 got through house unanimously; Ohio is only state left where police officers are not mandated reports. Still has to go through the Senate.
- Send letters to Mayor Ginther and Council to take investigation seriously/hire an independent investigator.

Community Liaison Report: Alfred Akainyah; his phone is 614-645-7964, cell 614-678-2605, email: aaakainyah@columbus.gov. – not present.

Zoning: N/A

Committee Reports

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

- We approved design guidelines; Jackie Yoeman called yesterday – what we approved has been modified twice, need to re-look at them to see if we want to approve again
- Put together three dates in June and we will have a special planning and development meeting to discuss and give a recommendation
- View the C2P2 presentation
- Carl Lee said the policy says that it can update best practices at any time, this may be our concern.
- Approving this is the first piece of adopting our plan
- Gloria Zebbs Anderson met with Director Schoeny and Carl Lee went to a zoning training

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

- N/A

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE: Bee Tolber

- N/A

RECREATION & PARKS COMMITTEE:

- N/A

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE: Lamar Peoples

- N/A

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:
- ODU: No report.

Community Forum:

- N/A

Old Business/Announcements:

- N/A

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.