

North Central Area Commission Meeting

February 7, 2019

Shepard Library

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Call to Order: Tiffany White called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Wallace McClean prayed the invocation.

Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Alfonso Hooper (arrived late), Reno Lemons, Jessica Martin, Wallace McLean, Bee Tolber, Tiffany White, and Asmara Williams

Absent: Carl Lee (*Excused*), Lorenzo Brent (*unexcused*)

Meeting Agenda Approval: Jessica Martin motioned to approve. Ren Lemons seconded.

Meeting Minutes for January 3, 2019: Asmara Williams motioned to approve. Bee Tolber seconded.

Budget: No funds spent since last month. Funds cannot be used to purchase food (i.e., MLK Jr. Breakfast). Tiffany White has ODU contract - the time can be modified but food clause cannot. Technology is there; allowed for more time. Change July 4th and January 2nd 2020, able to change dates if we provide advance notice. ODU is excited for the opportunity. Jessica Martin motioned we approve the contact. Wallace McLean seconded. All in favor.

Presentations:

- **Kelsey Ellingsen**, Elizabeth Brown's aide, reported the operating budget is completed and now working on the capital budget. They want input from the community. What are the greatest needs and priorities so they can tell the departments; for example, resurfacing, sidewalks, intersection improvements, fire station or rec center, etc. There will also be a series of public meetings too. Let her know (email or call) no later than February 21st, but sooner is better. Be specific and descriptive in our ideas for this year's budget and the six year capital plan. Tiffany White will also compile a list to email.
 - Brittany Hills – resurfacing and gutter re-placement (caused by a different City project) during waterline replacement projects. Upgrade to street lighting.
 - We can reach out to her about other items too. If having other issues or slow 311 response.

Zoning:

- 1524 Joyce Avenue Re-Zoning proposal
 - Dave Perry, consultant, and Anthony Provenzale, owner, and Dan Sharon, wanted to meet with us prior to submitting. Property at corner of Joyce and 16th is currently M2 and R2 (used to be a trucking business). Requested zoning variances: both areas to limited manufacturing; change of use from trucking business/yard to develop the site (using existing building for office/retail/equip storage) and outside storage shed; for other outside activities (outside kiln); surfacing variance to not pave entire; and building set back variances along 16th and Kemper. Plan to file w/ City later this month and then would go back over the specifics.
 - Plan to close existing curb cut, anticipating the City will require this, but we notified the City just re-did this three years ago. They would like to purchase the alley eventually.
 - Clarification on business so we know the how to limit to specific use; M – light manufacturing and put conditions on it (need M because of the outdoor processing).
 - They are a tree service (90% of business) and woodworking company. They bring some desirable wood back to slab/air dry (no need to store undesirable materials, take branches and lumbar to mulching facilities). Nine trucks and slabbed wood would be stored in the back area. Slabs would be organized in rows, keep elevated on 4 by 4; custom pieces worked on inside the front building. They run a clean operation; have storm trucks that pinch dust off the ground. They are currently renting close to a residential area and have no current complaints regarding rodents or trucks.

- Processing area outside/kiln – air dry wood for two years and then would kiln dry it. Only 5-10% of their business. Sawmill creates dust, they plan to put a privacy fence around material and are able to easily vacuum up dust. 500 slabs already cut, they take custom orders (mantles, counters, etc.).
- Trees Are My Business; 13 employees but only one woodworker; hours: 7-4 PM, Monday-Friday
- Plan to make aesthetic improvements (better curb appeal) and do more local hiring in time. They worked for Homeport in the area and encouraged us to look up their ratings as they do good work.
- We indicated we would be looking for a good neighbor agreement too and they are willing.
- A-Z Recycling
 - Mark Scheiber and Ted Londot, attended the South Linden Commission and held several meetings (again on 2/8). Asmara Williams and Wallace McLean toured the site. A number of items came up after meetings; they updated plan based on input to show that A-Z wants to be a viable business, employer, and part of the area. They want to improve, be profitable, and be more involved (help on community days). They are willing to not add the salvage wrecking business.
 - South Linden provided their recommendations to NCAC.
 - **3305.01, 3305.03, 3389.02** (definition Codes) - Bee Tolber motioned to approve for a period of 5 years, subject to “affirmative action” within one year (March 2020), Jessica Martin seconded. All in favor.
 - Note: 3392.10 will be addressed during 2/8/19 meeting.
 - **3312.43 (waiving asphalt parking surface requirement to be gravel)** - Bee Tolber motioned approval with condition for storm water drain protection against run-off and spill (they do currently cover storm water drains). Reno Lemons seconded. All in favor.
 - **3363.10, 3363.41(b)** – Jessica Martin motioned NCAC will not approve. Bee Tolber seconded. All in agreement. A-Z agrees to abandon these requests.
 - **3389.12** (building) –Asmara Williams motioned approval. Bee Tolber seconded. All in favor
 - **3392.10** – Bee Tolber motioned we approve a variance to 15 feet height and with a condition that within 90 days after the BZA hearing approval the pile height to be reduced. Asmara Williams seconded. All in favor
 - Encouraged that area that was for salvage wrecking could be used for pile storage.
 - They will be adding: more buffer along edge; foliage where the pile heights are high; wildflowers; evergreen and oaks trees; sound barriers; and painting trailers green.
 - **3389.07** will be discussed on 2/8 at Linden Library 11:30 – verbiage being clarified. Tiffany White will draft letter to the BZA after this meeting.
 - 1482 Chauncy demolition. Bee Tolber moved for approval. Wallace Mclean seconded. All in favor.

Police Liaison Report: None this month due to time constraints.

Community Liaison Report: Alfred Akainyah; phone 614-645-7964, email: aaakainyah@columbus.gov, cell 614-678-2605, – Extended time to respond to proposed changes to bylaws. Will try to get bond package info.

Committee Reports: None this month due to time constraints.

Old Business/Announcements:

- Light at Brentnell and Woodward. Dan Williamson made additional counts and the City is deciding to remove. Tiffany White is following up regarding this, the water main breaks could have led to slow traffic. Woodward will soon have sidewalks but no light.

Community Forum:

- Douglas McDonald, discussed Family Dollar: messy, no security, sent emails, and requested a letter to put pressure on them. Also, COTA stop for Fifth Ave/Nelson Rd. needs trash cans, shelter, and lighting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 P.M. with prayer by Bee Tolber.