

North Central Area Commission Meeting
April 4, 2019
Ohio Dominican University, Student Center

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Call to Order: Tiffany White called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. Bee Tolber prayed the invocation.

Roll Call: *Commissioners Present:* Reno Lemons, Jessica Martin, Wallace McLean, Bee Tolber, Tiffany White, and Asmara Williams, Lorenzo Brent (*arrived at 6:20*), Alfonso Hooper (*arrived late*)

Absent: Carl Lee (*excused*)

Meeting Agenda Approval: Jessica Martin motioned to approve. Asmara Williams seconded.

Meeting Minutes for March 7, 2019: Bee Tolber motioned to approve. Asmara Williams seconded.

Budget: \$329.44 remaining in account. Paid ODU lease for the year and P.O. box in March. City allows carryover of \$300 (Alfred confirmed). We could look into United Way trainings.

Police Liaison Report: Not present this month.

Community Liaison Report: Alfred Akainyah; his phone is 614-645-7964, cell 614-678-2605, email: aaakainyah@columbus.gov. – April 25th Area Commissioner training. 1000 Joyce Ave - soil testing is handing by Environmental Health, he will send contact information. Feedback for Code change language - no deadline yet, but we should submit our feedback before next committee meeting.

Presentations:

- **CelebrateOne, De Lena Scales**, neighborhood integration manager over four zip codes (Linden, Northland, Northeast). 614-721-0009 StepOne – refer expecting moms
 - 3rd Monday of the month talk about infant mortality, improving health equity (at different libraries)
 - In 2018 – births went down, 23% decrease in death rate for Franklin County
 - Two community health workers dedicated to 43219. Currently 94 community health workers from this community; continuing to expand healthcare access in the community.
 - Trying to make policy changes at YWCA: provide food, hiring two workers solely for that shelter.
 - Still working with Columbus Public Health to determine specifically where births are happening.
 - 2018-2020 focus: reduce premature births; eliminate preventable sleep deaths; connect the disconnected (hired 24 community health workers and will hire several more); and social determinants of health (focusing on three; housing, education, transportation).
 - Updating safe sleep campaign (go to schools, including siblings); want to host 12 trainings
 - 1889 Genessee Ave, April 13th ; register celebrateonessa@columbus.gov /614-645-5872
 - Question: How are other addictions, environmental factors being addressed? Incorporate local providers to the table, children's family services to change the messaging/alleviate fear.
- **Officer Griswal, Safe Streets Campaign**, Columbus Police bike crew (Crime, Code, Speed/traffic laws)
 - Work in pairs; three or four crews in each phase. Notify them of problem houses.
 - They don't have set borders but will be primarily in the Linden area. Douglas McDonald requested in Shepard too. Mr. Hooper requested in Brittany Hills thoroughfare. Visibility helps.
 - If there are specific complaints for specific areas let them know. Tell them alley and time, etc.
 - Illegal dumping by Mifflin; a lot of cars after dark near Sunbury Road path
 - Late parties still at cemetery, try to call for cruisers, road is supposed to be closed.
 - We can also email Sergeant Hess (dhess@columbuspolice.org) for specific requests

- St. Mary's have had more break-ins in the last month.
- How to get more foot and bike patrol? Mayor is funding Safe Streets, not police budget, so more public request/feedback is what is needed to make those changes.
- To request emergency phones along the bikepaths, have to go through 311

City Council Liaison: Sandra Lopez, srlopez@columbus.gov, 614-645-8502 – brought updated list of Council committee chairs and contact information. Reach out to Councilmember Mitchell Brown, Public Safety Chair, regarding increasing Safe Streets. Public safety expenses is largest piece of new bond package. Northside community meeting on April 30th 6-7:30 PM at Hoya's Kitchen, especially good for small business owners.

- Trash in area:
 - Douglas McDonald left messages regarding Keep Columbus Clean in Shepard, the boundary streets (Sunbury, Fifth Ave, Nelson Ave) are very dirty. Alfred Akainyah asked that he forward 311 requests for the large Sunbury Rd. /Nelson larger potholes.
 - If trash is left, call 311 and they come back out. Employees are not allowed to get out of the trucks.
 - Sunbury Road – Mr. Hooper is trying to get 6 volunteers from Keep Columbus Beautiful to clean this area. Maybe invite Keep Columbus Beautiful to June meeting.
- Traffic Light at Brentnell and Woodward discussion (flashing from March 7th, will flash for 90 days), this is happening across the City due to decrease in federal funding (she will try to find more information about this). Dan Williamson is main City person. Flashing stop signs are from the State based on crashes.
- Will do some research about Family Dollar complaints in Columbus

Zoning:

- **763 Rose Avenue, City Home & Construction, Steve Singer** has owned a vacant lot in Devon's Triangle since 2000, wants to build a shop for plumbing business (currently works out of home, has outgrown this).
 - He went through preliminary zoning review already, needs the following variances:
 - 7 spaces currently available w/ a handicap spot but 9 are required
 - Fence is 8 feet tall, but there 6 feet is the requirement
 - Plans for a 5,000 square feet building: environmentally friendly, grass roof, 24 solar panels, no outside storage, everything will be indoors. He hopes to develop it this year.
 - He is always looking to hire. When ask if he would be willing to do apprenticeships/fellowships? He has already spoken to others about this. Lorenzo Brent will help connect regarding this.
 - We want good neighbors in the community. He takes his trucks to the mechanics next to the lot.
 - Motion to raise fence from 6 feet to 8 feet and to reduce parking from 9 to 7, Lorenzo Brent motioned we approve these variances at 763 Rose Ave. Bee Tolber seconded. All in favor.

Committee Reports: Due to timing, only one.

- **Elections/Bylaws Procedures:** Tiffany White brought box, Bee Tolber will provide templates.
 - Reach out to Donna Turner to help.

Community Forum:

- **Douglas McDonald**, took pictures at Family Dollar. Backdoor is blocked, parking lot has a wrecked car in it, trash in parking lot. He call 311 and called Fire Dept. Tiffany White talked to landlord, who said they got several code violations and police runs to send to him, but did not get Fire report yet. Community wants a store but maybe a Dollar Tree at this point, something cleaner inside and outside.
 - We always encourage to hire from within the neighborhood, but the people who they are hiring from the neighborhood are also causing some of the problems.
 - Invite the commission/any areas interested in partnering with Shepard for the Festival – will be at Avalon Park with a dunk tank, bouncy house, DJ, etc. Let him know if want to be a vendor, want a table, can help with putting up tents, make flyers, etc.

Old Business/Announcements: Homeport coming next month for new American Addition presentation.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m. with prayer by Bee Tolber.