

North Central Area Commission Meeting
November 1, 2018

Mt. Gerizim Baptist Church

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Call to Order: Tiffany White called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Bee Tolber prayed the invocation.

Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Lorenzo Brent, Reno Lemons, Jessica Martin, Carl Lee, Wallace McLean, Bee Tolber, Tiffany White, Asmara Williams, Alfonso Hooper (arrived at 6:26).

Absent: N/A

Seating of the Officers: David Hooie, from Department of Neighborhoods, oversees all commissions, Pride Centers and neighborhood functions. Unseated all seats and took nominations for Chair. Lorenzo Brent nominated Tiffany White, seconded by Jessica Martin. All in favor, no opposed or abstentions.

Nominations for Vice Chair: Bee Tolber and Reno Lemons. Votes were seven for Bee Tolber; one for Reno Lemons. Bee Tolber is Vice Chair.

Secretary: Jessi Martin, no other nominations.

Correspondence Secretary: Asmara Williams, no other nominations.

Parliamentarian: Lorenzo Brent, no other nominations.

Police Liaison Report:

Officer Tony Rogers, 7th Precinct Liaison Officer, arogers@columbuspolice.org (614-645-1407) (email is better) - brought crime stats from 5 (includes South Linden, to Hudson; 71 to Sunbury) and 7 precincts. 5: increase in residential burglaries, motor vehicle thefts. 7: decrease in residential burglaries, no commercial robberies. "Normal" is different for each precinct. Summer Safety Initiative has left 5 precinct, so numbers are increasing. Community Response team can be used - right now helping to decrease stolen packages.

Community brought up that there are a lot of vehicles in parks (Marie Moreland Park) at night. Call 311 or submit online, it will be assigned to specific precinct or sergeant, leave details including time.

Officer Alesia Zacher, 5th Precinct Liaison Officer, azacher@columbuspolice.org (614-645-1405) - Not present. Officers will rotate who is here each month.

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

Meeting Minutes for October 4, 2018: Lorenzo Brent motioned to approve. Asmara Williams seconded.

Budget: RNNC only expenditures so far. Pursue an additional training in the early part of next year. Hopefully will be meeting at Ohio Dominican in the future, will be an expense for that. Last year we did t-shirts also.

Community Liaison Report: Alfred Akainyah; his phone is 614-645-7964, cell 614-678-2605, email: aaakainyah@columbus.gov. - Not present. David Hooie - Neighborhood Leader Dinners for area commission chair and zoning chair only (two representatives). November 13th at Columbus Public Health starts at 6:15. Upcoming: several training retreats for area commissioners - no dates yet (possibly December 15th). Planning other trainings too, quarterly next year, topics based on our surveys and recommendations. Follow-up to summer retreat, working

on things we asked for: including standardization of bylaws, zoning process, elections process, term limits, etc. They will present some code changes that will require certain items in the bylaws, more similar. Also working to make experience for developers the same across commissions. Tiffany White brought up concern about some commissions don't have representation from neighborhood, so could refer to the civic association. The Code requires developers to come to the Commission,

Process: City Code changes in 3109 –could add some things to the code; will go to City Attorney, draft and then share with commissioners. Then, Department of Neighborhoods will submit to Mayor's office, who approves, then Council has to vote, prior to revision.

We have not adopted C2P2, we sent in a new area plan one year ago – waiting for that to be considered prior to approving C2P2. Land use map will be done in every commission. New area plan will be focused on land use and development, not the other areas which were be focused on.

Second reading of bylaws changes.

Presentations:

- **Steve Studenmund, Franklin County Metro Parks**, passed out maps. 19 parks, established for 70 years. Issue 3 is a property tax levy, 80% of their funding comes from property taxes. Every 10 years, by law, must come back for levy. Levy is 0.95 mills (about \$33 for \$100,000 property) for new parks and new programs, increase trail mileage (i.e., connect alum creek to olentangy). Adding 3 new parks and programs. Upgrade existing facilities as well. New: marble cliff quarry, south of 270 near walnut creek and Scioto river; northeast near hoover reservoir. Any parks inside 270? Few large open areas for metro parks – 600-1000 acres in size that they or city does not already own. Scioto autobahn park they opened a few years ago. Looking for redevelopment but need a lot of acreage. Some programming for urban youth through the Urban League; every 5th grade in Columbus public schools go through their program – provide education and field trips to parks. Hire Columbus student interns. Also pursuing grants. Want to renovate all parks (City parks not included). Work with City of Columbus and MORPC too. The bike trail was built by the City, the Franklin maintains. Suggested working with ODU or City on Underground Railroad trail.
- **Les Cannon**, real estate appraiser, looking to provide technical training for K-12, in old Shepard library (no responses regarding building). Training on data collectors, geo-spacial analysis. Pre-apprenticeship basis, but will lead to other career opportunities and on the job training. Non-profit technical high school, graduate from high school with an associate's degree. Other education too. Classes of 20; capacity depends on facility and participants from the school. Approximately 60 total – just for his program.
 - It will be under the Ohio Department of Education – governed by international organization of assessing officers. This is a certified/accredited program. Plans to work with City STEM schools and Smart Columbus.
 - Geo-spacial analysis – science of where, similar to what the census bureau does using data, or real estate appraisal. This is related data analytics.
 - Columbus 2020 just instituted this software, using the same technology to help make decisions related to economic development.
 - Douglas McDonald reported that Shepard has had discussion with Commander Strausbaugh, to put a substation there; wrote a letter to the City regarding this.
 - We suggested the old Shepard elementary school to Les Cannon? He reported that he has talked with Columbus Public schools but some buildings are too large. We suggested old libraries too.
 - Separately, Les Cannon is proposing housing for veterans – 4 lots at 670-680 Sunbury, but also teaching too. He works with an organization that helps people with disabilities, reaching out to

veterans. When ask if there will be a licensed social worker? He indicated still in formation stages but wants to work with Impact and Goodwill, partner with others to provide services.

- Douglas McDonald reported this project will not work for the neighborhood. Why would you pick this land? It's owned by land bank and is ready for development.
- Invited to Shepard meeting on 11/17, 11 am at the library to bring ideas and information, hear the plans for the properties.
- Les Cannon said his main priority is for the library, the other part is not as important. He provided some plans to Jessi Martin, who will scan and provide to other Commissioners.

Committee Reports

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

- Meet before the end of the year. Let Tiffany know the date.

ZONING, BUILDING AND HOUSING COMMITTEE: Lorenzo Brent

- 1627 E. 12th Ave. demo application. Lorenzo Brent motioned to approve the demo application, Asmara Williams seconded. All in favor.
- Alfonso Hooper discussed meeting regarding runoff water in the basements. Met with City Council in the past. Has requested the runoff plan but has not gotten a response.
 - The other option discussed was pulling the permits for construction. However this was not pursued in the past. Lorenzo Brent, Alfonso Hooper, and Councilmember Stinziano will meet.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE: Bee Tolber

- N/A

RECREATION & PARKS COMMITTEE: Reno Lemons

- Trail is being built connecting Sunbury and Nelson.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE:

- N/A

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Jessica Martin

- N/A

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE: Lorenzo Brent

- N/A

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Airport: Alfonso Hooper and Wallace McLean
- Education: No report.
- Elections/Bylaws Procedures: Carl Lee is chair, Lorenzo Brent, Wallace McLean, Jessica Martin
- SmartCity: N/A
- ODU: Meet and greet in September, congresswoman Joyce Beatty was there and other community members. ODU wants to do more outreach and utilize Smart City funding. New President seems open to meeting with community leaders. Recommend Alfonso Hooper meet with him.
- Linden community plan meeting – new plan for Linden used a photo of carryout in American addition. Tiffany White got a copy of the plan and will provide it to planning committee; it has a lot of good information that we should leverage for our area. We should go to commission and committee meetings; show support for our surrounding communities.
- Neighborhood Best Practices conference – most commissioners there and good information and resources. Try to go to quarterly trainings, especially zoning.

Community Forum:

- Douglas McDonald, Saturday the 3rd at 11 AM Shepard has a garden cleanout. Shepard has given garden over to Dr. Nancy's Urban Gardening through OSU, some refreshments provided. Corner of Margaret and Walcutt (right off of 5th ave).

- Safety Commission, Tiffany Whites sits on – reviewing police officer contracts and internal affair investigations. Commission is doing due diligence to understand process so we can explain to the neighbors and provide recommendations to bring out better police and community relations. She encourages transparency, especially regarding protests, police-involved shootings. Tiffany White will keep putting meetings on the calendar for other to attend. Community input components – will be a public session in January or February. November 14th is next meeting over disciplinary actions.
- Future zoning application: corner of Joyce and 17th Ave – rezone to C5 for filling station and restaurant; vacant, a billboard (used to be New Generation church's land). Currently zoned as C4 and M. 2.3 acres. City wants more details, not currently approved. Lawyer and lot owner wanted to pursue what will be beneficial to the community.
 - Several other gas stations in the area. From community: consider putting electric car charging? Support for community events, restaurant is a good idea (not fast food), easy parking layout, security on back of the property, hire from the community?
 - Plans for diesel fuel – a lot of trucking companies. 17th avenue has become a major thoroughfare but we are concerned with large semis in the area.
 - Sit down restaurant, locally run – traditional food (not like a truck stop).
 - Lawyer and owner will meet with Lorenzo Brent, Zoning, and Carl Lee, Development on 11/13
 - What is the commitment to the community once established? Want suggestions on this. Other gas stations support the community events.
 - Security on back of the property?
 - Three people from this community already work for him; he owns cab company too (been in the area of 28 years).
- Melissa Thompkins, Milo Grogan, community service chair – 50 plus coffee social, with guest speaker from national church residences. 11/10 milo grogan rec. center 10 AM. Meet n greet on December 4th at rec center, we are welcome to attend. She will send flyers.

Old Business/Announcements:

- Homeport: Zoning meeting for S Linden homes at Linden Library 6 PM, 11/2/18

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. with prayer by Frank Brown III.