

# North Central Area Commission Meeting

January 3, 2019

Shepard Library

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**Call to Order:** Tiffany White called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Lorenzo Brent prayed the invocation.

**Roll Call:** *Commissioners Present:* Lorenzo Brent, Reno Lemons, Jessica Martin, Wallace McLean, Bee Tolber, Tiffany White, Asmara Williams, Carl Lee (arrived at 6:47). *Absent:* Alfonso Hooper (not excused)

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

**Meeting Minutes for December 6, 2018:** Asmara Williams motioned to approve. Lorenzo Brent seconded.

## Police Liaison Report:

Officer Tony Rogers, 7<sup>th</sup> Precinct Liaison Officer, [arogers@columbuspolice.org](mailto:arogers@columbuspolice.org) (614-645-1407) – They are transitioning how to report stats; Officer Rogers sends 7 precinct via email and NextDoor. Overall, stats are down in 7 precinct. Several SWAT incidents, one resulted in a shooting. Alert regarding Mt. Vernon – there was a pattern of assaults and robberies and then SWAT arrested the individual. Regarding Family Dollar – someone else drove through front doors, additional robberies. Officer Rogers stays in the area. Wallace McLean brought up that people are going through cars taking change, someone ran into a fence – these might not have been called in for a police report. Office Rogers explained reports can be done over the phone and advises they should submit reports because this documents activity in the area. 16<sup>th</sup> Ave has a lot of cars speeding, partying/shooting in the graveyard again. Street needs closed off (Office Rogers recommended calling 311). 2142 Oriole Place – residents complaining about RV on property – 311 has already been called (this is 5<sup>th</sup> precinct).

Officer Alesia Zacher, 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct Liaison Officer [azacher@columbuspolice.org](mailto:azacher@columbuspolice.org) (614-645-1405) – N/A.

**Budget:** Received \$2,500 from City; disbursed \$1,214.12 for travel (conference) and consumables (ink and paper). We received a contract from ODU – could start renting as early as February. \$60 a month, discounted for us (regularly \$250) – annual cost would be \$720. Food would have to be ordered through them. Rooms have access to screen, projector, podium, etc. 1216 Sunbury Road, Student Life Center rooms 258 and 259, 6:30-9:00 P.M. We will have to do public notice once decided. Pros of Library: free (money could be used for training or other costs -would have to do budget modification because rental space has been allocated) and ending at 8 PM makes us vigilant with time. 75% of budget needs spent by April 30. We will vote next month after Tiffany White asks about changing time to 6:00-8:30 PM. 2019 conference in Fort Wayne. Tiffany White will email budget to Commissioners.

**Community Liaison Report:** Alfred Akainyah; his phone is 614-645-7964, email: [aaakainyah@columbus.gov](mailto:aaakainyah@columbus.gov). – Public Service as of January 1<sup>st</sup> no longer deploying speed trailers, Michael Liggitt will reach out to explain process more. Code changes for by-law standardization will be sent next week; Area Commissioners have until end of March to review and give feedback. David Hooie, [dehooie@columbus.gov](mailto:dehooie@columbus.gov), 614-578-6558, can answer questions, attend commission meeting if necessary. Peggy Williams, secretary, zoning/code enforcement chair from South Linden Commission attended Commissioners retreat, reported revision will be to Code 3109 and impacts crafting of bylaws; bylaws may be able to remain intact but amendments would need to reflect new revisions. Changes include: standardization of terms, size of commissions, election procedures, incorporate succession plan (max. terms by office), etc. She invited us to South Linden Commission meeting on 1/15 at St. Stephen's, 6 P.M., where Katherine Cull, will present regarding changes. Alfred Akainyah also indicated NCAC by-laws need additional correction from Dept. of Development to Dept. of Neighborhoods and remove "secret" ballot language.

**City Council Liaison:** Sandra Lopez, [srlopez@columbus.gov](mailto:srlopez@columbus.gov), 614-645-8502 – not present.

## Zoning:

- Carr Supply 1415 Old Leonard, Craig Moncrief, in business since 1997.
  - BZA variance (parking) – 34,000 sq. ft. addition; currently rent from a church for more parking. 110 spaces, 11 islands should be required; they propose to do 4 and plant 7 new trees along exterior.
  - Carl Lee ask whether this would increase jobs (Yes) and encouraged they hire from the area.
  - Lorenzo Brent motioned to approve variance: not provide min. number of landscape islands (11), reduce to 4 interior w/ shade trees, 7 exterior trees. Asmara Williams seconded. All in favor.
- A-Z Recycling 1465 17<sup>th</sup> Ave, Mark Schieber, landscape architect and Ted Londot, general manager
  - Requesting variances to update site compliance plan and adjust what their business can do.
  - Currently a salvage yard/scrap metal facility (in area for 40 yrs). First phase in metal recycling business: sort/torch/sheer/package/move to a steel mill; 2 scale types, ship 2 truckloads/day (40 tons is goal), 16 employees (local), trying to clean up facility and be more productive.
  - 1. Code allows for height of 10 feet, want to move it up to 35 for the working piles (this is the building height); code is currently citing them for this issue.
  - 2. Reduce distance between processing area and residential zoned area, to 200 feet (600 feet is code). Reported there is heavy duty buffering along perimeter and fencing w/ slating and solid 8-10 feet height of blockage, but would these resident be able to see the high pile heights?
  - 3. Operate as a salvage yard for vehicles/auto wrecking. Cars are processed differently, never stacked more than 2 high; want to set up air system – have a crusher for the car frame (area would be concrete). Currently inspections happen monthly and undergo annual soil testing.
  - 4. Special permit to operate in portable building.
  - 5. Based on building space currently required to have 34 spaces, 28 currently (front in asphalt, side and back of building in gravel). Variance to number required and surfacing required.
  - We are concerned about contamination currently in the area, more noise, aesthetics, and it is in plan that we do not want any additional / expansion of scrap yards.
  - South Linden's plan also indicates no additional auto businesses (residential area is in S. Linden so we recommend that South Linden also receive this presentation).
  - BZA hearing is February 27<sup>th</sup>, 111 N. Front St. starts at 4:30 PM.
  - Table vote until they meet with South Linden Commission, final vote in February meeting.
- Proposal for Shepard Library, Leslie Cannon
  - He reported work in progress, wants to give what we need/want. Reported is partnered w/ non-profits to provide services but he is a for-profit that provides job training. No current agreements or MOU's, no letters of intent. He is doing research regarding workforce development in the area.
  - Shepard Civic is opposing until a detailed plan is provided.
  - We need a more concrete plan before discussing more and provide prior to any decisions.
  - Others are interested in the Library. Alfred will follow-up on this with Stephanie Bratt (City).

## **Presentations, Committee Reports, Community Forum: N/A**

### **Old Business/Announcements:**

- Eviction Prevention Workshop for Tenants; Eviction: Myths vs. FACTS.
- Register by calling CMS at (614) 228-7191 x. 17. Pre-registration is required.
- Workshop is FREE and offered monthly at:
  - Parsons Ave Library (1113 Parsons Ave.), Last Thursday of each month, 10:45 am to 1:00 pm
  - Linden Library (2223 Cleveland Ave.), 3rd Tuesday of each month, 10:45 am to 1:00 pm
  - Franklin County Municipal Court Self Help Center (375 S. High St, 6th Floor), 4th Wednesday of each month, 10:45 am to 1:00 pm
- Shiloh Baptist Church 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala, February 9<sup>th</sup>, contact 614-253-7946 to purchase tickets.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m. with prayer by Carl Lee.