

North Central Area Commission Meeting

January 4, 2018

Shepard Library

Web site: ncacolumbus.wix.com/ncac

Facebook: North Central Area Commission

Call to Order: Tiffany White called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m. Lamar Peoples prayed the invocation.

Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Alfonso Hooper, Jessica Martin, Wallace McLean, Lamar Peoples, Tiffany White, and Bee Tolber (arrived 6:20), and Donna Turner (arrived 6:47)

Absent: Lorenzo Brent

Meeting Agenda Approval: Jessica Martin motioned to approve. Wallace McLean seconded.

Meeting Minutes for December 7, 2017: Lamar Peoples motioned to approve. Wallace McLean seconded.

Budget: Tiffany White has paid our P.O. Box fee (Northern Lights location) and will create a report for our next meeting. Future expense could be for space and training. We need to spend funds by March, budget due in April.

North Central's address: PO Box #24446, Columbus, Ohio 43224

Police Liaison Report:

Officer Jason Jackson, 7th Precinct Liaison Officer (jtjackson@columbuspolice.org) – Not present.

Officer Alicia Zacher, 5th Precinct Liaison Officer azacher@columbuspolice.org (614-645-1405) – brought 7 precinct statistics. Reported they need people calling, taking license plate numbers; there has been increased activity in 5 precinct but very few calls. Aggravated assaults are moderately high right now. Be vigilant watching for crime in the area. Officer Zacher follows up well to calls and emails.

Community Liaison Report: Alfred Akainyah; his phone is 614-645-7964, cell 614-678-2605, email: aaakainyah@columbus.gov. – He will find out how to handle the mayoral appointee. For zoning notifications, the City will still provide addresses for who to send cards. He will update zoning contact to Lamar Peoples.

Zoning:

- 1736 23rd Ave –Demo application; Lamar Peoples spoke with demo company and Plaskolite (waiting on our decision). He recommends approval; Argyle Park Civic also approves of house being torn down. Plaskolite plans to leave as green space. Bee Tolber motioned we approve; Wallace McLean seconded. All in favor.
- 2268 Argyle Drive – Demo application, abandoned and dilapidated house; Lamar Peoples drove by to verify conditions. We need to ask the neighbors. And maybe consider habitat for humanity home?
- Alfred Akainyah has requested that the zoning emails go to multiple people.

Committee Reports

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

- Need to find out who new planning contact at City is?
- Tiffany White: Maude from Homeport called, said Senator Portman wants to tour American Addition.
- Lamar Peoples followed up with Bill Luecke from Homeport – will send him a few dates to meet.

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

- Contact Habitat for Humanity, they may be considering new areas and North Central has many vacant lots.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE: Bee Tolber

- N/A

RECREATION & PARKS COMMITTEE:

- N/A

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE: Lamar Peoples

- Haven't looked into acid ditch yet

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Jessica Martin

- Will reach out to new City Council economic chair

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE: Lamar Peoples & Lorenzo Brent

- Requested a sample for North Central promotional materials (from Peggy).

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- **Airport:** Alfonso Hooper and Wallace McLean: Mr. Hooper reached out to Airport in November and will reach out to Councilmember Brown. He wants to have a meeting with Airport Director. He put together a list of all houses and owners. Airport should do another study to evaluate noise pollution; area has expanded. Reach out to East Columbus Civic Association to work with them too. We also should include City Councilmember over the environmental committee.
- **Education:** No report.
- **Elections/Bylaws Procedures:** Alfonso Hooper Tiffany White, Bee Tolber, and Lamar Peoples.
 - Need to hold committee meeting.
- **SmartCity:** Linden Community Plan Working groups in the first quarter of 2018. These will be the last planning meetings and then a consultant will implement (it's not currently agreed upon for neighborhood input to be required during implementation process). It is important that we go to show our area has support and request assets we need (i.e., pharmacy, grocery, etc. on public transportation).
 - Mayo Makinde went to Clinton township meeting. Problem is that outrage is on social media, hard to take other direct action. We need to approach Council about bringing a developer; consider asking the Mid-Ohio Food Bank to have a satellite office.
 - Current plan does include a grocery store in Linden.
 - Lamar Peoples looked up North Central on healthyfoodaccess.org. The website reported ECDI is using money on plaza market grocery store and community food commissary.
 - In the past, Director Schoeny has said that once the houses come, then the businesses will come.
 - So how do we pursue this next?
- **ODU:** No report

Presentations: N/A

Community Forum:

- Douglas McDonald asked how the mayoral appointee works. Tiffany White reported the bylaws say they are appointed by the City, but NCAC will put together names and bios to submit.
- MORPC – Bringing a passing lane to 670, development may start in 2018

Old Business/Announcements:

- Applications for community safety advisory commission due on Monday, January 8th
- Mayoral appointee recommendations: Reno Lemons, Mary Dewberry, Dr. Rebecca Boyd, and Douglas McDonald

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m with prayer by Lamar Peoples.