

North Central Area Commission Meeting

June 6, 2019

Ohio Dominican University, Student Center

Web site: ncacolumbus.wix.com/ncac

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Call to Order: Tiffany White called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m. Asmara Williams prayed the invocation.

Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Lorenzo Brent, Carl Lee, Reno Lemons, Jessica Martin, Wallace McLean, Bee Tolber, Tiffany White, Asmara Williams, Alfonso Hooper (*arrived at 6:34*)

Absent: N/A

Meeting Minutes for May 2, 2019: Lorenzo Brent motioned to approve. Carl Lee seconded.

Budget: Balance is approximately \$14, the City will extract from our account per the contract.

Police Liaison Report:

Officer Tony Rogers, 7th Precinct Liaison Officer, arogers@columbuspolice.org (614-645-1407) – N/A

Officer Alesia Zacher, 5th Precinct Liaison Officer azacher@columbuspolice.org (614-645-1405) – N/A

City Council Liaison: Sandra Lopez, srlopez@columbus.gov, 614-645-8502 – Councilmember Doran may attend next month. She is following up on traffic light (handled at the federal level, Council has communicated to the federal funder that they do not agree) and Family Dollar situation. City finished budget hearings, will be sending list of funded projects for the next cycle (starting next summer). Encouraged to do the Chief and Me survey. Community Safety Advisory Commission will be putting out a final report. Alfonso Hooper asked about resurfacing of Brittany Hills streets and Tiffany White asked about a St. Mary's project (only some water lines and sewer lines were replaced – Tiffany White will send email to Sandra). She will follow-up with Public Service. Graveyard is still a problem; Taylor Avenue needs blocked/legislatively closed. (Taylor and 16th area). She will ask Michael Liggett from Public Service to come and will check on improvements to American Addition park.

Community Liaison Report: Alfred Akainyah; email: aaakainyah@columbus.gov; his phone is 614-645-7964, cell 614-678-2605. RNNC: He does not have full details but registration is open. Thursday-Saturday, \$125 plus hotel accommodations; lots of valuable trainings. Columbus will host next year.

Presentations:

- Rep. from Columbus Chief and Me (community outreach for new chief of police). City is requesting community input during forums, as the Mayor appoints this position. There is also a survey online they want everyone to fill out (takes about 5 minutes); request for paper survey by calling or will be given assistance at forum. Survey information will go to a committee. Tiffany White encouraged us all to provide feedback. The Columbus Community Safety Advisory Commission (make recommendations to City for new policy, procedure) session videos are posted on youtube.
- Bernice Cage, MORPC, discuss initiatives: Air Quality alerts (can be sent via email or phone – call the hotline); gohio commute: free service - assistance in getting to work (15 counties span, van pools), even emergency ride home - 4 times a calendar year; 2020 census – important to count all residents to not lose funding and congressional representation; Metropolitan Transportation Plan – any projects must be on this plan to request federal funding; go to website to submit suggestions/comments and current plans. These requests help show demand (less funding than projects available). Comments open until the end of August.

- Robert Williams, MORPC, residential services department, free services: weatherization program (gas and electric components), inspections and then also may be eligible for additional free services. This is for renters and owners. They want to attend meetings more often and let them know about other events too.
- **Preston Salis, Code Enforcement**, high grass and weeds season – call into 311. Solid waste in the alleys: Code cannot dispose of tires (pile at Woodward and Woodland); no dumping signs in the alley's are from itsacrine.org to report illegal dumping (could eventually get a camera; easements – homes responsible for their half of that easement; cars parked on the wrong side of the street (call police);
 - 1721 bar harbor – abandoned house with weeds (not his area but will ask Maggie)
 - 1335 Sigsbee – high grass; 1331 Sigsbee – issued warning for outside;
 - PACE team – proactive code enforcement who go after problem landlords. Usually go after landlords with hundreds of properties but also look at past violations and severity of them.
- **Leah Evans and Roy Loystein, Homeport**, here to give us an update (no vote needed today). Held several meetings so far and taken our feedback from prior meetings: senior housing and concentration of where they should be (around the park). They will email a map - properties along the park, 12th and Puritan or Petrel: senior cottages (side by side units, doubles and triplexes) all flats for 55 and older. They are still in the financing stage and want more input, cannot speak to exact timing yet. Project will likely continue into 2020; still need our recommendation prior to going before the City, since the properties are currently zoned for single families, residential/low-density zoning not apartment buildings). We could visit other properties with senior cottages (Eastway built in 2013, will try to set up a tour). Housing is committed to be for seniors per funding for 30 years, their commitment as a nonprofit is to keep it senior housing. Still planning on 40 units, leasing. Impact on property value? Quality rentals do not necessarily drive down market value and any real estate activity impacts too. Properties would be income qualified (60% at area median income or below) and rent at market for the area (potentially \$400-\$800). Rent is not based on income, but you are qualified to live there based on income. Benefits: residents like being around other seniors, in a nice property, independent living w/o worrying about upkeep; they do quarterly inspections and all adults need to be on the lease (they stay on top of who is living there); children under guardianship are able to move in; they enforce lease violations; no section 8 housing but do accept home choice vouchers – committed to affordable housing; funding would not let them change to a different population; market for senior housing is good right now (H-Friendly report, there is a need for affordable senior housing). They are not able to do preferred housing (per Fair Housing Regulations) but will send interest list out when it's available for everyone to add their names. All property would be income restricted (60% is maximum) but there would be tiers (what is affordable for the income level). We requested another community meeting.

Zoning: 1570 Joyce – Car Sales business; requesting a re-zoning, just received today so will re-visit next month.

Committee Reports: N/A

- SmartCity: Carl Lee – requested certifiable mechanics for City contracts, want to use Linden, Clintonville, North Central; also training the students (have to be a vendor); for trainings

Community Forum/Old Business/Announcements:

- Lorenzo Brent, Columbus Urban League, Fishing With Dad event (family event), stocked fish at schiller park (1069 yeager street) – free food, June 15th 10AM-2PM, 10th annual, giving out free fishing poles, kids zone, bounce houses, face paint; have to sign a form because no fishing license.
- Jazz in the Park flyers – every Saturday in July. Vendor fee is \$100 for the entire thing
- Bernadine Kennedy Kent could not make it because her husband was ill.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. with prayer by Pastor.