

North Central Area Commission Meeting

December 3, 2020

Zoom

Web site: ncacolumbus.wix.com/ncac
Facebook: North Central Area Commission

Call to Order: Tiffany White called the meeting to order at 6:14. Invocation was prayed by Asmara Williams.

Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Alfonso Hooper, Reno Lemons, Jessica Martin (arrived at 6:25), Wallace McLean, Bee Tolber, Tiffany White, Asmara Williams

Absent: Carl Lee (unexcused)

Meeting Agenda Approval: Tiffany White read through standard agenda items, two presentations expected.

Budget: \$2,925.45 in account; children's masks have been purchased to distribute in the community. Printing costs for a Brittany Hills holiday giveaway (in conjunction with some construction partners), also providing masks there.

Police Liaison Report:

Officer Scott Peck, 7th Precinct Liaison Officer, speck@columbuspolice.org (614-645-1416) – N/A

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

Community Liaison Report: Alfred Akainyah; his phone is 614-645-7964, cell 614-678-2605, email: aaakainyah@columbus.gov.

City Council Liaison: Sandra Lopez, srlopez@columbus.gov, 614-645-8502. City Council working on the budget, public hearings available on youtube and facebook live this week and next week. They are continuing to work from home. Creation of commission to look into creating districts/wards. 5 member – 1 appointed by Mayor and 4 will have to apply – there is a press release for this. Applications open December 15th and closes on January 21st, Commission put in place by March 1 and will work on proposal during summer; pubic hearings in September. Maps distributed to public in November.

https://www.columbus.gov/districtingcommission/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Presentations:

- Laura Comek with **Smart Trucking** – third time they are presenting at this Commission related to 1444 Joyce Avenue.
 - They have 40 employees and 40 subcontractors; have been leasing space around Columbus.
 - Already zoned M - within this truck storage is already permitted, but want to change setbacks
 - Currently doing storm water plans for full build out, not just for current use.
 - Phase 2 – is to expand use of site; Phase 3 will include additional land he purchased
- They only need 3 variances, not all that they originally thought, City reduced.
- Asked BZA to incorporate commitments in to final order; this is from the 12/3 memo:

“In follow up to this evening's NCAC meeting, I wanted to make written notes/commitments:

 1. The owner agrees to begin site work by April 15, and to have the mound completed and seeded/planted; and site paving completed by July 30, 2020 (phase 1 and phase 2).
 2. The owner has agreed to revise the variance to 3367.29(b) from 100 to 25 ft along the east property line.

3. The owner has agreed to revise the variance on 3367.15(C), to include commitment that the green belt and landscaping will be installed within the new 25 ft setback along Joyce Avenue.
4. The owner has agreed to limit the request an 18-month special permit for the portable building (construction trailer) renewable upon request at that time, for on-going construction use.
In addition to the above 4 new commitments, we would reiterate the previous commitments here below, updated - AND seek to have these included in the board order:

1. Installation of an 8-foot earthen mound, with grass planted. Additionally, a combination of deciduous and evergreen trees will be planted to further buffer the sight and sounds. Site construction to begin by April 15, 2021 and mound with seed and trees planted by June 30, 2021.
2. Paving of the Site (step 2) completed by July 30, 2021
3. Longer term storage of trucks and trailers will occur in the area as depicted on the attached concept plan.
4. At Phase 2, existing trees to the east will be retained. Clearing of scrub and removal of illegal dumping items may occur in this area.
5. The Applicant will reduce light height to 18 feet.
6. Applicant will educate drivers to avoid Wentworth and 16th Avenues, keeping primary access to Joyce and Windsor. “

- Discussed Special permit for construction trailer.
- They plan to add street trees to Windsor and Joyce and on site there will be screening shrubbery and grass in setbacks; eventually will be retention ponds along Windsor.
- Bee Tolber brought up right now lots of cars there; vehicles beeping (when backing up) during the night.
 - Bashir does not think his trucks have backing up beeping feature; he says any of us can come view facility and equipment, he will show us the trucks backing up. Other trucks are causing problems.
 - While Bee and Asmara were giving out Thanksgiving baskets, the neighbors were also complaining about noise.
 - Trucks should not be running during the night, only running then if there was an emergency and another truck broke down.
- Mr. Hooper brought up that we want to have a collaboration; we do want a partnership of a good business and also taking care of our families. We need to keep sending them proof of issues, and walk the site, maybe on a regular basis.
- Plan to vacating multiple alleys in the future; and plan to re-zone residential properties in the future.
- Eventually want to use Joyce as primary access point, but would be later to add adequate access. Windsor entrance would go away but then would want to comeback after Windsor road improvements were made.
- Barbed wire update – City doesn’t do permit for barbed wire fences; no established process to ask for this. Thursday December 10th meeting to discuss future City process changes, this could be one of them.
- **Votes:**
- 3367.15 (c) – not to provide ground cover and shrubbery within 50 foot set back from right of ways (reduce and ponds) – note this still will be within the 25 feet setbacks.
 - Jessica Martin motioned to approve; Reno Lemons seconded. All were in favor except Wallace McLean (dropped from zoom for a short time).
- 3367.15(E) – allow for storage in side yard (corner lot)
 - Jessica Martin motioned to approve; Reno Lemons seconded. All were in favor except Wallace McLean (dropped from zoom for a short time).
- 3367.29 (b) – reduce storage setback for the following:
 - North: 100 to 50 (mound area)
 - West: Joyce Ave Side – 125 to 25

- South; 125 to 25 (Windsor Ave)
- East: 100 to 25
- Jessica Martin motioned to approve; Reno Lemons seconded. All were in favor except Wallace McLean (abstained).
- 3389.12 portable building: special permit –for construction trailer; for a period of 18 months;
 - Jessica Martin motioned to approve; Asmara Williams seconded. All were in favor except Wallace McLean (abstained).

Zoning:

- Chassidy Barham, Assistant City Attorney
 - Illegal dumping still a major issue, working with Refuse about this. We should always report immediately to 311.
 - Windsor and Wentworth is especially bad; they have gotten two recent convictions in this area and trying to build more cases. Several cameras have been in the area before, Refuse actively working on this location.
 - 1537 Chauncey road – code enforcement went out, it is technically secure but there are currently vacant orders processing.
 - She will ask Adam if there can be “no dumping” signs in that area.
 - It should be okay to use parking lots of City’s centers for drive by/giveaways; as long as no City staff there and the Center is closed.
- Mock Road applicant not here.

Committee Reports

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE: Asmara Williams

- Trying to do something for Christmas for kids drive; reach out to local businesses or let her know if we know of any. Wallace McLean said Victor at 1785 Woodland Ave (carryout) wants to help the neighborhood.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Airport: Alfonso Hooper and Wallace McLean - Some issues with picking up sounds in Zone 3 recently.
- Elections/Bylaws Procedures: Tiffany White is working with Alfonso Hooper; will send out.

Community Forum/Announcements:

- No in person meetings until July of 2021.
- Traffic light – Reno pulled DPS traffic data; more accidents since the light start flashing have more injuries; will try to ask for a four way stop. Maybe reach out to <https://vision-zero-columbus.hub.arcgis.com/>
- Tiffany White has masks if we need them to hand out to our areas.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m. with prayer by Bee Tolber.