

North Central Area Commission Meeting
May 3, 2018
Shepard Library

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

Commissioners Present: Alfonso Hooper, Carl Lee, Reno Lemons, Jessica Martin, Wallace McLean, Lamar Peoples, Bee Tolber, Donna Turner, and Tiffany White.

Absent: Lorenzo Brent

Police Liaison Report:

7th Precinct Liaison Officer (@columbuspolice.org) – Not present

Officer Alesia Zacher, 5th Precinct Liaison Officer azacher@columbuspolice.org (614-645-1405) – Introduced Sergeant Hess and Officer Reddae, who are with Linden Safe Streets (bike officers) in 2 and 5 precincts. Bike teams for accessibility; out six days a week, 12 bikes but can split into smaller groups. If there are areas we'd like them to check out, notify them. Email Sergeant Hess, dhess@columbuspolice.org, to notify of any community events; they would like to attend and keep a calendar of events. She is able to bring therapy dogs to events. Tiffany White invited to August 7th National Night Out events.

Officer Zacher reported she has been working on the Brittany Hills property with vehicles parking incorrectly. Call 311 if any issues, and can follow-up with the Police. They have been working with Code and Refuse to get some dumping issues straightened out (cameras has been put up). Officer Zacher put together a flyer to show what Divisions are responsible for.

Presentations:

- Octavia Turner, Code Enforcement, referred an area on Woodward to abatement. 12 inches is the height to call on for grass/weeds. Send pictures to 311 (online) to help so how serious issue is. Commissioners complimented her work and commitment to our community.

Meeting Minutes for March 2018: Donna Turner motioned to approve. Bee Tolber seconded.

Meeting Minutes for April 2018: Confirmed the motions. Donna Turner motioned to approve. Carl Lee seconded.

Budget: N/A

Community Liaison Report: Alfred Akainyah; his phone is 614-645-7964, cell 614-678-2605, email: aaakainyah@columbus.gov. – Not present.

Community Forum:

- Debby Dawson, lives on Meredith Drive and has been asking her neighbor's what their concerns are. She wants to help clean up the area. She will give the list of addresses to Octavia Turner. Reported that at 2416 Meredith Dr. there is no water, no gas, stolen electric in the past and children live in this home.
- LaToia Matthews, certified community health worker, works for Celebrate One at St. Stephen's. She connects moms in 43219 (able to help other areas) to community resources. 614-294-6347 ext. 158.

Main obstacle is lack of low income housing list (three year wait list). There is a new housing program for moms who have minor children in Columbus Public Schools. Other resources include: car seat assistance, pack in plays, safe sleep environment, etc.

- Alfonso Hooper asked about a satellite office put in their neighborhood, discussed in the past. LaToia Matthews will check about other satellite offices, said they have been integrating new services into Linden Rec. Center. Funding may be limited, her group is in the last cohort. She will work with Mr. Hooper and attend a Brittany Hills meeting. Carl Lee suggested contacting Mayor Ginther's wife; he will provide contact info (his sister also works for Celebrate One).
- Connectors are at a center for 9-12 months. Lamar asked about metrics – she has to connect with 24-50 moms a week; also encourage pregnant moms to join Moms2Be
- Question about an auto accident on Monday at Cassady and Hudson; not within Officers' area so they were unsure. Indicated try to call Traffic and Engineering to request a traffic study, could also try to do a public records check there. Speed Trailers are very simple to get upon request.

Zoning: Demolition application at 1555 Joyce Ave (near corner of 17th and Joyce). The building appears sound so we would like to know why demo is requested and vote in June. Octavia Turner will also look into this.

Committee Reports

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

- Donna Turner called to check on additional UIRF funding.

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

- N/A

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE: Bee Tolber

- N/A

RECREATION & PARKS COMMITTEE: Reno Lemons

- Contacted James Smoot at Brentnell Parks and Rec, will have another conversation.
- Bee Tolber suggested completing survey and giving feedback regarding new Linden Recreation center. Meeting for this is on Wednesday, May 30th at 6:30 – at current rec center.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE: Lamar Peoples

- N/A

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Jessica Martin

- No response from Jaiza Page for meeting requested

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE: Lamar Peoples & Lorenzo Brent

- N/A

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Airport: Alfonso Hooper and Wallace McLean
- Education: No report.
- Elections/Bylaws Procedures: Alfonso Hooper, Tiffany White, Bee Tolber, and Lamar Peoples.
 - Bee Tolber has forms for those who want to run.
 - We need to meet between May 14th and 24th to go over the bylaw changes, so we can start reading changes at our meetings. Lorenzo Brent, Carl Lee, Jessica Martin, Wallace McLean, and Donna Turner are up for re-election. Will have to abide by current elections procedures, petitions due in 2 weeks before the election (August 4th).
- SmartCity: No report.
- ODU: No report.

Old Business/Announcements:

- C2P2 MEETING – Clintonville and 5th by Northwest communities had lots of concerns. Tiffany White requested a separate meeting with the Commissioners. When Tiffany White asked about our plan (wondering why South Linden was listed prior to us), Director Schoeny was unaware of the submission. Gloria Zebbs Anderson talked to him there, and we may just have to have a meeting with Land Use, may not have to adopt C2P2.
- Bee Tolber passed out information for Speech Contest for high schoolers.
- Homeport will be back next month and has some solutions for American Addition and Argyle Park.
- Napoleon Bell – need for street lights on Sunbury Road, north of McCutcheon. He has already sent letters to some City divisions, keep calling 311 and keep reporting it.

Candidates' Forum – 25th District, State House

All others cancelled except Lamar Peoples

- Housing: a lot of abandoned houses in our area; wants to connecting people with resources.
- Advocate for a livable wage
- Transportation: COTA is not meeting the mark; need innovative ways
- Nutrition: Grocery stores back in the community, supporting co-ops, community gardens; churches and business bringing resources into community
- Healthcare – currently Legislature is backing work requirements for Medicaid; Lamar Peoples believes healthcare is a universal right. Protect Medicaid and Medicare; Obamacare stays intact until an affordable single player option.
- Lived in this area his entire life and is 4th generation resident of this community.
- Previously interned in the House of Representatives, has worked in county government, and currently works with many businesses as partners with his work at Starhouse and IMPACT
- Need to increase voting in this area!
- Increase investment in the communities, not tax breaks for companies.
- Bee Tolber and Carl Lee brought up schooling of children, especially the area's need for improved middle and high schools. 84% of new jobs in Linden will be tech jobs but there are no technology programs at the schools despite receiving STEM money. Need additional oversight in the curriculum and funding. Kids need more support in school.
- Lamar Peoples supports a state-wide ban on assault weapons, teachers do no need to be armed, but there is a need for trauma-informed, armed security/service providers (need people who are in the community that understand what the kids in our schools are going through).
- Mr. Hooper challenged to keep his commitments to the community, use the facts and don't be afraid to ask the hard questions. Lamar Peoples promised to do so!
- Plan to stay connected to the community? Lamar Peoples will come to area commissions, anyone can visit "our office", and everyone will have his phone number. He wants to bring the 25th district up to par with others in this county.
- Building codes for new schools, or retrofit schools, to keep them safe. Could be metal detectors (built in) and additional training.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM. Lamar Peoples closed us in prayer.