

North Central Area Commission Meeting

September 3, 2020

Zoom Meeting

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

Call to Order: Tiffany White called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Reno Lemons, Jessica Martin, Bee Tolber, Tiffany White, Asmara Williams, Carl Lee (arrived at 6:45)

Absent: Lorenzo Brent, Alfonso Hooper (*Excused*), Wallace McLean (*Excused*)

Budget: Budget was approved; Tiffany White purchased masks and gloves (\$67) for next meeting (might meet next month at ODU, who did move back in). When we meet at ODU someone will be out front to hand out masks and gloves (required). Technology enhancement grant of \$2200 (plan to purchase laptop, Office suite, projector.)

Meeting Minutes for July 2, 2020: Asmara Williams took them, will send so we can review prior to next meeting.

Community Liaison Report: Alfred Akainyah; his phone is 614-645-7964, cell 614-678-2605, email: aaakainyah@columbus.gov – issues or questions let him know. There have been shootings in the North Central area, he forwarded the information to Chassidy Barham and reached out to Mr. Hooper. Jason Jenkins from the Mayor's office is here. City looking for volunteers to help packings of masks for distribution.

Presentations:

- **Jenna Tipaldi, climate advisor in Office of Sustainability**, here to talk about electric aggregation which is a ballot initiative in November. Mayor wants to pursue clean and renewable energy by 2022. Aggregation gives City ability to purchase energy on behalf of its residents to provide competitive prices (ballot is to establish the authority for the City to do this). Right now residents receive services from AEPOhio, it would just change the energy source (to 100% clean energy). City trying to source locally in Central Ohio to bring more jobs (and build a workforce development pipeline to connect people to these jobs too). Participation is voluntary; it will be an opt-out programs (automatically be rolled into this plan). Rates should be known by the end of the year, definitely before the program begins (June 2021) but not before the election. Tiffany White encouraged robust campaign to make sure people know. There will be outreach and education before the changes go into effect. Both Cincinnati and Cleveland have this, 200 other Ohio cities have this.
 - Contact info: jtipaldi@columbus.gov, 614-645-8116, www.cleanenergycolumbus.org
- Chassidy Barham, Assistant City Attorney for Zone 4, updates:
 - A-Z Recycling – Code was last out there the first week in August and will be going out again. Owner is making progress; NCAC pointed out the sheet metal fence might be violating the code and pile height is the other issue. She will drive out there to review too.
 - She can file public nuisance abatement actions – against properties, property owners, related parties, etc. if we have any properties that are issues, then let her know. Anything that poses a threat to the safety, health, wellbeing of the neighbors. Make sure we reach out to appropriate investigatory agency first. (e.g., 311, police, narcotics line, etc.) then she can follow-up after the initial claim has been made – they need a record of these things to take it to court.

- Dumping is getting out of control in American Addition (Wentworth is bad right now), requested a camera. Contact Tim Swauger (Refuse Collections Operator) at TJSwauger@columbus.gov and/or Adam Gray, (Refuse Collection Supervisor) at ASGray@columbus.gov, then follow up with Christopher Clark (ccclark@columbus.gov), Assistant City Attorney and prosecutes cases of illegal dumping and retaliatory evictions.
- If we see people, parties, or businesses and it appears they aren't abiding by the health code (coronavirus rules) – contact 311 and follow-up with her.
- Contact info: chbarham@columbus.gov, phone number: 614-645-5346
- **Jason Jenkins, Mayor's Office**, about the civilian review board charter amendment going on ballot November 3rd. Adding this to the City's constitution. The board will have subpoena powers, charter amendment gives it more teeth, review work that internal affairs group is doing by independent investigator. A new mayor or new city government would have to put back on the ballot to remove. Currently a workgroup working on this (e.g., number of people, cases, review what IA gets, best practices from across the country, etc.). Workgroup meetings are viewable via youtube. Any questions can be sent to him Jason Jenkins - jtjenkins@columbus.gov, 614-915-6145, or Alfred Akainyah.
- **Christina Hairston** lives on Key West Avenue, wondering if there can be designated parking for the park and more signs. People out all weekend. Tiffany White encouraged to gather residents; see if Pretentious Brewing or Story Lounge want to partner. A sexual predator has been in area frequently, Frank Brown called it in. There is a noise ordinance –after 10 PM, can call the non-emergency line.
- **Tabitha Woodruff, Legal Aid**, they are working with Argyle Park on a slum landlord project. They can do nuisance abatement law suits on the civil side. Legal Aid is currently training new staff attorneys on housing cases so are looking to get new nuisance abatement property cases.
 - Contact info: twoodruff@columbuslegalaid.org

Old Business/Announcements:

- Franklin county board of elections is looking for poll workers: 614-525-3100
- Franklin County Commissioners have virtual meetings every week
- Columbus City schools – grab and go lunches 5 days a week (afternoon and evening pick-ups)
- Distance learning – looking for spaces to accommodate kids
- Carl Lee – Smart Columbus is hiring: no experience needed, training young people to put inboard units in this areas (sensors in cars); also if you want one put on your car they give you stipends for this.
- Bee Tolber - Flyover sound meeting on October 2nd
- City extended Commission elections; must be done by December 31st
- Tray Lee Center – Legal Aid and Chassidy Barham are going to look into it.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.