

# North Central Area Commission Meeting

October 1, 2020

## Zoom Meeting

Web site: [ncacolumbus.wix.com/ncac](http://ncacolumbus.wix.com/ncac)

Facebook: North Central Area Commission

**Call to Order:** Tiffany White called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Asmara Williams prayed the invocation.

### Roll Call:

*Commissioners Present:* Alfonso Hooper, Reno Lemons, Jessica Martin, Wallace McLean, Bee Tolber, Tiffany White, Asmara Williams, Carl Lee (arrived 7:02 PM)

**Meeting Minutes for September 3, 2020:** One change – Alfonso Hooper was excused last month. Asmara Williams motioned to approve. Reno Lemons seconded. All in favor.

### City Reports:

- **Chassidy Barham**, Asst. City Attorney- [chbarham@columbus.gov](mailto:chbarham@columbus.gov), 614-645-5346.
  - Tray Lee Center – This is not a City owned property (Amer Crest Improvement Group is owner). The concern is whether only one person has control since the rest of the board has passed away (this person lives out of town). The building is not being kept up – the roof is caving in. She will refer to Code Enforcement.
  - Williams Coles at a park – he is not prohibited from being there but currently under indictment by Franklin County Sheriff's office.
  - Illegal dumping – still under investigation. There are two cameras on Wentworth right now. For illegal dumping: contact Tim Swauger or Adam Gray with Refuse. Adam Gray can be reached at [ASGray@columbus.gov](mailto:ASGray@columbus.gov) or 614-645-5963. Tim Swauger can be reached at [TJSwauger@columbus.gov](mailto:TJSwauger@columbus.gov) or 614-645-5822.
  - A-Z Recycling – under review for filing (hopefully more updates next month). The fence at 1547 is not a Code violation but will double check the 1579 Joyce (runs along 17<sup>th</sup> Metro Auto).
  - Other properties we reported to them are on their radar. If we suspect any prostitution, drug activity, violence, contact police and then follow-up with her.
  - Emergencies: 911; Non-emergencies: 614-645-4545; Issues regarding the use or sale of narcotics, contact CPD's Narcotic Line directly at 614-645-4616.
- **Community Liaison Report:** Alfred Akainyah; his phone is 614-645-7964, cell 614-678-2605, email: [aaakainyah@columbus.gov](mailto:aaakainyah@columbus.gov). – Governor's meeting order expires and if not reviewed by end of December, may need to work on how to do in person meetings. Their department is putting out a commission website, need one person to be responsible for that (they can link to our website). The elections term are extended through December but we need to make sure we think about how to do elections – up to us to figure it out.

**Budget:** \$3524.32 no expenditures in September. Tiffany White plans to order children's mask for the meetings.

**Police Liaison Report:** 7 Precinct has a new liaison Officer Peck; Officer Rogers now in Therapy Dog unit.

Officer Scott Peck, 7<sup>th</sup> Precinct Liaison Officer, [speck@columbuspolice.org](mailto:speck@columbuspolice.org) (614-645-1416) – N/A

Officer Alesia Zacher, 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct Liaison Officer [azacher@columbuspolice.org](mailto:azacher@columbuspolice.org) (614-645-1405) – N/A

### Presentations:

- **Creekside Place Project** – Laurie Sutherland from Community Housing Network. They are framing the third floor today, roof will be built by the end of the month – on schedule to be completed early. They are

not hiring yet. The Good Neighbor Agreement was sent and also the Community Advisory Council is where we can express concerns; also generate good ideas here too.

- Laura Comek – **Smart Truck Express LLC** at 1440 Joyce Avenue; Bashir Mohammed is owner.
  - Current zoning is M2 manufacturing, proposed use is truck storage (allowable in M2). Acquired 3 lots (8 acres) from Wallace McLean – already allows this use; but wants to change current setbacks.
  - He also owns properties at 16<sup>th</sup> and Joyce and is acquiring other land that is zoned residential.
  - They are currently in Phase 2 of their three phase plan; right now just trying to expand space they can use (reduce setback). Would like to do buffering – add a 6 foot privacy fence (phase 3 – maybe additional landscaping) near adjacent residential and commercial properties. They plan to do green space along Windsor and Joyce; keep trees on far eastside of property and eventually want access off of Windsor. This site has a barbed wire fence – would like to keep barbed wire but not sure right now if City will allow it. Paving is part of the plan but not until phase 3.
  - In contract for properties along the south of Windsor (between Cushing and Erickson alley's) and properties between Wentworth and Delbert (not sure of future use, not asking for re-zoning; Tidwell family wanted to sell all lots, they will close soon on these).
  - Our area plan is for more commercial or residential – trying to build homes in this area, not manufacturing. So our concerns are: What hours would the trucks be coming in/out? We would like something more to block it out noise, trucks, some lighting. We would like real surfacing; the – no trucks back against the housing area. We are concerned about activity (wear and tear on road).
  - He intends to bring jobs to the area. This is a truck storage business; there will be security at all times; trailers would be coming in/out between 8 and 3 (maybe 4-5 a day). 18 security camera to be installed, they do not want anyone coming in at night. Not their intention to have anything hazardous there; have to do a rain water study.
  - BZA – not scheduled right now, still working with us – will come back next month after discussing with neighbors (particularly lighting, fencing, landscaping).

**Zoning:** N/A

### **Committee Reports**

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Wallace McLean, Carl Lee

- Housing – Tiffany meeting with Councilmember Favor

RECREATION & PARKS COMMITTEE: Asmara Williams

- More signage at Marie Moreland park, no budget for designated parking.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Elections/Bylaws Procedures: Bee Tolber, Tiffany White, Mr. Hooper (chair), Asmara Williams

### **Community Forum:**

- Nights Out – City recommends turn on lights and sit on the porch; meeting in person is discouraged.
- Crime is going up in our area, need to report issues. There have been a lot of dirt bikes and 4 wheelers.
- Technology –Commissioners have to pay for maintenance and upkeep; Tiffany will send it in.
- Training – YWCA holding a training on racial equity – October 14<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) 5:30-7:00 on zoom \$20 (we can pay for that), look for other trainings or classes too.
- Tiffany White has been passing out the masks to the area – let her know if we need more.
- Hattie Hudson – bought different properties on Key West; her husband is disabled now so need to build a different kind of home – purchased 4 additional lots to build a larger home (daughter and her family will live there too). They love the area and plan to sell other two lots they had. Want to build a 2-story home with 5-6 bedrooms and attached garage. Considering P and D builders (same who did the extreme makeover home) since they are familiar with the neighborhood.

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m. with prayer by Carl Lee.