

North Central Area Commission Meeting
September 5, 2019
Ohio Dominican University, Student Center
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Call to Order: Tiffany White called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. Bee Tolber prayed the invocation.

Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Alfonso Hooper, Carl Lee (arrived at 6:22 PM), Reno Lemons, Jessica Martin, Wallace McLean, Bee Tolber, Tiffany White, and Asmara Williams

Absent: Lorenzo Brent (*unexcused*)

Meeting Agenda Approval: Jessica Martin motioned to approve. Bee Tolber seconded.

Meeting Minutes for July 11, 2019: Bee Tolber motioned to approve. Reno Lemons seconded.

Budget: Received \$2,500 at the end of July, paid for RNNC registration for Bee, Tiffany, and Asmara, and booked hotels. Will purchase name plates for Reno and Asmara.

Police Liaison Report:

Officer Tony Rogers, 7th Precinct Liaison Officer, arogers@columbuspolice.org (614-645-1407) – not present.

Officer Alesia Zacher, 5th Precinct Liaison Officer azacher@columbuspolice.org (614-645-1405) – called to let us know she would not be here.

Community Liaison Report: Alfred Akainyah; his phone is 614-645-7964, cell 614-678-2605, email: aaakainyah@columbus.gov. – He has been out for an extended time and will be officially back on Monday. Area Commissioner training on September 7th. Need official officer forms from elections – Tiffany will follow up.

Zone Initiative, City Attorney, Sarah Pomeroy, introduced herself and is happy to help and answer any questions. Legal Aid and Argyle Park (irresponsible landlord project) would like to discuss further and has a meeting with Legal Aid soon. Bee Tolber will email regarding Chauncey house that was burnt; Mr. Hooper brought up the intimidating dogs in Brittany Hills at 1661 Bar Harbor Road.

City Council Liaison: Sandra Lopez, srlopez@columbus.gov, 614-645-8502, Council still on recess until Monday. She will be sending out meeting invitation to discuss changes to Code 3109, look for in the next few days. We can attend whichever time is convenient, even if not our particular area. City wants to get additional feedback. Since area commissions have moved from under City Council to Department of Neighborhoods, which is under the Mayor; we are concerned that our zoning recommendations are not being taken as seriously (e.g. cargominium properties, notes Preston Salis has issued notices for NISRE properties) and we used to get better communication prior to the developer presenting. We are also concerned about term limits. She will ask legislative research office for some follow-up to check with Councilmember Tyson. Our neighborhood plan was turned in two years ago.

Zoning:

- **Jim McFarland, Zoning Resources, for Plaskolite,** because over 50 parcels lots, had to create a graphics plan; this is new compared to what he presented last time. Now adding B, C D, E, on sheet.

- A – off-site of premise, Graphics Commission needs our approval; 3375.12 (b)(4)
- B, C, D, E – will be part of the graphics plan *but not asking for our approval right now* (i.e., employee parking signs).
- F – 50 feet from current ground sign; variance to reduce the distance from 300 to 55; 3377.13(C)
 - 900 ft. of frontage, changes variance they need because of the large lot provision (need to be 300 feet from each other)
- G – Inside their complex currently, issue is that place where trucks go is not considered street or alley, but a private drive; to be a directional sign there has to be facing a street, perpendicular. Variance for a parallel facing sign. 3377.01(G) and 3377.15(A)
- Motion to approve for signs A, F, G above made by Jessica Martin, Carl Lee seconded. All in favor.

Presentations:

- **Preston Salis, Code Officer**, we complimented on all the work he has done for our area and also asked that Maggie come to a meeting. They work M-F now. Vacant house at Chauncey and 16th – only half of the grass was cut, not sure who the contractor was. Parkwood – sent court packet in the last week that Katarina was working; he will re-do and work with Sarah Pomeroy.
- **Ryan Cassell, Community Housing Network**: Creekside Place will be development in EastGate at boundary of Shepard. Near East Area Commission has already approved, but we can give feedback in good neighbor agreement and community advisory council. Walt Whitmeyer, project manager; Crystal Carson, property manager; and Joshua Reins, National Church Residences (service provider).
 - 63 units – 23 for chronically homeless and 40 who have mental illness.
 - 24/7 property management and onsite services provided by national church residences (wrap around services: have extended shifts work with 24/7 staff on-call).
 - Strength based assessments with residents: annually and goal planning; semi-annually update.
 - We are concerned about security, the day care, less than 5 miles from another shelter, and across from Nelson Rd apartments. The take it seriously at 24/7 sites; do background checks; monitor exit doors; guests must check in with ID's; do wellness checks; do not tolerate any threats (security stays in their area, but can call the police); special duty officers patrol as needed. They will look into putting a fence between their property and the daycare.
 - Lease is enforceable, housing rules and drug free housing addendums; go over and reinforce lease to make sure they understand it. Their last resort is to evict; serve a 30 day notice to cure (and Josh's team would work with them).
 - 2.5 FTE staff – case management, employment assistance.
 - They do house-keeping inspections twice a year; exterminator and maintenance checks too.
 - Requirements: Every tenant pays 30% of their own income; would have to earn more than 30% of the area median income before they would leave (some will be 50%).
 - Inside: resource center and meeting rooms.

Committee Reports: N/A

Old Business/Announcements: N/A

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m. with prayer by Carl Lee.