

North Central Area Commission Meeting
May 2, 2019
Ohio Dominican University, Student Center
Web site: ncacolumbus.wix.com/ncac
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Call to Order: Bee Tolber called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. Asmara Williams prayed the invocation.

Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Reno Lemons, Jessica Martin, Wallace McLean, Bee Tolber, Asmara Williams, Alfonso Hooper (arrived at 6:23)

Absent: Carl Lee (*unexcused*), Tiffany White (*excused*), Lorenzo Brent (*excused*)

Meeting Agenda Approval: Asmara Williams motioned to approve. Jessica Martin seconded.

Meeting Minutes for April 4, 2019: Asmara Williams motioned to approve. Wallace McLean seconded.

Budget: Office Max charge for \$314.17, left a balance of \$14.71. Note: previously we paid for PO box, ODU contract.

Police Liaison Report:

Officer Tony Rogers, 7th Precinct Liaison Officer, arogers@columbuspolice.org (614-645-1407) – Zone 5 crime statistics: 6 burglaries (this is down, usually around 8); 3 individual robberies and 3 aggravated assaults – near Mt. Vernon Ave corridor (do not appear to be related). One residential burglary in Shepard.

Officer Alesia Zacher, 5th Precinct Liaison Officer azacher@columbuspolice.org (614-645-1405) – clergy meeting she attends is now the same night as NCAC but did arrived later with Safe Streets Officers. Report:

- Increase in robberies on 5 precinct near Hudson; 12-15 year olds, some have weapons. Most frequent on Saturday, then Tuesday, then Thursday, between 6 and 11 PM. In 3 out 10 incidents (since April 26th) a handgun was brandished.
- We can call Safe Streets to do perimeter checks at the parks.
- Officers can enforce time limits; Thor put up a sign that says 8-5 PM (there will be a gate too) at the cemetery.
- Narcan giveaways 6-9PM this week at St. Stephen's Greens. React Team partners with Safe Streets (social workers will go visit those who have overdosed, help facilitate treatment, high success rate with those going to treatment). Treatment center (now at Doctors South). Note: 1515 E Broad Center has been shut down. Alfred Akainyah will send email w/ alternative centers. They have not heard of many overdoses in our precinct so far but usually it does pick up when it's warmer.
- Self-empowerment going on Saturday at Douglas Rec for girls and girls run (downtown), training practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays starts at 5:30 PM; gave a lot of those kids tennis shoes too! Also plan to do a bike ride for some advocates for youth employment, go to main areas and will try to connect for employment.
- NCAC noted we love having the bikes around! Keep concentrating on young people to help change the negative thoughts.
- Office Zacher and Code met w/ a landlord who is taking good care of their multiple Brittany Hills properties. Zach Klein just charged/jailed a landlord, so notify Officer Zacher of any problems.
- Ring also has a neighborhood app.

Presentations: N/A

Community Liaison Report: Alfred Akainyah; email: aaakainyah@columbus.gov, his phone is 614-645-7964, cell 614-678-2605. Lunch & Learn events: handled by Gale Gray, usually a panel and presentation (topics based on community feedback). April 30th deadline for treasurer's report; new MOU's should have gone out today (let him know if we didn't receive). 3109 feedback is still extended. No update on Neighborhood Pride from his office.

City Council Liaison: Sandra Lopez, srlopez@columbus.gov, 614-645-8502 – Not present.

Zoning: N/A

Committee Reports: N/A

- **Elections:** Bee Tolber will help print the information once Jessica Martin provides the names/areas.

Community Forum:

- Homeport still needs to meet with American Addition residents but may come to June meeting. Now proposing to build senior housing at the back of the park: 32 units, potentially 8 more (they get more funding for 40 total) on Puritan, and have an office onsite near 8 units. Some neighbors were against this but some wanted more information. There was one meeting where about 20 people attended, during this Homeport indicated: 55 and over section 8 housing, Homeport is saying majority would be based off income – they did not really say one way or the other.
- Yvette Casslin, has lived in American Addition for 2 years, when she first moved in there was never discussion of apartments there.
- KM&M is building the next group (noted they are a better contractor) for the current 14 houses; but still need to clear lots and do infrastructure. Then an individual has to be approved before they start building the house. Then pay \$100 for homeport homeownership class (used to be free). Right now Homeport is losing money building these homes.
- Note: There was a different set up when building houses in Miracit.
- NISRE – cargo home project is still unfinished.

Old Business/Announcements:

- NCAC July meeting will be held on July 11th instead of July 4th, need to double check ODU to schedule.
- Election location? Alfred Akainyah offered the Pride Center, but also checking w/ ODU first.
- Shepard garden meeting on May 18th at 11 am
- Department of Neighborhoods - Lunch and Learn on trauma on May 16th
- 2020 – RNNC will be in Columbus, they will probably need volunteers and there may be a training beforehand (i.e., Experience Columbus). Hopefully we will hear more information soon, and Bee Tolber asked Alfred Akainyah to let Department of Neighborhoods know that North Central is willing to help in any way we can. He will notify the key people, Beth and Toya.
- Diversity and Health Equity Summit on July 13th 9:30-4:30 at Columbus Public Health. The focus will be on wellness, prevention, advocacy, and equity. You will need to register to attend.
- Good Kitchen 614 restaurant is open.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m. with prayer by Frank Brown.