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Tuesday, September 15, 2020

6:00pm – 8:50pm

Regular meeting Number 06-2020 of the South Linden Area Commission, Tuesday, September 15th was Called To Order by Chair Calloway at 6:17pm.

Invocation led by Pastor Timothy Liggins of Bethel A.M.E. Church
Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Williams

COMMISSIONER ROLL CALL

Present: Khadijah Lanai Ashe, Lawrence Calloway, Michelle Jamison, Mayo MaKinde, and Peggy Williams
Excused: Sundi Corner
Absent: Lois Ferguson

QUORUM STATUS: NOT PRESENT

Based on the Commissioner Roll Call at 6:17pm this date, the quorum requirement of six (6) commissioners in attendance was not met; however, based on By-Law Article V the Area Commission meeting can proceed with four or five commissioners present and time-sensitive matters reaching consensus and ratified during a subsequent meeting will be considered binding.

ADMINISTRATION: Acceptance of Meeting Agenda

For lack of quorum, no motion was made or carried to Voice Vote Approval of the Agenda dated September 15, 2020.

Reading of the Minutes:

- In addition to DRAFT of Minutes being previously distributed electronically to each Commissioner for review and comment, the Chair respectfully allowed three-minutes for additional review in this meeting. For lack of quorum, no motion was made or carried to Voice Vote Approval on Minutes dated August 18, 2020.
- Commissioner Makinde requested that July and August Minutes be revised to include "commissioners, speakers, and audiences' experience with WebEx connectivity generated 20-minute up to 45-minute delays to join the meeting". Chair responded stating the time is already documented through each recording.

Treasurer Report:

Chair Calloway read the Monthly Report for August, detailing income and expenses and stated the month end balance was \$17.95. Commissioner Williams moved, with a second from Commissioner Jamison, to accept the Treasurer Report as submitted. The motion carried and question(s) posed. The Chair called for the Voice Vote.

**Voice Vote Approval: Ashe, Calloway, Jamison, Makinde, and Williams
Four (4) in Favor, No Opposition, and One Abstention**

MOTION PASSED

CITY AND COMMUNITY REPORTS: City Officials and/or Department Directors; Columbus Police Department Community Liaison Officer Alesia Zacher; City Council Liaison Sandra Lopez; City Attorney's Office Zoning Initiative Attorney Chassidy Barham; SMART Columbus Community Liaison Carl Lee; and Department of Neighborhood Community Liaison DeLena Scales

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PROCEEDINGS

Columbus Police Department Community Liaison Officer Alesia Zacher came before the Area Commission to provide the following update:

- Thanks to those who attended the 9/11 Prayer Vigil in Maloney Park
- Acknowledged receipt of complaints from businesses and residents regarding prostitution along Myrtle and Cleveland avenues
- PACT—Police And Community Together is a new program where Sargeant Obrezsky is involved and collaborates with the City Attorney’s office to address code violations
- Homicides have increased and pictures of suspect(s) have been posted
- Feel free to contact Officer Zacher with any information that might be helpful in investigating crime

In response to and in support of Commissioner Makinde’s concern over a CPD Officer’s lack of response to him about a recent incident that occurred around the Hamilton STEM Academy, Officer Zacher indicated that whenever a police officer is present to restore peace, it is important for that officer to be approachable.

Commissioner Ashe complimented Officer Zacher for continually providing prompt service to the community—specifically District 4.

City Attorney Office Zoning Initiative Attorney Chassidy Barham came before the Area Commission to provide the following update:

- Zone 4 includes the Linden community—north and south neighborhoods.
- Responsible for filing Public Nuisance Abatement; actions based on residential or commercial violations, or criminal activity (e.g. gang activity, sell or use of narcotics, prostitution, etc).
- Illegal Dumping is a problem across the city and punishable with 60-days jail time or up to \$1,000 fine. Residents who observe illegal dumping are encouraged to contact Refuse Collection staff Tim Swager or Refuse Collection Supervisor Adam Gray via eMails: tjswager@columbus.gov and asgrey@columbus.gov respectively.
- Retaliatory Eviction occurs when a tenant contacts Code Enforcement based on either exterior or interior violations and the property owner files an eviction claim in retaliation. If you are at risk, or have been a victim or know someone who may be a victim, please contact Todd Dillard via eMail or telephone call: tbdillard@columbus.gov or (614) 645-5650. Another option is to contact Prosecutor Christopher Clark at ccclark@columbus.gov.
- If you are seeing incidents of criminal activity or housing and/or commercial violations, you are encouraged to contact the appropriate authority.
 - ✓ Emergency criminal activity dial 911
 - ✓ Non-emergency activity dial (614) 645-4545
 - ✓ Narcotics dial (614) 645-4616
 - ✓ Commercial or housing violations, please dial 311

You may always follow-up with me after you have contacted the appropriate agency. My direct line is (614) 645-5346 and eMail is chbarham@columbus.gov.

In response to Commissioner Makinde’s inquiry on behalf of a District 9 resident, Assistant Attorney Barham stated repeated issues reported to 311 could also be referred to her for additional follow-through. Community Liaison Scales also offered to assist with follow-through on repeated calls to 311 for tracking to reach resolution.

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SMART Columbus Community Liaison Carl Lee came before the Area Commission to provide the following update:

- Several employment opportunities to share with community:
 - ✓ Rogue Fitness has jobs—9 for IT Specialists.
 - ✓ Amazon hiring about 300 positions.
 - ✓ SMART Columbus is looking for technicians to train for installing onboard units that will be going into the “connected vehicle environment” pilot.
- Linden LEAP—Delivering food boxes from St. Stephen’s Food Pantry to Rosewind Community House started July 30th on Mondays through Fridays from 12:00Noon until 3:00pm; no riders at this time.
- Smart Mobility Hubs—Located at Columbus State Community College, CML-Linden Branch Library, St. Stephen’s Community House, COTA Transit Center, and COTA Northern Lights Park & Ride; affiliated with CoGo Bikes Share; visit cogobikeshare.com/forall for more details.
- Connected Vehicle Environment—Candidates must be over 18 with valid driver’s license and travel Cleveland Avenue, High Street, or Morse Road at least three times a week; study participants can earn \$315 stipend and to learn more about qualifying, visit columbusconnectedcar.com.

Responding to his inquiry about the \$315 stipend, Mr. Lee encouraged Commissioner Makinde to make an appointment and explained the ‘connected vehicle installation’ would take about one hour. Anyone interested in the technician training should contact Ms. Alyssa Chenault via telephone at (614) 493-7253 or eMail: anchenault@columbus.gov.

Department of Neighborhoods Community Liaison DeLena Scales, came before the Area Commission to provide the following update:

- Public Safety Specialist Curtis Brown requested to be removed from the monthly Area Commission meeting and will provide updates at regularly scheduled ONE Linden Area Commission Leadership meetings. Moving forward Mr. Brown plans to come before the Area Commission to report on large scale Safety Initiative projects (e.g., street lighting).
- Slow Street Project: The conversion to ‘two-way travel’ on Loretta, Republic, Myrtle, Hamilton, and Briarwood avenues began this week. Michael Liggett and the Public Utilities department are working to deploy portable changeable signage to better inform residents about the directional travel change to curb and slow down traffic. The five streets were selected as a result of 311 requests.
- This week you may see the basketball courts re-open, which might stimulate youth ‘congregating’. Parks and Recreation will be re-installing basketball nets through October.
- The “Linden Healthy Homes Repair Program” is accepting applications—on a first-come-first-serve basis—for ‘exterior repairs’ only. Columbus Public Health staff Patrice Allen-Brady is the program coordinator for that initiative and had joined this meeting via telephone call. Ms. Scales stated it is important to share the information and encourage residents to take advantage of this opportunity to get windows, steps, aluminum siding, roofs, and many other exterior projects fixed on their homes. As the community grows through development, such as the Linden Fresh Market and other projects, there will be an upsurge in commercial and housing development. A concerted effort should be made to support existing residents having access to resources and ensuring that their properties grow in value with the community. Commissioners are encouraged to share with all your district residents. The project target area includes 11th Avenue to 17th Avenue; but as development comes into Linden, the home repair program is expected to expand beyond 17th Avenue. For any questions about the project, Patrice Allen-Brady’s contact will be provided in the ‘chat box’.
- Nationwide Children’s “Healthy Homes” is still looking for general contractors who live within or service the Linden community.
- Linden Mural of Empowerment Project: North Linden Area Commission Chair John Latham and OSU students submitted a grant to create murals for the Linden community. The team of students will be looking for resident-artists

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to help with the project. Once the grant award announcement has been made, a student-member will come before the Area Commission to share an update.

- Active Linden, in partnership with the CARE Coalition, is hosting "Linden PRIDE Walks", which is a 7-day podcast walking series where five residents (2 in our south neighborhood) will share stories of resilience. The series is led by Commissioner Jamison and **Stephanie ?** Associated with one of the resilience factors, Active Linden is encouraging all of our Area Commissioners to walk with us as we promote 'walking as a way to stay mentally and physically healthy.
- The ONE Linden Area Commission Leadership meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 29th at 4:00pm. The Agenda includes a presentation about "Vision Zero" and the potential to host an Area Commission "Roundtable Collaborative" with chairs and zoning chairs for connection and 'same-time' information sharing. It is important to understand that what happens in Linden 'bleeds' into North Central or into Milo-Grogan and vice-versa. It will be a practice 'roundtable' to learn Area Commissioners' preferences and learn how we could move forward with the idea.

Commissioner Makinde self-identified as a minority contractor and wanted to know what organizations are being contacted to recruit minority contractors for the Linden Home Repair project? Responding to Chair Calloway and Commissioner Makinde's inquiry, Ms. Patrice stated, "in partnership with the Department of Neighborhoods, the Linden Home Repair program is looking to support Linden contractors. Currently, only two minority contractors have been identified to do work in Linden's south neighborhood. So, if you know any Linden contractors—who live in Linden, work in Linden, or have some sort of connection to Linden—please have them contact Ms Patrice Allen-Brady at (614) 355-3639.

PRESENTATION(S):

City Charter Amendment, Issue #2, Civilian Review Board—Mayor Office Representative Jason Jenkins

On the November ballot, a majority vote for Issue #2 will establish and create a **Civilian Review Board and Inspector General**. The Civilian Review Board will be comprised of Columbus residents. It is currently working as a 'working group' to identify specific details of the Civilian Review Board role(s) and responsibilities. "All meetings are live on Facebook and if you have not tuned-in, I encourage you to do so". The working group is also taking feedback from the community through Facebook social media. The link to access the meetings is on the website. The community is being asked to vote this into the Charter, so no matter who sits on City Council, or who becomes Mayor, the Civilian Review Board cannot be removed except by another vote. As far as the number of members on the Civilian Review Board, how often it meets, what cases it reviews, all of that will be worked-out through the workgroup. So, citizen input is valuable during this process.

Also included within the City Charter Amendment Issue #2 is the establishment of an Inspector General position. This position would be independent of the Columbus Police Department and will have the responsibility of reviewing all cases brought before it.

Instead of receiving a response or complaint from the community, the Civilian Review Board and the Inspector General will be able to actively move forward outside of CPD policy and procedures; thereby empowered to move quickly, efficiently, transparently and hold officers and community accountable whenever complaints are received.

Concluding his presentation, Mr. Jenkins indicated the City Budget will be reviewed to find funding for both roles: the Civilian Review Board and Inspector General.

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ADAMH Board of Franklin County, Issue #24—Rachel Martin

- ADAMH funds 33 provider agencies in Franklin County that provide mental health and addiction services to a growing vulnerable population. NAMI of Franklin County is an ADAMH provider agency.
- NAMI is dedicated to improving the lives of people with a mental health condition and it is done through several ways: Advocacy, Education, Outreach, Support, and Referral. The mission of the ADAMH Board is to improve the well-being of our community by reducing the incidence of mental health problems and eliminating the abuse of alcohol and other drugs in Franklin County. ADAMH funds prevention and intervention services in all 16 Franklin County public school districts.
- Who We Serve: ADAMH provides addiction and mental health crisis services to anyone in Franklin county. Approximately 85% of the people we serve live below the federal poverty level.
- Challenges: ADAMH is projecting a \$14million operating deficit. Suicide deaths in Ohio have increased by 45% over the last decade and the opioid epidemic has had a profound effect on service needs. The population of Franklin County is projected to grow by 8% over the next 10 years.
- Funding Needs: More than 71% of the ADAMH resources come from the current 2.2mil property tax levy. The Franklin County Board of Commissioner has approved placing a 5-year 2.2mil renewal levy with a .65mil increase to support ADAMH on the November 3, 2020 ballot. Issue 24, the ADAMH levy will help continue the vital services of ADAMH. If passed, homeowners would pay an additional \$1.90 per month or \$22.75 more per year per \$100,000 in home property value. Collection of the new millage will not begin until 2022. At close, Ms. Martin said, "Thank You", and encouraged everyone to vote for the ADAMH levy and visit the website to learn more.

Community Choice Aggregation, Issue #1—American Electric Power Jennifer Lynch

On the November ballot, a majority vote for Issue #1 will allow AEP to aggregate the purchase of electric power to lower the cost of energy to residents and businesses. The Ohio Revised Code gives communities the opportunity to aggregate energy costs in order to get more competitive rates. There are over 600 electric and natural gas aggregation in Ohio. At this time the decision has been made to purchase that power with 100% clean energy. The commitment has been made to purchase from Ohio facilities, which offers numerous job opportunities, lowering pollution, and giving Columbus a more competitive edge to other communities. Those who do not want to participate in this program for various reasons, can opt-out of the program without cost penalties. Residents should anticipate receiving notices in the mail from their current supplier and residents wanting to 'opt-out' may do so by returning a form, or calling their supplier, or go online and remove themselves from the program. Most communities do this because they are trying to create a more competitive advantage by lowering utility rates for their citizens. In closing, Ms. Lynch offered to send information to commissioners for sharing with the community.

While serving on the Advisory Committee, Commissioner Williams stated "improving the health of residents has been the selling point" for her. She also expressed concerned about when residents participating in low-income programs such as PIPP or HEAP would be able to take advantage of reduced rates. Once the vote is passed, only residents receiving electricity service through AEP will automatically be enrolled. Other residents who have selected alternative energy plans will not have that opportunity. However, discussion is forthcoming around the potential for an 'open enrollment' period.

Ms. Lynch explained that based on Ohio law, residents receiving electric utility services through the City (Municipal Electric) or currently under a utility service payment plan are not eligible to participate in the program. These rules are set at the state level and it is unfortunate as there will be a savings with this program. All residents may vote on Issue 1, but only AEP customers will benefit at this time.

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ADMINISTRATION:

City Council “Technology Enhancement Program”:

To help area commissions to become more effective, the City Council “Technology Enhancement Program” grant provides an opportunity for Area Commissions to purchase equipment not to exceed the total amount of \$2,200. During the August meeting discussion, commissioners made inquiry about the possibility of including the purchase of a ‘printer’. The Chair contact Councilmember Dorans directly to gain clarity and was informed the City would be looking for something in the future; but these were the only items available at this time. Dorans explained, City Council’s rationale was based on cost (i.e., the City was able to get a good bulk-rate) for the items listed.

The Chair opened the floor for additional discussion. For lack of a sufficiently charged battery, Commissioner Makinde explained he would be leaving the meeting and gave Voice Vote to ‘Abstain’.

As there were no additional comments regarding the City Council “Technological Enhancement Program”, the Chair moved, with a second from Commissioner Williams, to accept the program offer. Commissioner Williams reiterated By-Law Article V which grants the Area Commission’s “consensus approval” to become ratified at a subsequent meeting.

The motion carried and question(s) posed. The Chair called for the Voice Vote identifying the specific equipment items to be purchased as follows:

		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Projector	\$1,047.00	\$ 1,047.00	\$1,047.00	\$ 1,047.00
Screen	\$ 624.80	\$ 624.80		
Laptop	\$ 839.04	\$ 839.04	\$ 839.04	\$ 839.04
HP Desktop Computer	\$ 650.00			
DELL 20" Display Monitor	\$ 135.99			
Microsoft Office Suite	\$ 149.00		\$ 149.00	\$ 149.00
HP 24" Display Monitor	\$ 183.54		\$ 183.54	
	\$3,629.37	\$ 2,510.84	\$2,218.58	\$ 2,035.04

[It is noted herein, columns showing Options 1 - 3 for cost comparison were made available to Commissioners under separate eMail cover on August 19th].

**Voice Vote Approval: Ashe, Calloway, Jamison, Makinde and Williams
Four (4) in Favor, No Opposition, and One Abstention**

MOTION PASSED BY CONSENSUS

2020 Memorandum of Agreement, effective May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2020:

The Chair read the attached “Revised Budget” Schedule in itemized detail, highlighting the changes that included adding the Zoom Account expense in the amount of \$185 and reallocating the Banking Account expense of \$60 under Administrative and Special Project Services; thereby maintaining the allocated Budget Total of \$3,500. The Chair and Commissioner Williams affirmed the “Revised Budget” was transmitted to the Department of Neighborhoods complete with form W-9, inclusive of electronic signatures for Calloway and Williams on September 8th. Community Liaison

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DeLena Scales confirmed that the 2020 Memorandum of Agreement and Budget for the South Linden Area Commission was received successfully.

By-Laws Amendments: Article VI, Standing Committees [SECOND READING]

The Chair did a Second Reading of By-Law Amendment Article VI, Standing Committees in entirety. The Standing Committees shall be: (1) Budget and Finance; (2) Education and Workforce Development; (3) Health and Wellness; (4) Public Safety and Transportation; (5) Retail and Small Business Development; (6) Special Events; (7) Zoning and Code Enforcement, and (8) General Election Committee.

Commissioner Williams moved, with the second of Commissioner Jamison, through consensus to accept Article VI, Standing Committees as submitted with grammatical and typographical corrections noted understanding that By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting. Upon consensus, the motion was carried and question(s) posed. The Chair called for the Voice Vote.

**Voice Vote Approval: Ashe, Calloway, Jamison, Makinde and Williams
Four (4) in Favor, No Opposition, and One Abstention**

MOTION PASSED BY CONSENSUS

[It should be noted here for lack of a sufficiently charged battery, Commissioner Makinde explained he would be leaving the meeting]

COMMITTEE AND DISTRICT REPORTS

- Education and Workforce Development
- Health and Wellness
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District 1
District 2
District 3

District 4
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District 6

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District 9

Zoning and Code Enforcement Committee Report—Commissioner Williams explained she had No District report and provided the following:

- The committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, September 23rd to hear and review the 1410 parking lot expansion application. Also, to accommodate two City schedules: Board of Zoning and City Council review, a “Special meeting” could be scheduled for Tuesday, September 29th for timely completion on the same matter.
- The “Linden Fresh Market” selection team interviewed six finalist and chose the Regency Construction Company for several reasons: (1) it is a female owned business; (2) it met the criteria with overall minority staffing at 28%--disappointment that only one African-American male was included in the staffing mix; but would be visible on site and engage with the area commission, (3) offered a paid internship for high school student, and (4) met budget and offered potential savings.

Health and Wellness Committee and District 8 Report—Commissioner Jamison provided the following concerns:

- Heavy traffic and alleged drug activity occurring in the 1400 block on E. Blake Avenue—Chassidy intercepted with direct number to narcotics line; could connect offline, via call or eMail 614 645-5346 chbarham@columbus.gov).
- Mr. Zamir, owner of an auto body shop located at the corner of Windsor and Cleveland complained that his garage door was damaged by stray bullets that came across the street from the Fine Fair Market. The incident happened Friday afternoon between 11 and 12Noon. The incident was reported to the Columbus Police Department, but Mr. Zamir feels like “no one cared”. As a Commissioner, I offered to pass the information onto the Area Commission because the incident should be investigated further.

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- Aware of an increase in gun violence, the CARE Coalition will be hosting “Rides for Resilience” starting Monday. She plans to attend every event and will send out an invitation for area commissioners to participate during the four weeks.
- Also participating in the “Stop The Violence” marches held weekly on Monday in the Cleveland Avenue plaza located between 24th and 25th avenues. She met Mr. Stuart Hampton, who organizes the march.

Special Events Committee and District 4 Report—Commissioner Ashe provided the following:

- The District 4 newsletter is scheduled for delivery on September 25th and 26th. Approximately 400 households will receive a door hanger that shares information about community resources. Commissioner Ashe may be contacted via eMail k.lanai@hotmail.com for more details.

Education and Workforce Development Committee and District 3 Report—Chair Calloway provided the following:

- He attends LMSA Site Base Council, Linden Concerned Clergy Group, and meets with influential people where there is considerable discussion around violence and gang activity about what we can do to combat the increase in youth violence. We are trying to find initiatives that provide incentives for positive behaviors and give an alternative to what is occurring; the COVID-19 pandemic has caused a lot of issues and to be honest, children are just bored too because they don't have the same outlets in the venues they once had with access to recreation centers; and just being able to go places and do things. With the summer winding down—Indian Summer is coming and things will happen. So, we're really looking forward to working on these initiatives.
- It is important now that we prepare for the future 2021. Much of this is going to remain; we need to be looking at prevention strategies, working with the youth to produce a screening survey and not just to young people; but also the community.
- We would be working with the schools and the community leaders to get a pulse on what's happening and perhaps conduct a focus group. We are working on these initiatives now at the ground level; but trying to tie in some of these other avenues we have also with retail and small business, special events and zoning, etc.
- Trying to get our young people engaged in community activities to help us out. Again, it's not an actual job or career development, but we are also looking for opportunities for young people to earn stipends and/or to get community service hours towards graduation.

Commissioner Williams added the Douglas Recreation Center is open specifically as a “Learning Extension Center” (LEC) and recommended Commissioner Calloway to contact the Center Manager Manny Clark. Trying to bring his report to closure, Chair Calloway indicated further that several churches were working together to identify any other facilities or businesses that would be able to open to assist in this capacity because it is a challenge.

Finally, responding to Commissioner Ashe's inquiry, Chair Calloway stated he was familiar with “Think, Make, Live” and aware of the organization's work. He stated that the committee would be undergoing a dynamic change with the addition of LMSA Principal Bland and other LMSA staff joining the committee, it is anticipated transparency should improve. The committee would be putting forth a more concerted effort toward bringing some long overdue specific needs to fruition.

PUBLIC CONCERNS & COMMENTS

- Earlier in the meeting, Commissioner Makinde shared some concerns on behalf of District 9 residents to which Chair Calloway called for a ‘point of order’ stating the following concerns should be noted under Committee and District Reports; thus those concerns are included herein.
 - ✓ a District 9 resident's concern about not being able to find Meeting Minutes posted online
 - ✓ a District 9 resident of 70 years in Linden who has repeatedly reported issues of high grass that is yet to be resolved

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- ✓ a District 9 resident reported sidewalk crack to 311; however, for lack of time during the August meeting, he was unable to address the resident's concern
- ✓ Many residents complain and want to know what is going on ...
- Commissioner Williams interjected how Commissioners can be supportive of residents. It has been her experience, by making the 311 call as a commissioner on behalf of the resident, seems to increase the likelihood of prompt service responses. Community Liaison Ms. Scales added when 311 requests are submitted, the call is tracked and a number is provided to the resident. Ms. Scales offered to research the request and provide exact tracking progress to Commissioner Makinde offline. Ms. Scales also shared that the City Customer Service 3-1-1 Call Center will be relocating into the Linden community.
- Habitat for Humanity—MidOhio, Ms. Lydia Prenger came before the Area Commission to request a "Letter of Support" for plans to recycle property known as 2355 Atwood Terrace. Ms. Prenger shared that the property was returned to Habitat and will be renovated to accommodate another Habitat family. The Chair conferred with the Zoning Chair who agreed the matter could be reviewed at an upcoming Zoning and Code Enforcement Committee meeting scheduled for 3:30pm on Wednesday, Saturday, 23rd.

It is additionally noted herein, the Franklin County Clerk of Courts was unable to join the meeting due to technical difficulties.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- NSMBC is hosting a combination drive for Food, 2020 Census, and Voter Registration on Saturday, September 19th
- Would welcome hosting an event in Linden relevant to "Voting". It was recommended to contact former representative Mr. Larry Price.
- The Dream Center is working to put learning extension centers together. Any organization interested should contact St. Stephen's Community House for the template.
- City Council recently passed Ordinance # allowing residents to sell produce.
- Habitat held a "wall raising" celebration for the future home of Amber Broadus on Saturday, September 12th. Ms. Scales attended and thought the event impressive. Ms. Lydia indicated that the Area Commission can anticipate receiving an invitation to the "housewarming celebration" when construction is completed.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no other business introduced for discussion, Commissioner Jamison moved, with a second by Commissioner Williams for adjournment. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the **South Linden Area Commission will convene promptly at 6:00pm on Tuesday, October 20, 2020.**

Respectfully Submitted,

PEGGY A. WILLIAMS, Secretary
South Linden Area Commission

LAWRENCE CALLOWAY, Chair
South Linden Area Commission