

Below are notes from our **Livingston Avenue Area Commission** meeting

Date: December 15, 2020

Location: Virtual

Commissioners in attendance: Andrew Verhage, Danielle Dillard, David Gray, Jennifer Thomas, Kurt Hummel and Michael Herman

Commissioners absent: Josephine Copeland and Nina Craddolph

Guests: None

MINUTES

- 1. Secretary Report/Commissioner Thomas**
 - a. November meeting minutes approved
 - b. LAVA-C website available <https://cbusareacommissions.org/livingston-avenue/> Commissioners are invited to provide recommendations for content to Commissioner Thomas (current administrator).

- 2. Treasurer Report/Commissioner Herman**
 - a. Account Balance is \$3800

- 3. Zoning East/Commissioner Thomas**
 - a. Application BZA20-106 for 926-928 E Livingston Ave; presented by Brandon Shook and Kevin Mahlum applicant/owner. Approved

- 4. Zoning West/Commissioner Dillard**
 - a. Demolition Request on Fairwood Ave pushed to January meeting. Commissioner Herman confirmed via Google that a large tree limb damaged the garage.

- 5. Economic Development/Commissioner Gray**
 - a. Report Attached
 - b. Jesus will follow up on 311 submissions if Commissioner Gray will provide the confirmation #s

- 6. Election Committee/Commissioner Thomas**
 - Thanks to Commissioners Verhage and Hummel for working on the Election Committee.
 - Will London elected Commissioner. Bio: moved to Livingston Park (22nd Street) in June 2019, Former Commissioner Jeremy Wachtel recommended involvement in LAVA-C, has local government experience.
 - Commissioner Herman re-elected
 - Commissioner Craddolph re-elected
 - One open Commissioner position unfilled
 - Next Steps: Jesus confirmed the required 30 day gap between candidate approval and swearing in at next meeting. Forms will need to be approved by Commissioner Herman, LAVA-C President. No contested seats, no election required. Commissioner Thomas will email candidate forms to Jesus.

- 7. Government & Legislation/Commissioner Gray**
 - Commissioner Elect London orientation to be completed, Commissioner Herman will assist.

- 8. Area Commission Technology Enhancement Program/Commissioner Herman**
 - submitted our request for our equipment from this program (see attachment).

- 9. Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund/Commissioner Herman**
 - The UIRF Committee will meet with Patrick Holland and the UIRF staff to confirm the current remaining amount in the LAVA-C UIRF budget and discuss other possible projects that could receive UIRF funding. The Committee will also meet with the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department to discuss the rejection of the Old Oaks Park electrical service UIRF proposal.

- 10. New Business**
 - Commissioner Thomas asked about reporting traffic issue between Parsons and Grant. Turn arrows painted in error. Commissioner Gray recommended contacting 311.

- Commissioner Thomas proposed moving in-person meetings (expected to resume mid-2021) move from St. Johns to the Driving Park Library which is centrally located, tech enabled and accessible. Some initial concerns: closing time of 8:00pm and ability to schedule recurring meetings. Continue discussion at January meeting.

11. Department of Neighborhoods/Jesus Ovalle

- Per Governor DeWine, Virtual Meetings expected to continue until June/July 2021
- Department of Neighborhoods Comprehensive Safety Strategy- leaflet drop to encourage alley clean up. Driving Park completed in October.