

Livingston Avenue Area Commission

April 2021 Meeting Minutes

Commissioners In Attendance:

Gray, Dillard, Hummel, Herman, Thomas, VerHage and London
Craddolph joined at 7:25pm

Guest Speaker:

Judge Stephanie Mingo, Franklin County Environmental Court Baliff Kellie Carson

Will provide an overview of the work of Environmental Court. Think of it as “nuisance property court”. Environmental Court handles three types of issues. Civil Cases = properties that are a nuisance, Criminal= crimes at a property, and all Animal Abuse/Neglect/Bite cases. Cases filed in 2020: 47 in zip code 43205, 27 in 43206 and 21 in 43209. Judge Mingo provided numerous examples of cases handled by Environmental Court and how they intersect with other courts. Judge Mingo thanked the neighborhood for reporting issues.

Commissioner Gray asked about a specific property and the approximately 5 years spent reporting issues. What could the neighborhood have done differently? Judge Mingo confirmed that working with Heidi Carr and Steve Dunbar were the correct resources. Judge Mingo shared some details about why the process can take years and the activity that takes place outside the courts.

Commissioner Herman commented. Judge Mingo responded and encouraged residents to become involved at hearings.

Commissioner Verhage asked how COVID-19 pandemic has impacted court proceedings. Judge Mingo responded on code enforcement, civil in person docket with safety measures, virtual and in-person, contractor availability, etc.

Molly Hogue, resident, asked if there is a website to check on the status of a specific property. Judge Mingo responded that it is the Franklin County Municipal Clerk of Courts Office. FCMCClerk.com

Jennifer Jordan, resident, thanked Judge Mingo.

Mashelle, resident, thanked Judge Mingo.

Heidy Carr, Prosecutor, mentioned that she practices in front of Judge Mingo and commended her work as a judge. Commented on the property asked about by Commissioner Gray.

Secretary Report

Commissioner Thomas motion to approve March meeting minutes, distributed on 3/23. Commissioner Herman 2nd, March meeting minutes approved 7/0/0, posted to website.

Treasurer Report

No treasurer report submitted for March.

Committee Reports

Zoning East - Commissioner Dillard

none

Zoning West- Commissioner Thomas

none

Government - Commissioner Herman

No updates. Reminder that the LAVAC bylaws are posted on the website.

Economic Development - Commissioner Gray

Livingston/Parson Southern Orchards area developer.

Motion to have Commissioner London to be chair of AdHoc committee to submit 2021 capital budget recommendations. Commissioner Herman 2nd. Approved 7/0/0

Stanley Gates requested recommendations by 17th, will need extra time to respond.

Commissioner London initial idea is related to reducing speeding.

History/Community Relations - Commissioner VerHage

None

Urban Forestry - Commissioner Dillard

Commissioner Gray read chat post from Commissioner Dillard

“Public Comment ended on March 31st. Rosalie Hendon will speak at May meeting.”

UIRF - Commissioner Hummel

No update. Waiting on requested information on history, summary of projects and remaining funds. Commissioner Gray asked for ETA? Commissioner Hummel no ETA.

Blueprint Columbus - Commissioner Herman

Open Issues:

#1 Old Oaks Sump Pumps drain pipes. Commissioner Herman

#2 Driving Park Rec Center retention ponds. Stacy Green is on point.

Comment on Capital Budget and Blueprint funding.

Old Business

None

New Business:

None

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Public Comments/Announcements

Molly Hogue, resident, emailed with Leslie at Blueprint Columbus regarding approval from HRC of Sump Pump install with grates. Comment on Basement Doctor process. Risk associated with icing in winter and water pooling/mosquitos in summer. Molly asked a question about 311 inquiry regarding street sweeping schedule and being able to get a specific date so neighbors can move cars. Jesus will follow-up with department of public service if Molly will send an email with details about request.

Jennifer Jordan, Gertrude Wood Community Foundation, introduced herself as new executive director. jennifer@gwoodfoundation.com. Cell 614-376-9380

Heidy Carr, City Attorney's Office, updated on Safe Streets Initiative in Zone 5. columbus.gov/neighborhoodsafety

Recording link: <https://cocmeetings.webex.com/cocmeetings/lsr.php?RCID=44a14214d7784058af82bbf890184f9d>