

Livingston Avenue Area Commission

March 2021 Meeting Minutes

Commissioners In Attendance:

Gray, Dillard, Craddolph, Hummel, Herman, Thomas, VerHage and London

Guest Speaker:

Leslie Westerfelt (LW), Blueprint Columbus

Review/Update on Blueprint Columbus specific to Miller Kelton and Driving Park. The Four Pillars of Blueprint Columbus: Green Infrastructure (Rain Gardens and Permeable Pavers), Sump Pumps, Lateral Lining and Downspouts.

More information here <https://www.columbus.gov/utilities/projects/blueprint/>

Commissioner Gray inquired if pavers will expand to additional streets since original scope has been reduced with elimination of Bedford. LW response was 'probably not' but will confirm.

Commissioner Herman shared concerns from Driving Park and Hanford Village regarding proposed Driving Park Rec Center Rain Garden. LW response 'look forward to receiving and reviewing United Columbus feedback'

Commissioner Hummel asked about impact to mosquito population with installation of rain gardens. LW response 'rain gardens are designed to drain quickly and not hold water so will not attract mosquitos'

Commissioner London asked about pavers on partial streets (single block of street versus entire street) LW response 'certain amount of water that needs to be captured in a certain area balanced against cost to achieve core objectives'

Commissioner VerHage asked if home with currently non-working sump pumps are eligible for free sump pump through Blueprint LW response 'they are not, the focus of these public dollars is on homes with no current sump pumps installed'

Commissioner Verhage asked about litter removal/maintenance of rain gardens. LW response 'monthly maintenance is the standard, but there is opportunity to monitor/reevaluate areas that need more frequent attention'

Public Comment

Molly Hogue asked for clarification on streets to receive pavers. LW response 'there is an updated slide not in the presentation'

Molly Hogue asked where are budget \$ being re-allocated when planned streets are eliminated from receiving permeable pavers. Specifically, where Blueprint Columbus work would have included improvement to sidewalks in need of repair. LW response 'will take the question and follow-up'.

Commissioner Gray thanked Leslie for attending, presenting and taking questions.

Secretary Report

Commissioner Thomas motion to approve February meeting minutes, Commissioner Gray 2nd, February meeting minutes approved 8/0/0, posted to website.

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Request through LAVAC website from Judge Stephanie Mingo, Environmental Court, to attend future meeting. Commissioner Thomas will invite Judge Mingo to April meeting.

Treasurer Report

Commissioner Craddolph provided bank statements to Commissioner Thomas.
Balance of \$3800

Committee Reports

Urban Forestry - Commissioner Dillard

Reached out regarding beautification along Livingston will update at next meeting.

Government - Commissioner Herman

Waiting for the Driving Park Library to fully re-open as possible site of future in-person LAVAC meetings. Commissioner Gray - consider Driving Park Rec Center as an option if the Driving Park Library does not work out.

Economic Development - Commissioner Gray

A meeting is being set up with Councilman Remy's Office to discuss development and crime issues along the Livingston Ave Corridor.

Follow up from last meeting:

Follow up with Jesús about 311 code violations on Livingston Ave.

Graffiti is still on the buildings that were reported a year ago

734 Wilson Ave is still unsecured and has been for over a year.

History/Community Relations - Commissioner VerHage

The Defense Supply Center Columbus Office of Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity and the African American Employment Program commemorated Black History Month with a two-part series recognizing Hanford Village. This year's national theme is "The Black Family: Representation, Identity, Diversity."

The first part focuses on the representation of the Black Family in Hanford Village and the impact of zoning on the community. The second part focuses on the identity and diversity within the black families in Hanford Village. Both parts address the impact of the construction of Interstate 70.

First part:

<https://www.dla.mil/AboutDLA/News/NewsArticleView/Article/2500389/african-american-history-month-highlights-hanford-village-as-hidden-gem/>

Second part:

<https://www.dla.mil/AboutDLA/News/NewsArticleView/Article/2517639/african-american-history-month-culminates-with-hanford-village-as-hidden-gem-pa/>

Commissioner Thomas will create website post and Commissioner VerHage will review

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UIRF - Commissioner Hummel

Committee met with UIRF city representatives for update on project status Settled dispute regarding go-forward status of a project regarding electrification of the Old Oaks gazebo. Confirmation this project will proceed . Build schedule and plans TBD. Continuing to work with UIRF for more detail about what will be accomplished specifically within the Livingston Ave traffic study

Presidents Update - Commissioner Gray

Areas of Focus: Reducing Crime, Business Development, Blueprint Columbus, Understanding UIRF process. Do we need adHoc committees with separate meetings to work on these topics? Agreement from commissioners. Commissioner Gray will follow-up. Reminder to send committee reports to Secretary in advance of meetings.

Public Comments/Announcements

Heidy Carr, City Attorney's Office, reviewed City Council's Demand Reduction initiative. News release [here](#)

Curtis Brown, Department of Neighborhoods, reviewed Comprehensive Neighborhood Safety Strategy. More info [here](#). Contact Curtis Brown, Neighborhood Program Specialist at CEBrown@columbus.gov or (614) 645-5449.

Mashelle Gladney, Gertrude Wood Community Foundation, shared updates on construction of new homes in partnership with Columbus Land Bank. More information on their website or at mashelle@gwoodfoundation.com or 614-930-3102 (cell) or 614-252-7456 (office)

Stanley Gates, Director Columbus City Council Division of Community Engagement, shared three updates: Tech Upgrade, Legislation regarding short term and AirBnB rentals. Public hearing on crime. For more information contact segates@columbus.gov or (614) 645-3566

Terry Kalous, Columbus Police Department CLO, shared a reminder that she works with Environmental Court and City Prosecutors office. Contact info is cell: 614-806-2541 or email TKalous@columbuspolice.org

Jesus Ovalle, Neighborhood Liaison, reminded us that expenses must be submitted before April 30.

Recording link: <https://cocmeetings.webex.com/cocmeetings/lsr.php?RCID=75835999f10b4bdf89658b304456c001>