

# Livingston Avenue Area Commission

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## May 2021 Meeting Minutes

### **Commissioners In Attendance:**

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

### **Guest Speaker:**

#### **Rosalie Hendon, Project Manager Columbus Urban Forestry Master Plan**

<https://www.columbusufmp.org/>

Plan includes all trees in Columbus, both public and private. Analysis based on social equity based on 9 factors to create an index. Neighborhoods range from 9% (downtown) to 41% (Clintonville) tree canopy coverage. Average is 22%. LAVAC rates 3.3 on a scale of 4 and has 22% tree canopy coverage. Goal is 40% tree canopy coverage.

**Q Dillard:** when will we know the City's plans for public trees in our area?

**A Hendon:** based on obtaining an updated inventory and available space in LAVAC.

**Q Herman:** strategy for proactive pruning? Especially those that are impacting utilities.

**A Hendon:** right now, pruning at 3 years unless there is a specific issue/request (311). Ideally pruning would be proactive throughout the life of the tree. Resource question as inventory is updated.

**Q VerHage:** resources for private tree pruning and maintenance?

**A Hendon:** code enforcement has an arborist on staff and exploring grant for low income residents

#### **Rosalie Hendon, Columbus Park and Recreation Aquatics Program update**

[www.columbusaquatics.org](http://www.columbusaquatics.org) and Kathy Spatz at [kaspatz@columbus.gov](mailto:kaspatz@columbus.gov)

### **Secretary Report**

Commissioner Thomas motion to approve April meeting minutes, distributed on 5/5.

Commissioner Gray 2nd, no objections. April meeting minutes approved 7/0/0, posted to website.

### **Treasurer Report**

Bank statement emailed to Commissioners Thomas and Gray on 5/17. Balance is \$3800. Commissioner Thomas and Herman to collaborate on MOA requested by David Hooie due by June 30th.

**Committee Reports**

**Zoning East - Commissioner Dillard**

Jordan Henderson, Nationwide Children's Hospital Healthy Homes  
1915 Gault Street proposed rental unit  
Board of Zoning Application to approve parking on west side of property.  
Commissioner Gray advised Hanford Village approved.  
Commissioner Gray motion to approve, Commissioner Herman 2nd. Approved 7/0/0

**Zoning West- Commissioner Thomas**

none

**Blueprint Columbus - Commissioner Herman**

Extensive notes from May Old Oaks Civic Association meeting, minutes available upon request. Residents meeting at Driving Park Recreation Center regarding location and size of rain garden, integration with memorial, finalize plan within the month. Contact Stacey Green with United Columbus [unitedcol.com](http://unitedcol.com) [unitedcolumbus@gmail.com](mailto:unitedcolumbus@gmail.com) 614.344.6160 regarding Driving Park or Commissioners Herman or Thomas for OOCA.

**Capitol Budget Ad Hoc - Commissioner London**

Submitted to Stanley Gates/Elizabeth Brown

**Government - Commissioner Herman**

None

**Economic Development - Commissioner Gray**

None

**History/Community Relations - Commissioner VerHage**

None

**Urban Forestry - Commissioner Dillard**

See above

**UIRF - Commissioner Hummel**

None

**Public Comments/Announcements**

**Heidy Carr, Columbus City Attorneys Office:** Steve Dunbar email to Commissioner Gray- Linwood property sold.

New CPD Re-route program for juveniles. Intervention before enforcement. Heidy is contact.

**Molly Call**, resident Kelton Ave. Works at Columbus Public Health. Commissioner Gray will connect with Molly about neighbor concerns.

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

**Jesus Ovalle, Department of Neighborhoods**

Pools open, waived admission fee, register online to visit pools

Virtual Community Town Hall 5/19 regarding selection of new CPD Chief

Good Neighbor Agreements - Area Commissions cannot enter into GNAs.

Recording link: <https://cocmeetings.webex.com/cocmeetings/lr.php?RCID=18d4460e50434d68afb5910a19a23de6>