

Near East Area Commission

March 2022 General Business Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 10, 2022

Near East Pride Center– 1393 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43203

6:30 PM

- A. Call to Order & Prayer - 6:35 Hutchison, Russell, approved 13, 0, 0
- B. Roll Call, Commissioners and Community Representatives.
 - a. Present - Berry, Blevins, Boykin, Curry-Da-Souza, Dolan, Duckett, Goldsmith, Hutchison, Lowenstein, Owens, Recchie, Ross-Womack, Russell (departed 8:20)
 - b. Absent - Musa, Zellers
- C. Minutes – February Meeting provide minutes for the next meeting
- D. Standing Committee Report
 - a. Planning – Commissioner Boykin
 - i. Future Agenda Item(s) – Meeting, March 17, 2022
 - 1. TBA
 - ii. Committee Report
 - 1. Nelson Park apartment’s renovation. 177 units of family and senior housing; modernize the property, etc. Site plan to reduce overall density, etc. New community center for adults and children; reduce high vacancy rate; create a new identity for the site – more family friendly site. Committee comments: Security for the property: curb cuts, enhance security cameras, remove trees, effort to engage off-duty police, site lighting, traffic flow (curb cuts) – engage with Eastgate civic association. Motion approved unanimously.
 - a. 30 % AMI
 - b. Buildings demolished including community center
 - c. New community center
 - d. ADA units
 - e. Eastgate meetings – curb cut to Nelson not eliminated, discuss with city traffic
 - f. Some new ownership partnered with old owners
 - g. Improve traffic patterns eliminating 5 curb cuts
 - h. Improve security
 - i. Convert townhome units to ADA
 - j. Improved lighting
 - k. Increase unit sizes and reduce 48 units down to 45.
 - l. Woodland – sound barrier wall

m. Goldsmith, Dolan, Approved 12, 1, 0 stipulation to have traffic study and eliminate Nelson curb cut

2. 1140 Oak Street. 2 – Story building with 8 units; increasing space/leased apartments. Motion fails for lack of a majority vote.
3. 980 -982 East Fulton. Single family, 2-story, land bank property. Motion passes with a majority plus.
4. 245 North Monroe (Brian and Shaun Knoppe); 2500 SF with basement/4 lots; houses 10 feet apart, detached garages, 2 bdrs, for sale. Motion passes with a majority plus vote.
5. 163 North 22nd Street (Mr. Levi). Single family to build with carriage house; hardy board materials. Approval vote unanimous.
6. 986 East Fulton (Johnson)/ land bank property. Build a brick house (manufactured stone) which will be for sale. 2 car garage on alley – will rotate. Fencing will cover the entire property at front porch. Approval vote unanimous.
 - a. 3 bdrm
 - b. Basement
 - c. East property only
 - d. Land bank property to purchase
 - e. Curry Da Souza, Blevins, Approved 13, 0, 0
7. 421 South 22nd (Dave Perry) A 2 1/2 story building with carriage house. Built for client’s parents. Motion passes with a majority plus vote.
8. 1126 Bryden Road. Owner proposes to use this duplex as offices. Motion passes.
9. Long and Miami – land bank property. Construct a single-family home, 1500 SF, with basement for sale. Hardy plank siding. Motion passes unanimously.
 - a. 1000 E Long
 - b. Land Bank wouldn’t sell but now will, need to build something, no garden
 - c. No variances
 - d. 2000 sq ft
 - e. Landscape plan to planning, improve corner w/o creating vision triangle issues
 - f. Duckett, Blevins, Approved 13, 0, 0

10. Planning Minutes - Dolan, Goldsmith, Approved 13, 0, 0

E. Zoning – Commissioner Ross-Womack

a. Future Agenda Item(s) – Meeting, March 15, 2022

i. For properties:

1. 980-982 E. Fulton
2. 245 North Monroe
3. 163 North 22nd
4. 1126 Bryden
5. 421 South 22nd

- 6. Long and Miami – no variance needed
 - 7. 930 Franklin
 - ii. Demolitions:
 - 1. 200 North 21st
 - 2. 1212 Hildreth
 - 3. 436 Garfield
 - iii. 1140 Oak coming back to planning
 - b. Committee Report – no meeting
- F. Special Committee Reports
 - a. Community Engagement – Commissioner Russell
 - i. Moving to become an official committee. Currently an ad hoc committee. Incentive to have more committed people engaging with the community through a dedicated number of commissioners present. approved.
 - 1. Recchie, Hutchison, Approved 11, 0, 2
 - b. Bylaws – Commissioner Goldsmith
 - i. Presented draft updates to bylaws
 - ii. Mission statement added
 - iii. At Large descriptions
 - iv. Distribution of terms
 - v. One district meeting w/ CEC sufficing – event, not meeting, clarify, either 2 with CEC or no CEC substitution, clarify minimum district meetings, Owen 2 meetings
 - vi. Agenda update
 - vii. Committee distribution of commissioners
 - viii. CEC standing committee
 - ix. Special committee bylaws
 - x. Elections at large clarification
 - xi. Campaign protocol update
 - xii. Come prepared for vote
 - c. Executive – Chair Curry-Da-Souza
 - i. Executive Committee minutes Boykin, Lowenstein Approved 12, 0, 1
- G. Announcements and Public Comments
 - a. From Commissioners and Community Engagement Meeting
 - i. City of Columbus 311 and Street Sweeping Updates – Commissioner Berry
 - 1. New App will be available, website update April, eliminating street sweep schedule and tow, notifications from 311, Lowenstein street sweeping inadequate and city out of compliance issues with ADA ramps and mud, use 311 for specific circumstances, can a schedule be identified for NEAC communication, don't think so (Berry). Ask councilwoman Barroso De Padilla in April. Obtain materials. Can invite for April. Weingart, Woodland Park had schedule issues in the past and notifications haven't worked.
 - ii. Adelphi Bank – Commissioner Russell
 - 1. Proposed black owned bank
 - 2. Cater to small business and neighborhood

- 3. CEC provided the ability to ask questions that should allow neighbors to hold them accountable
 - iii. Healthy Community Center @ old MLK Library – Commissioner Russell
 - 1. Pact and OSU, health and wellness, community needs a grocery store somewhere, pantry needs are already met, market or small grocery, update plan per discussion, present to NEAC at some point?, March 30 next meeting
 - b. Other
- H. Speakers
 - a. Frank Golden, Police Liaison, 7th Precinct
 - i. Milo Grogan and North Central, north of broad
 - ii. 1 ½ years as liaison
 - iii. Life long resident, air force
 - iv. Police restructuring, patrol division, 6 zones, add 4-6 precincts 24-26 total, will have 3 liasons, east west divided at champion, blue shirts, name on pocket, ball cap, white ceremonial only, embroidered badge, invite to come to meetings more often, provide safety reports and recommendation, dialogue with police, NEAC facilitate, crime trends, security assessments for business, rec centers, community policing on bikes, fgolden@columbuspolice.org 614-645-1047, other liaison Kalous 614-645-1412, ckalous@columbuspolice.org.
 - b. April meeting – Councilmember Barroso de Padilla
 - i. Councilmember Bankston, Poindexter, butcher at Brown’s IGA, OSU grad, goal to visit every area commission, introduce team, community action, former Franklinton commission member, Whitney, Northeast side now, Near East side growth – strength and pain, we decide together what city will be built, will be back, chair economic development, technology, small and minority business, JB Dorval, JBDorval@columbus.gov, Kevin Jones keljones@columbus.gov Berry - new zoning process, old code racial, discriminatory, correct current zoning code was written only a short time after red lining was stopped, land use policy, growth, Would like to discuss and align on our vision for Near East Side
- I. President’s Report – Chair Curry Da-Souza
 - a. Executive mtg first Tuesday of every month through August
 - b. Think about where best to serve on committees
 - c. Help Community members with interest
- J. Treasurer’s Report - Commissioner Lowenstein
 - a. \$300 balance
 - b. April 30 fiscal year ends, report to city, must use or loose, nameplates or badges spend
 - c. \$2500 a year
 - d. Weingart – recommended development tour, CEC facilitate
- K. Old Business
- L. New Business
 - a. Email signatures – Commissioner Hutchison
 - i. NEAC emails
 - ii. Using personal emails

- iii. Already manage multiple emails
 - iv. Bring feedback to April executive meeting
 - b. Desktop nameplates or on person name tags – Commissioner Owens
 - i. \$10 per nametag
 - ii. Mockup NEAC seal, quote,
 - iii. T shirt for community events?
 - c. Recchie – Broad Street Presbyterian, neighborhood services engagement March 16 6-8 pm, district 1 residents, dinner, flyer, map, longer than 2 years, other dates for other groups, materials provided for website
 - d. Ovale, March 31 liason steering committee, one volunteer, Commissioner Ross-Womack
 - e. Ovale State of the City March 15 online
 - f. Ovale, are we getting emails?
- M. Adjournment – 8:30 Approved 12, 0, 0