



# CITY OF CROSSGATE

PO Box 6423 Louisville, KY 40206

## Meeting Minutes City of Crossgate

VIRTUAL: via zoom meeting room  
Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

1. **Opening Ceremonies: Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Roll call conducted by Recorder at 7:01 p.m.**

Commissioners Present:

- ✓ Mayor Kirk Hilbrecht
- ✓ Commissioner Megan Dohn
- ✓ Commissioner Tom Elmes
- ✓ Commissioner Jamie Gerrish
- ✓ Commissioner Chas Krish

Quorum present: ✓ Yes / \_\_\_ No

Mayor Hilbrecht called the City Commission Meeting to order at: 7:01 p.m.

Others Present:

- ✓ Treasurer Joanie Allgeier
- ✓ Residents/Guests

3. **Approval of the Crossgate Commission Meeting Minutes March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

Comments: No comment

Motion introduced by                      Commissioner Gerrish  
 Second by                                      Commissioner Krish

Discussion: No discussion

Yes Vote	No Vote	Commissioner
✓		Mayor Hilbrecht
✓		Dohn
✓		Elmes
✓		Gerrish
✓		Krish

All in favor:                    ✓ Yes / \_\_\_ No  
Minutes approved:           ✓ Yes / \_\_\_ No

**4. Old Business**

- A. Commissioner and Committee Reports
  - i. Treasurer’s Report –***Ms. Joanie Allgeier***

**SUBMISSION TREASURER’S REPORT**

Comments: Review of monthly activity and clarification on specific charges such as website.

Motion introduced by            Commissioner Gerrish  
Second by                        Commissioner Dohn

Discussion: No discussion

Yes Vote	No Vote	Commissioner
✓		Mayor Hilbrecht
✓		Dohn
✓		Elmes
✓		Gerrish
✓		Krish

All in favor:                    ✓ Yes / \_\_\_ No  
Motion approved:           ✓ Yes / \_\_\_ No

- ii. Commissioner’s report – ***Commissioner Elmes***  
***Street Parking Task Force – w/Bob Elliott***

**Other Committees:** Neighborhood Welcome, Road Signs and Neighborhood Directory Committees

Comments:  
- Nothing new to report.

- iii. Commissioner’s report — ***Commissioner Dohn***  
***Good Neighborhood Task Force – w/Bev Meyer and Irene Yeager***

**Other Committees:** Neighborhood Activities, Communications and Neighborhood Online Channels Committees (website, social channels)

Comments:

- The newsletter is out.
- Easter Bunny came to visit.
- Will be starting on the next newsletter. Will be sending an email to Commissioners for any items to include.

iv. Commissioner's report – ***Commissioner Gerrish  
Road Safety/Speeding Task Force -w/J. Hicks***

**Other Committees:** Contracts, Neighborhood Storage and Road Services Committees

Comments:

- Putting together the scope of work to be involved to get quotes.

v. Commissioner's report – ***Commissioner Krish  
Short Term/Temporary Rental Policies Task Force- w/Frank Feger***

**Other Committees:** Ordinance Review Committee

Comments:

- No current developments on KABA property.
  - o Mayor: I thought we had seen patio home designs for that property. That's not related to Providence Point, correct?
  - o Krish: Correct. Providence Point is putting a lot of restrictions on the KABA property side and so no one is currently purchasing the KABA property.
  - o Mayor: so we have four properties in play around us – the VA, Artis, the Stallings property (Providence Point), KABA
- Providence Point: the public meeting was held and heard it was not overly productive so there will be a follow-up meeting in which we can still submit letters of complaint. One meeting is on the 15<sup>th</sup> for the Commissioners to wrap-up their portion on the hearing, and the other on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April to discuss the variances of the project. No idea if complaints can stop development. I can find the information and share that with you.
- AT&T Fiber: installation going fairly smoothly. If anyone has any issues they can contact me.
  - o Mayor: I had no idea what to really expect and was surprised with all the trucks around, but also pleased that it seems to be going smooth and things put back in place with straw down. To confirm, we are going to be getting monthly payments for the leasing?
  - o Krish: still not 100% sure how that is going to work. I will get that cleared up and information sent over.

B. Mayor's Report – ***Mayor Hilbrecht  
Neighborhood Walk/ 'Good Will Patrol' Task Force – w/R. Sweeney***

Comments:

- Artis: been talking with Attorney Singler to work on more legal terms on the binding elements that allowed them to purchase the property which includes them paying for

- taxes. The problem is they didn't develop it. They haven't responded to me, so we've had Singler do the reach-outs.
- Discussion on doing a tax lien to be more aggressive.
  - A tax lien would presume we have control of the property. The PVA handles that.
  - What we do have to work with to address it is the written Agreement.
  - Mayor will talk with Singler about what filing a suit against Artis would look like and cost the City.
- VA: The Judge has sided in favor of the VA and basically described there's no need for any other Judgement to be made whether they violated their own laws. Our contention was that was wrong, and the Judge disagreed. We do have the opportunity to appeal. We do not know what that process looks like or how much it would cost after an initial \$300 to file the Appeal. Is that something we want to entertain or not?
    - Commission agrees to not file an Appeal
  - We do have an opportunity to fight in a Public Relations way, as well as individual residents have the opportunity to file a suit against the VA directly.
  - If anyone is contacted by someone who says they are a contractor working with the VA wanting to purchase property, they need to notify us immediately.
  - Once it's known that we are no longer in a lawsuit with them, it may allow us the opportunity to actually talk with the VA to address those original concerns about how the build would be affecting houses in Crossgate.

## 5. 2021-2022 Budget Discussion and Approval Schedule

### Comments:

- (Mayor) Our first reading has to be May. Do we see any variances of line items to drop or increase? We can either talk about it now, or May to adjust numbers.
- (Joanie) Everyone needs to send their numbers to me to plug into the budget. Do we know, for example, if road expenses will go up, activities, website, etc.? Whatever area a Commissioner is in charge of, do the research and submit to me before the May meeting.
- (Mayor) Can we all commit to getting that to Joanie a week before the May meeting?
- (Dohn) Will we meet in person at the church and need that charge? (Mayor) We should be able to move to in-person meetings this year, so let's keep it in.
- (Elmes) Can we move it to within two weeks to give more review time? (everyone committed to get their information to Treasurer)
- (Elmes) what is the general consensus from the Commission on the next tax period for the residents? Are we going to go for a tax increase or are we going to revert back to the .225? My suggestion is to go back to the .225 and reduce expenses.
  - (Gerrish) It's important for us to do a working session to show what we did to come to the reasoning of doing a tax increase. We don't have the Artis money and that is a consideration.
- (Elmes) suggests cutting pay of Commissioners, Treasurer, and Clerk, and reduce the expenses to get it under control before raising taxes.
  - Discussion ensued regarding statements and the approach of conversation regarding the previous decisions made by the Commission.
- (Mayor) Since we decided not to resurface roads last year, is there enough funds to do that

this year? (Gerrish) We should have enough to do sealing and will add that to my budget work.

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## 6. New Business

Comments:

- (Gerrish) Need to report a light bulb that is not lit in Grantham Court. (Mayor) Will send this request to Commissioner Elmes.
  - o (Marsha) Larry said any resident could call it in to LG&E.

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## 5. Open Forum.

*NOTE: Neighbors/Guests wishing to speak at the meeting must sign in at the beginning of the meeting. Neighbors/Guests will be limited to approximately 5 minutes of meeting time.*

Comments:

- (Marsha Hicks) We attended and submitted questions for the Providence Point meeting. The meeting dragged on and it was last on the docket. My understanding the meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> won't take any more comments, only there to vote on it. Commissioners there did question the traffic. The variances would be 3- and 4-story buildings in the back of the property. I'm planning to object again. They already have the zoning, but the variances have not been approved. The traffic person said they did take the VA build into account.
- (John Hicks) a friend that attends Thomas Jefferson Church mentioned they have sent a letter of Agreement to Providence Point that may include a gate between the properties.
- (Marsha) Terribly disappointed in the Judges decision. Would be interested in hearing more about a class action suit. There are companies that do surveys prior to any blasting before builds, maybe we can hire to show if we have damage.
  - o (Krish) It would be the Army Corps of Engineers that administer that portion of the contract.

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## 7. Announcements

Comments: No announcements

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## 8. Adjournment

Comments: No comments

Motion introduced by Commissioner Gerrish  
Second by Commissioner Dohn

Discussion: NONE

Yes Vote	No Vote	Commissioner
✓		Mayor Hilbrecht
✓		Dohn
		Elmes
✓		Gerrish
✓		Krish

All in favor: ✓ Yes / \_\_No  
Meeting adjourned at: 8:47 p.m.

9. Next meeting – May 10, 2021, 7:00p.