



WAVERLY TERRACE HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
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9/12/2019, 12:00PM at the Waverly Terrace Senior Apartments Media Room
Attending were about 35 members of Columbus city government, members of Waverly Terrace Historic Neighborhood Association (WTHNA) and other Waverly Terrace Historic District residents.

WTHNA hosted a luncheon meeting with city officials to discuss improvements for Waverly Terrace based on our initial meeting October 9, 2018. We followed this agenda:

1. Resource availability for resident home owners

- a. Grants
- b. Driveway repair (ramp between street and sidewalk)
- c. Roof and siding
- d. Materials acceptable and affordable to BHAR and city

Laura Johnson, Community Reinvestment, There are federal grants available through the Land Bank. Applying can be complicated because of many regulations, but they can help us navigate through the process if we have a specific home in mind we want to procure.

They can relinquish back taxes on the property to help with costs.

More information is available here:

<https://www.columbusga.gov/communityreinvestment/>

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

2. Non-resident accountability/repercussions for property in disrepair

- a. Lawn/landscaping
- b. Roof
- c. Siding
- d. Rowdy tenants – 911 response

The city can send the owner-of-record notices to clean-up the property, but don't have authority to force them to comply (A fine). If the city does work on the property (Mowing the yard, for example) the cost will be leaned on the property.

The most effective way to resolve these issues is neighbor-to-neighbor contact. Contact the owner directly or leave a note on the door. Be kind and respectful.

Gloria Weston-Smart, Keep Columbus Beautiful, can help organize neighborhood clean-up efforts for Waverly Terrace. Contact her at gwestin-smart@columbusga.org

3. Vacant unsecured properties

- a. Blue jungle (2908 Beacon) – *Has been boarded-up & secured. Needs mowing.*
- b. Green monster (29th & 10th) - *Work is in progress by new owner.*
- c. Blue (2818 Peabody)
- d. Stucco house (Peabody Ave)
- e. Others

4. Handicap accessibility on street corners

- a. We walk with strollers
- b. We have handicap residents in the apartment
- c. Walking traffic to three different schools, plus Boys & Girls Club

Kevin Khoo, Traffic Engineer, provided a current map of existing wheel chair ramps at street intersections in Waverly Terrace (Attached). He asked that WTHNA board send him and Pam Hodge a list of the busiest intersections, so they can prioritize which ones to install first.

Contact information:

Kevin Khoo, khoo.kevin@columbusga.org

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5. Speeding traffic on main roads (Mostly 29th street)

29th Street has heavy traffic since it is used as a “cut through” short-cut. We displayed photos of a three car accident that occurred at 29th Street and Beacon Avenue (Attached).

Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager, and Kevin Khoo, Traffic Engineer, “Traffic calming” is what they call speed regulation logistics. Speed bumps are out of budget (Have been for several years), so the city will not install them in Waverly Terrace. They are removing existing ones in other neighborhoods as they come up for maintenance. Pam will look into legalities of what WTHNA can do to support mitigating speeding in Waverly Terrace. Mimi, City Council, suggested a sign that flashes when a car approaches above the speed limit. Pam and Kevin will follow up with us on options.

6. Parking on yard. City ordinance?

John Hudgison, Director Inspections & Code and Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager, city ordinance language is not clear on where cars can park. Technically, cars may be parked in yards because there is no ordinance against it.

- *Pam will check on legalities of what can be done by WTHNA.*
- *Cars cannot block sidewalks or driveways – Call 311 (NOT 911) to report.*
- *To change the city ordinance requires meeting with City Council.*

7. Discarded furniture on curbs

*Pick up has improved since our last meeting in October. Thank you!
If, needed, call 311 and the city will pick up debris off the curb.*

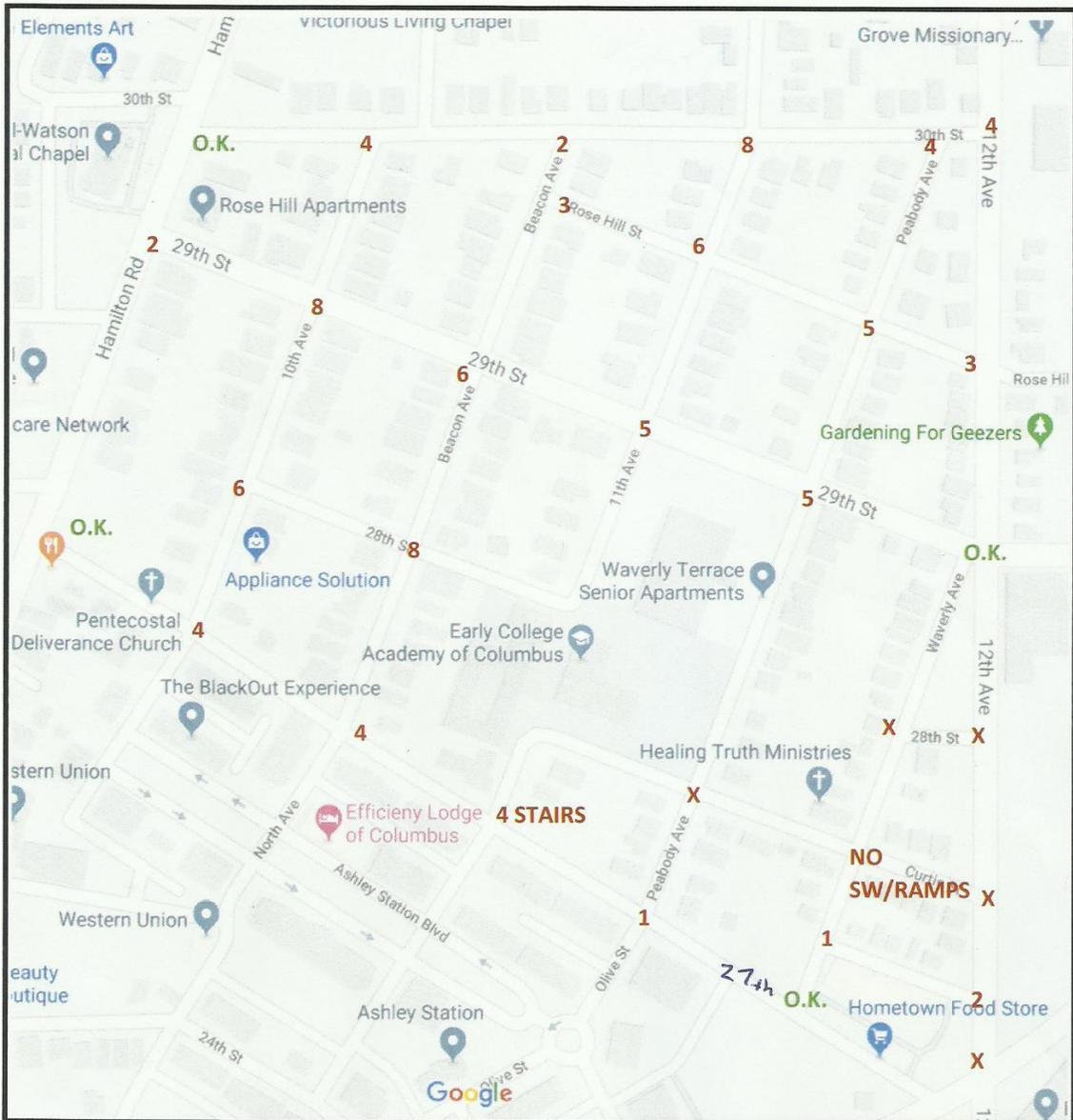
8. Can anyone call city (311) for debris pickup at other properties. YES

Miscellaneous

The owner of the Beacon house has cancelled plans to rent the house for drug offender rehabilitation and rent it to regular renters.

Suzanne Boone expressed concern about the number of homes used as residence for sex offenders in Waverly Terrace. City officials expressed that as long as they are living here legally, there is nothing that can be done. Others mentioned that there have been no reports of illegal activity by the residences.

Attachments



number of ramps that needs to be installed/intersection

4 STAIRS



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