

November 12, 2020

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

Subject: Report on Motion to Establish a Task Force Aimed at Solving Issues Around Livingston Avenue

REFERENCE DOCUMENT #202001432

On August 24, 2020, the Law and Public Safety Committee referred the following for a report:

MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Mann and Councilmember Sundermann, WE MOVE that the City administration establish a task force aimed at solving the safety issues around Livingston Avenue. A multi-agency task force should be established, including Police, Building Inspection, Public Services, and Engineering, and outside agencies like the Port Authority for a comprehensive and sustainable approach.

The City Administration is assembling a cross departmental team to address quality of life issues around Livingston Avenue. The City team will include representatives from Police, Fire, Health, Public Services, Transportation and Engineering, Buildings and Inspections, and Law. Community stakeholders such as West End Community Council, Seven Hills Neighborhood House, and Keep Cincinnati Beautiful will be invited to participate in this effort and help guide enforcement priorities. Area of focus will include litter and weed blight reduction, removal of junk vehicles, and the enforcement of exterior building code violations.

Regularly scheduled meetings with City staff and stakeholders will be held throughout the year. This will enable City and community participants to create a collaborative and productive dialogue on how to best improve the quality of life in the Livingston Avenue area.

SUMMARY

The City Manager's Office will coordinate a cross departmental team aimed at developing a City-Community strategy for addressing concerns regarding crime and property conditions in the Livingston Avenue area of the West End. This team will be activated in the next 30 days.