



Clintonville Area Commission Meeting Agenda

Thursday, June 4th, 2020, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Zoom Online Meeting

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Commissioners in attendance: David Vottero, Khara Nemitz, Libby Wetherholt, Judy Minister, <District 5 – VACANT>, Kendra Carpenter, Michael Weinman, Jim Garrison, B.J. White

Incoming Commissioners in attendance:

District 2: Brian Piefer

District 5: Brittany Boulton

7:00 p.m. Call to order & formal welcome by Chairperson White

Welcome to your Clintonville Area Commission "...committed to the undertaking of the preservation of the values of the community through promotion, implementation and recommendation to city officials."

The CAC was empowered in 1974 by the Columbus City Charter to represent the Clintonville community in the discussion of community concerns. By City Code, the purpose of the CAC is to "...afford additional voluntary citizen participation in the decision making in an advisory capacity and to facilitate communications, understanding and cooperation between neighborhood groups, city officials and developers"

7:05 p.m. Commissioner Introductions and District Updates

Each Area Commissioner has 3 minutes to provide a summary of their district update and if they chair a committee, provide a brief update on the work of the committee they chair.

7:20 p.m. Trending topics update - Chair B.J. White

CAC Election Results, Vision Zero, High Water, Resolution Status, & more!

7:30 p.m. Consideration of prior meeting minutes – Khara Nemitz, Secretary

7:35 p.m. Treasurer's Report – Kendra Carpenter, Treasurer

7:40 p.m. Katherine Cull – Neighborhood Community Liaison

7:45 p.m. Variance Agenda – Stephen Hardwick, CAC Z & V Committee Chair

1. 280 Oakland Park, BZA20-038. Application. Staff Report. Screening Form. Photograph. Homeowner Stephen Gunther, in order to build a 2-car garage in the same location as his current garage, seeks variances to:

1) increase the permissible height from 15' to 18' 2", CC3332.38(G); and 2) decrease the side yard setback from 3' to 2'10", CC3332.26(E).

1. Applicant presentation: The current garage was built in the 1960's. They can get only one car into it. He wants to build onto the front by adding 13' and a few inches. The first floor will be concrete block with fiber on top. It will have loft-style space on top. He wants to mirror the roof pitch of the house, which is Dutch Colonial. He plans only a 4x3 entrance to the second floor and no HVAC.

2. Commissioner report: Judy Minister said she is a neighbor, and she supports it. It was thoughtful to keep the architecture like the house.

3. The Committee voted 9-0 to recommend approval.

2. 99 E. Cooke Ave. (Bishop Watterson HS), BZA20-040. Application Part 1, Part 2, Part 3. Street Views 1. Street Views 2. Overhead Views. Landscaping Photos. Screening Form. The Catholic Diocese seeks variances:

1) to reduce the required parking setback from the right-of-way line at Indian Springs Drive from 25' to 11'. CC3312.27; and

2) from the requirement that any parking lot containing ten or more parking spaces used during non-daylight hours to be illuminated to eliminate the requirement for light fixtures in the parking lot. CC3321.03(C)(1).

1. Applicant Presentation: Attorney Catherine Cunningham; Principal, Deacon Campbell; Tom Long, teacher and facilities person; and Dick McBride.

1. Attorney: The high school used to use the area for tennis courts but striped them for parking after the stadium was built. They received notice of a zoning variance. The main impact of the variance is that it would allow for more parking and internalize parking circulation;

2. Dick McBride: Edge Group landscaping. After the athletic field was done, the tennis courts did not meet code. They have now redesigned the parking lot to meet code. The design has 63 spaces and 7 trees. The aisle width and parking space size meet code. They have half an acre of green space south of lot. Only one spot faces the home across the street, and the spot is about 75' from the home. This

design has 61 parking spaces, down by 12 from what they had pre-violation. It's difficult to make the lot work without the variance.

2. Commissioner Weinman from District 7 was present on the Zoom meeting, but was unable to speak because of connection issues.

3. Public comment:

1. Public comment: Didn't see need for more lights, and wanted to avoid more lighting on Indian Springs.

2. Ms. Kowalchik said via Zoom that the street was quiet when built. In 2008, BW began building new athletic facilities. They never had any notification on the construction, but there was a bulletin board with a design that shows tennis court. BW has added stadium speakers and lots of lights. There's a lot more heavy traffic now, including speeding. There's lots of light and noise almost every night now when there was no COVID19. She likes to be outside and nature, and the changes make that unpleasant. All of what has transpired concerns. She wants better neighbor relations. She did not get a requested meeting with Deacon Campbell. She said his director of facilities give plan. She doesn't want a tennis court or a parking lot. She wants them to mitigate the traffic. If they do go forward, she n, no need for more light. Would oppose lights.

1. Response from applicant. A parking lot is an allowed use. The question is whether they can have more cars in the lot and better internal circulation. People want to drive cars more, BW is trying to mitigate the problem. We need the parking, and we want as many cars on campus property as possible. The back area has always been athletics. Around 2004-5, had plans drawn up. They have changed a bit, but they've been out in the public.

2. If got permit, they would have to be finished by August of 2021. Tight window. Bishop Watterson wants to do construction when students are on summer break. 6-8 weeks total estimated construction time.

3. 7th District Commission Mike Weinmans asked though Zoom chat, "What is the commitment to future dialog with the neighbors." One of the applicant's representatives said that what triggers these discussions is when they need variances. Deacon Campbell said it's difficult in this COVID environment to hold community discussions.

1. Stephen Hardwick gave the example of when the CCS presented Clinton ES renovations to the public and made changes based on neighborhood (not just parent) input.

2. A BW representative said they did do that for north and south additions. That's when they used the tennis for the parking lots.

4. Laura Beardley said she didn't think the parking lot screen plants would be enough. They were promised that the fence would provide screening [from the stadium lights?]. It does not.

5. In response to questions, the applicant said:

1. Around 20-29 more cars would be on the street if the variance is not approved. They said the site engineer thought number was 29.

2. The current tennis courts are either on the ROW line or a foot off. This plan will move the lot 11 feet farther back and add green space.

3. The plan will not affect off street parking, which will remain as is.

6. Damian Desch commented through Zoom: Lights on the street provide no illumination to the parking spaces. The 60' field lights also aren't shining on the parking lot. He suggested turning the lights on to check.

1. Response from BW: Haven't had problems with people there at night. BW wants better communication even when the law doesn't require it.

4. Vote, recommended approval 8-0 (MY had to leave during the BW discussion). Committee member comments:

1. DH has hope for more conversation and more mitigation of noise and lights.

2. PB: Has same comment as DH. He wants more conversations with neighbors. He liked planting more shubbery, which would be good for the neighbors.

3. JM: Ditto. But avoid cookie cutter shrubs. If another evergreen will make it better, do it.

4. KT: Agreed that better community relations are needed.

6. Announcement: After Committee consideration, the variance applications will likely be heard by the Clintonville Area Commission via video conference on Thursday, June 4, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

7. Chair White asked to be recognized and said: I just want to part by saying that part of the role of the area commission is to mediate between neighbors and construction. None of it was subject to the purview of the commission, but it makes sense to have neighbors get along. Not everybody is happy. Doing the minimum is not enough. Sometimes being a good neighbor means planting another shrub.

8:15 p.m. 5G Tower Installation – Vice Chair David Vottero

8:30 p.m. Andrew Overbeck – North Broadway Bridge and the Olentangy Trail

Discussion & Proposed Letter of Support

8:40 p.m. Open Discussion & Public Comment

8:50 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

Blueprint Construction Update for the week of May 4th:

Blueprint Columbus has recently updated their website with an interactive map. Once you land on the website, you can type in your home address and learn more about impending projects that are near you.

<http://columbus.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=f16b492055874c70a3260809c0a3d0d8>

Please sign up for emailed updates at <https://www.blueprintneighborhoods.com/contactus/> For questions, concerns, or comments, you may email the Blueprint Columbus directly at blueprint@columbus.gov

Please note that construction schedules are subject to change due to weather, site issues, etc.

Reference this Construction [MAP](#) to view the impacted construction areas for next week.

Unsure about which is your area? Visit the [Blueprint map](#) and type in your address to find out!

Sump pump installations are offered for a limited time only! We have a few spots left on our list! If you are interested, [contact us](#) ASAP and we'll schedule your no-obligation assessment to see if a sump pump is right for you!