

Clintonville GreenSpot, a Volunteer Committee of the Clintonville Area Commission

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, Feb 9th 2022, 6 PM, Virtual Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

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6:00 PM – Introduction of Co-Chair, Annaliese Kern

6:05 PM – Updates on the Landscaping Project at Fire Station 19, High Street

- Work to date
- Confirmed: “Garden by Numbers” project conducted by Ellen Danford, OSU Master’s degree candidate
- Submitted: Franklin County Soil and Water District Conservation Mini-Grant (\$2,000, awardees notified mid-March)
- Discussion of spring planting event with call for volunteers – we especially need plants and muscles! There is time to grow many of the appropriate varieties of plants from seed. Any materials are also welcome, in particular any compost or finely shredded and aged leaves. Collecting spent coffee grounds is easy and great food for plants.

6:15 PM – Tree Advocacy Commission – discussion introduced by Julie Smiley

6:30 PM – Blueprint Columbus: recap, upcoming events, and news

- A thorough yet concise overview was provided by Hugh Crowell, CAC District 4, in the latest FLOW February Newsletter (email):

Many of us are aware of the rain gardens, pervious pavement, sewer relining, etc. that were installed by the City of Columbus in Clintonville over the past few years - residents of CAC Districts 5 and 7 saw most of this construction. There has also been a similar effort going on in neighboring Linden.

Now, this work is coming to all or portions of CAC Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. It is important for residents to understand the reasons the City is performing this work, and how you can become involved in learning about and commenting on the project in 2022. Construction is planned for 2023. The first of several public meetings is coming up in mid-March.

The previous work, called Clintonville 1, was a pilot project for Blueprint Columbus, which is the City's plan to address the problem of the combined sewer overflow (CSO) located in Adena Brook on the grounds of the Whetstone Park of Roses. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) ordered the City to clean up this CSO, which regularly discharges untreated sewage into Adena Brook and then to the Olentangy River during and immediately after rain events. Anyone who has crossed the bridge over the brook near the Whetstone Park shelter house will have noticed the strong sewage odor, particularly right after heavy rain.

The Blueprint Columbus plan is to reduce the storm water that enters sanitary sewers in Clintonville, thereby reducing the frequency and amount of CSO discharge with the goal of eliminating it completely. Many of our older sewer pipes are leaky, and rain water gets in – this extra water overwhelms wastewater treatment facilities and sewer capacity, resulting in CSO discharge - and sewers can also back up into basements. In the Blueprint plan these problems are corrected by several means, including lining sewer main and lateral pipes using special technologies to stop leakage, and redirecting roof runoff so it does not directly enter the sewer via home foundation drains (a typical connection in houses built before 1960). There is also a home sump pump installation program to further help direct water away from the home's foundation drains. Additionally, rain gardens help to intercept, treat and slow runoff water entering the storm sewers, further benefiting downstream water quality. You can view a short video overview of the Blueprint Columbus plan at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HW15byLG0SI>.

The new phase of this work, called Clintonville 3, is in the planning stages in 2022 with construction scheduled for 2023. You can view the 5 areas affected by Clintonville 3 by going to [Blueprint Columbus - Program Overview \(arcgis.com\)](#). There you can type in your address and see where your residence falls within the project area. You can also learn more about Blueprint Columbus, view videos, and download brochures about the plan elements at <https://www.columbus.gov/utilities/projects/blueprint/>.

6:40 PM – City of Columbus GreenSpot News

- GreenSpotLight Awards yearly event (virtual this time) Friday, March 25th 2:30-4:00PM. No link yet, will be sent out to all GreenSpot members in early February.
 - 1-2 musicians and 1-2 poets/spoken word artists are invited to virtually perform one of their songs/poems as well as say a few words about it (assuming it is related to nature/environment/or sustainability). Email DRCelebrezze@columbus.gov if interested.
- <https://www.columbus.gov/greenspot/>

6:45 PM – Committee Administration

- Yearly Budget: \$200, new for 2021-2022. Thank you to Treasurer BJ White for providing the committee with general use funds for base expenses.
- \$78.52 remains. I believe that the budget resets at the end of June/early July.
- Committee chair (or co-chairs) is also up for refresh in July.

6:50 PM – Open Discussion

7:00 PM – Adjourn

Thank you for your participation in Clintonville GreenSpot and the work of the Clintonville Area Commission. Our community is great because of the civic spirit, positivity, and engagement of our neighborhood. Every positive action that we take makes a difference in our community!

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