



**Clintonville Area Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 2nd, 2021, 7:00 – 9:00 PM
Whetstone Library, 3909 N High Street**

Commissioners in attendance: David Vottero (D1), Libby Wetherholt (D3), Brittany Boulton (D5), Joe Motil (D6), Michael Weinman (D7), Jim Garrison (D8)

Commissioners excused: Brian Peifer (D2), Hugh Crowell (D4), BJ White (D9)

7:00 - Call to order & welcome by new Chairperson Vottero

- welcome, and housekeeping, reminder of rules. Approval of agenda – JG noted November on agenda to be January

7:03 - Commissioner Introductions and District Updates

District 1, Commissioner Vottero: pretty quiet, homelessness task force and planning meetings. Contact with OSU extension office, connected with Greenspot about pollinator garden locations.

District 3, Commissioner Wetherholt: Attended homelessness task force meeting and Phase 6 CCS meeting, met with residents of Walhalla about Blueprint. Had zoom meetings with businesses and calls between residents and council members regarding Indianola project. Attended Election and Planning and Development Committee meetings

District 5, Commissioner Boulton: attended zoom meeting budget meeting and held homelessness task force. PHD student looking to get interest/opinions to create data and share with blueprint.

District 6: Discussed with 3 residents of Aldrich Rd. the issue of restricted parking and continuing conversations with residents and schools (phlebotomy and HS). Real issue is in spring when students get drivers licenses. School of Phlebotomy was broken into. Attended Mayor recreation center meeting and discussed outdoor basketball court and intro to Whetstone Community Center. Commissioner White and Commissioner Motil will revisit issue of advertisement benches to see what can be done. Received an email from former old Beechwood commission member, Greg Meyers, looking for update on bike trail. Alex Sauersmith is the community contact for project. Final design underway, 3-4 weeks more till ready. Residents want to meet ahead of time.

District 7, Commissioner Weinman: Attended phase 6 CCS meeting, they continue to be their own worst enemy.

District 8, Commissioner Garrison: Not a lot going on except reports of package thefts and vehicle break ins have been replaced with reports of contractor tool trailers/work boxes being stolen or broken into. Also, the old Birthright Thrift store renovation progressing, unsure on new tenant.

District 9, Commissioner/Chair White (via email): Today, I learned from the Aldi Real Estate team that they have applied for a demo permit and will begin demolition on December 20th, 2021. They have extended an invitation to me for the site meeting before the project begins and I plan to attend.

The prolific urban deer population during this year's rut season continued to raise concerns by the neighborhood. I have received several emails and observed posts on Nextdoor about concerns with the deer. I have repeatedly copied and pasted Mayor Ginther's response to these chronic concerns from early 2020 to emails answering the community's concerns. I reiterate that the City of Columbus has no plans for anything actionable to address the community's concerns. I have attached a picture of my backyard with the does in search of their bucks currently in my backyard as I type this email. There are five shown in the frame but a total of 9 between my yard and my next door neighbor's.

Speeding traffic on Foster Ave near Sharon Meadows Park continues to be a concern to the residents of District 9. Add to this the chronic issue of Lincoln Ave being a popular cut-through between Sinclair Rd and High St with speeding traffic. To address this issue, I copy and paste my links to the Pace Car Pledge, request a city tree planting (tree lined streets calm traffic), and the 311 reporting protocol for speeding traffic.

On behalf of District 9, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to the members of the CAC and fellow residents of Clintonville who expressed the sentiment of unity and cohesion with keeping Clintonville "contained" in the district map for city council representation. We have a sense of belonging rather than just "to belong" to Clintonville.

7:15 - Treasurer report – Commissioner White, Treasurer (via email)

We have a current ledger balance of \$1,348.07 with all invoices paid to date. This month, we reimbursed the chair of the Greenspot Committee \$61.48 and we reimbursed the chair of the CAC Z & V Committee \$163.70 for combined consumables for stamps, printer paper, and printer ink.

As Treasurer, I would like to request a 15 minute block of time to present to the members of the CAC the assets available for loan and use by the members of the CAC and the committees with the technology package that we were granted by the City of Columbus. If possible, I would like to present to the commission and the committee chairs how to access the tech package inventory for their district meetings and other related events.

7:16 – Greenspot Update (via email)

- Committee requested to add a co-chair. Noted by Commission that by-laws allow for a co-chair being appointed at beginning of the year not addressed for during the year. However, since proposed candidate has been fulfilling the role for a while, a motion was made by Chair Vottero (Garrison second) to approve request. Passed unanimously by Commissioners in attendance.

7:19 - Neighborhood Update – Rebecca Deeds

- David Hooie will be day to day contact; Katherine Cull taking another role.

- Commissioner Weinman – who enforces parking variances not respected? Answer: Report to 311 and will be routed to code enforcement.
- JP Dorval – CRDC redistrict maps in final stages, comments end December 10th. On Wednesday the 8th, final meeting to hear testimony (at 530). On latest, seems like latest maps has clintonville all in same district. Council voting on the 13th at 5pm.
- If you are senior of CCS, you can apply to have 2 yrs. of free college at Columbus State.
- Opportunity port initiative – easier for people to seal records. Help with employment and housing. opportunityport.org .
- Operating budget numbers sent – several committees having meetings and hearing.
- 2 hearings next week on CRA. Council objected to Midway's liquor license. Midway trying to work with city attorney. Commissioner Motil had attended and gave personal recap of meeting. City not open to renewing permit. Chair Vottero – can attend meeting on 8th unless others have desire. Encourage commissioners to offer thoughts to pass on at meeting.
- Commissioner Motil – CRA meetings are to allocate funds to CRAs

7:31 - Zoning and Variance Committee reports

BZA21-118, 3028 N High Street, Brewster's Pub

- The applicant seeks a parking variance from three spaces to zero to permit them to operate a patio.
- Commissioner Garrison – are any of remaining 4 spots Accessible parking or able to be made accessible? Was existing dumpster required to have an enclosure?
- Member of public identified as a Chief of enforcement – Mark Coutsmen – noted OAC 4112-5 – if you have total 1-25 spaces, you need 1 min ADA space.
- Applicant asked Commission if they'd be open to approve if we can get 1 minimum space.
- Conditional approval was discussed – area of 4 spaces currently dedicated to parking to be retained as parking but a minimum of 1 accessible space to be provided. No outdoor amplified sound/speakers.
- Head of Terraces on Walhalla – all parking is always full. One bartender, all patrons having fight or noise, only 1 person to handle, extension of building will be worse.
- Doug Sandholt - 184 E Tulane Rd. – Local Cantina is close, many other places have patios and are close. Know that bar is there and will have noise.
- Roll call vote – Commissioners in attendance approved, chair abstained. ZVC Chair, Stephan Hardwick, proposed for CAC to adopt a policy relative to accessible parking.

BZA21-137, 3330 Indianola, Burger King

- The applicant seeks variances to 1) Reduce the minimum width of the principal building along a primary building frontage from 60% to 42% of the lot width. CC3372.605. 2) To increase the amount of parking permitted on the side of the building from 50% to 77%. CC3372.604.
- Spoke with homeowners and BK open to working with neighbors and install a nice fence. lighting is fully dimmable, Morse Rd BK site measures 3 Footcandles by comparison.
- Audio system dB readings were taken. Menu board has dynamic audio control to be 15db above ambient levels.
- Arbor vitae ok to install around property.

- Commissioner Motil – Will there be light poles? – Yes, and they are being replaced with LED and have cutoffs. Suggests horizontal fence design instead of vertical. - Fencing design is flexible
- Neighbor Steve Mitchell – suggested 10' brick wall, ok with 8' wood fence
- ZVC Chair Hardwick thanked Katherine Cull and city attorney's office to allow team who had covid to maintain meeting/approvals with ZVC
- Roll call vote – Combined variances into 1 for approval? Commissioners in attendance approved, chair abstained, Granting of variance? Commissioners in attendance approved, chair abstained

BZA21-145, 3632-3640 Indianola, The Avenue Apartments

- Although the property overall has 593 parking spaces where 526 are required, the applicant seeks a variance from CC3312.49 to decrease the parking required on four lots as follows: Lot 2, 75 to 8 spaces; lot 3, 3 to 0 spaces; lot 5, 3 to 0 spaces; lot 6, 45 to 14 spaces.
- Commissioner Motil – had questions on parking relative to parcels which applicant addressed by indicating that parking is satisfied as a whole of the development.
- Commissioner Boulton – Are the proposed retail spaces to be rented or sold? Spaces will receive easement to spots.
- Roll call vote - Commissioners in attendance approved, chair abstained

Demolition waiver - 539 Yaronia – demo permit waiting period

- A request to waive the waiting period to demolish the home at 539 Yaronia Dr.
- Commissioner Wetherholt – knows previous owner and was built by that person's parents and they are against it.
- Roll call vote – Commissioner Motil and Chair abstained, all other Commissioners in attendance approved.

8:24 – Emma Kogge – Update on Indianola study

- Planned resurfacing project from Hudson to N Broadway in 2023. Restriping and reallocating lanes, sidewalk improvements. Priorities are closing network gap between University District and Clintonville and making it more safe for bike and pedestrian.
- The work aligns with Vision Zero, presenter discussed timeline, and noted final concept being wrapped up in December 2021
- Public comments received from Sept 16-End of October; 75% for, 22% against.
www.tinyurl.com/cbusindianola
- Parking observations were made and alternatives analysis made with options
- Schedule for updates to commissions – CAC – 12/02, UAC – 12/15
- Commissioner Weinman – Will there be improvements to sidewalk accessibility (utility poles/signs in sidewalk)? Justin Goodwin – primary goal is resurfacing, accessibility on sidewalks outside of scope. Spoke with leadership about the issue to request additional funding. Potential excess funds or contingency budget available.
- Commissioner Motil – What does crosswalk conditions look like? Justin Goodwin – Addresses things like advanced signage and potential for more significant items. Motil indicated attending Beechwold event at Studio 35.

- Conceptual drawings to be posted soon, still accepting comments via website and can be posted on CAC social media.
- Commissioner Wetherholt – Has been in contact with 3 council members, business owners, making sure that everyone knows what's going on.
- Justin Goodwin – Based on studies, parking capacity proposed is sufficient.
- Commissioner asked about projected bike use numbers. Justin Goodwin – Nothing detailed at this time
- Public comment – Will there be a look into reduction of speed limit? Emma Kogge – Haven't looked at reduction, hoping design reduces speed. Justin Goodwin – Because it is state route, it can't reduce below 35.
- Eliza Pandexter, 2821 Kensington place – Crossing Indianola is a barrier. Anything we can do to reduce crossing width or reduce speed is good. Observation is that parking is a concern but not usually an issue. Supports the project.
- Commissioner Wetherholt – All businesses in this area were built pre-auto and have no parking.
- Eric Brembeck – Owner, Studio 35 – Invited to be part of study. Studio 35 there since 1938, studies were done during covid so he disagrees with results. No one knows where 186 comments came from. Observed printed flyers to possibly sway results. Has problems with study's questions. Upset about median being removed. Spent money on his business but never got anything from city.
- Commissioner Weinman – Agreed with Mr. Brembeck and noted we should be suspect of comments.
- Andrew Overbeck – Don't want to lose track of the bigger picture on slowing traffic and being safer for pedestrians.

8:38 - Homelessness Task Force

- CRC had a representative at the last meeting and highlighted their work on prevention using federal dollars. Looking ahead, the next meeting is Tues Dec 15th at 5:30pm putting together hygiene kits.

Call for Public Comment

No Comments

9:00 - Meeting Adjourned