



Clintonville Area Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 6, 2018, 7-9 pm
Whetstone Library Community Meeting Room

Commissioners in attendance: David Vottero, Khara Nemitz, Libby Wetherholt, Judy Minister, Dana Bagwell, Randy Ketcham, John Eschenbrenner, Chris Allwein, B.J. White

Commissioner(s) absent and excused: (none)

7:00 p.m. Call to order by Chair & introduction of commissioners
7:03 p.m. Consideration of prior meeting minutes – Commissioner White

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION REPORTS

7:05 p.m. St. Vincent Family Center – Jill Frost
Discussion of foster care, alternative pre-school, kindergarten, and residential care for children who require behavioral treatment.
Works with Franklin County Children’s Services.
Most children are neglected or abandoned mostly in part to
Background checks for those interested in foster care.
They facilitate home visits for those in foster care.
The process to become a foster parent is 2-3 months.

Comm. Bagwell: Is adoption an option?
Ms. Frost: This is a foster “only” program.

Seth Burton, Cooke Rd: Are there other volunteer options?
Ms. Frost: Yes. The website features plenty of volunteer opportunities.

Mary B. Relotto, Crosswell: What are you seeking in qualifications for foster families?
Ms. Frost: Single or couples.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

7:15 p.m. Community Update – Katherine Cull, Liaison

Katherine Cull: Mayor Ginther proposes legislation to establish rules for scooters. The speed limit for Scooters will increase from 15 MPH to 20 MPH, for street speed limit up to 35 MLH, wear helmet if under 18, park in the city's right of way, one person to ride a scooter at a time, may ride side by side, hands on handlebars, and with white and reflective lights on during night rides.

Michael Liggett, Community Relations Coordinator for the Columbus Department of Public Service council meets on September 17th, Mayor proposes to council and will be passed, first reading on the 17th, once the "emergency rule" goes to effect, and then it will go to city council. The will go into effect on October 1st,

Comm. Allwein: Can you please clarify the speed limits? What does that mean?

Michael: They are prohibited on street where the speed limit is higher than the scooter is designed to travel.

Comm. Bagwell: Do you have any statistics on the number of accidents so far?

Michael Liggett: I do not have those numbers. The regulation is pushing operators to pump out the education. Whether you are on foot, scooter, bicycle, car, sharing the roadway and using caution is key.

Comm. Vottero Is there an educational component of "do's and don'ts"?

Will there be a financial consideration reallocated toward designated parking areas? Is there a 3rd party to recover scooters?

Michael: The scooter user signs up on the App and agrees to the "terms and conditions".

Comm. Vottero: Will part of the fee generated from the scooter be parcelled toward designated parking?

Michael: Those fees are still being analyzed. Waiting for the 3rd party scooter companies submit their data to them.

Comm. Wetherholt: Referenced Bird Scooters. Is there a way to report haphazardly parked or dumped scooters?

Michael: There is a way to report of the these scooters directly to the scooter company or contact 311 with a service request.

Comm. Vottero: What is the protocol for recovering these scooters if found?

Comm. Bagwell: The scoter companies have 3rd party contractors or bounty hunters to locate and retrieve them.

Comm. Vottero: Is there "police time" involved in the recovery of the scooter.

Mary Rodgers: Are scooters permitted on multi-use trails?

Michael: Personal use devices or ADA mobility versus shared use devices which are the scooters. Making a distinction between these devices will be key to enforcing the rules.

Mary B. Relotto, Croswell: How are they re-charged?

Michael: With the use of a collector, an individual who collects them and charges them.

Jennifer, Broadmeadows: Is there any consideration to adding adult tricycles?

Michael: No ,not to my knowledge. One would have to inquire directly with the company.

Kari, E Kanawha: I think the scooters are really cool and people are riding them responsibly. How does one enforce a rule on a minor who's riding the scooter"? So they call Lime or issue citation?

Michael: There is no license requirement for the scooters. The App asks for a driver's license number. The police should contact the parents and Lime.

Comm. White: How are they classified if defined by speed limit? If this were classified as Class 3, they would be allowed to use the Shared Use Paths.

Public comment: If a motorist hit a scooter rider, would they be treated as a pedestrian or bicyclist?

Stephen Hardwick, Z&V Chair: How do you fight so hard to keep the scooters parked on the city's right of way and take away kangaroo sign?

Michael: Because that was not a legitimate sign.

Cmr: Allwein: Has anyone ridden the scooter?(open candor)

Katherine Cull: Department of Neighborhoods Best Practices Conference to be held on Sat. Oct. 20th, 2018 from 7AM to 3:30 PM, registration is \$5 and begins September 15th.

7:35 p.m. Treasurer's report - Commissioner Eschenbrenner
The CAC has received funds from the city. The current ledger is \$2,705.43

7:37 p.m. Zoning & Variance Committee – Chair Stephen Hardwick
Issued 2 waivers for the waiting period to demolish a residential garage located 404 Lenappe Dr and 217 Glenmont Rd.

40 Walhalla (former Southwick Funeral Home), District 3. A Council Variance to permit a daycare use on a lot zoned RRR. The applicant intends to reuse the existing building.
Mark Smith, Bounce Family Academy: Recap of the scope of business for the daycare.

Comm. Wetherholt: Council variances carry through with the property, correct?

Jack: This variance will only be for daycare.

Mark Smith: The daycare use variance runs with the property. There are 5 total parcels zoned C4 except for the parcel adjacent to the ravine which is zoned RRR. We are not asking to change that previous zoning change, only the use.

Comm. Bagwell: Specific use variances have been done in the past whereas setback variances and other variances were granted under the "umbrella" of the council variances. Are there any other variances to anticipate with this one?

Jack: No other variances. Just for daycare use only.

Comm. White: What is the required distance between the marijuana dispensary and the daycare?

Mark Smith: 500 feet. We measured and we are outside of that distance.

Public Comment:

Brooke Morin, California: Supports the highest and best case scenario. In favor if seeing the day care developed in the site.

Claire, Wahalla: Asks about playground location, out of curiosity. Referred to the slide.

Mark Smith: Parents will park and walk in with kids so that parental engagement with the teachers. 6-10:30 AM and 2:30 - 6:30 pickup. No adverse impact with regard to traffic patterns Access to California.

Seth Burton, E Cooke Rd: Asks about traffic patterns, will it impact traffic, drop off queue, etc.

Mark Smith: There will not be a traffic rush because of the operating hours being from 6 AM to 7 PM.

Virginia, Croswell: What are the age limits?

Mark Smith: 6 weeks to 5 or 6 years old.

Mary Rodgers: Why did the zoning change? Wahala Rd residents went to city council to have these parcels zoned residential. They did this to protect the ravine lots from being split.

Comm. Vottero: All of those lots were re-zoned residential.

Mary Rodgers: This is the most historical site in Clintonville because of the Clintonville Chapel. Expressed that if there are any artifacts discovered, please include the Clintonville historical society.

Mark Smith: We intend to be a responsible community partners.

Mary Rodgers: Artist lived there who has a self portrait. Would there be a place that this portrait could be respectfully displayed.

Shall there be council variance to approve a variance for daycare use? Voted to approve 8-0-1 abstention.

OLD BUSINESS

7:45 p.m. Appointment of Historic Buildings Committee Chair and Members

NEW BUSINESS

7:48 p.m. CCS Facilities Committee Report – Stephen Hardwick

How do we better use our facilities with the funding they have. Columbus North HS Building Now, International K-6, 7-12, part of the International immersion school. 3 proposed uses:

1. Move Dominion Middle School due to it being overcrowded.
2. Spanish/French/Chinese immersion school merging into this building to be at 85% capacity.
3. Move Columbus Alternative HS into the building.

Comm. White: Closing elementary schools, is this part of the Clintonville Pathway discussion? We need to get our elementary schools back.

Stephen: Any new buildings would require a bond issue.

Comm. Bagwell: Is there any discussion about re-aligning the district?

Stephen: Referred to the website for the calendar of the meetings. The Board must vote by November meeting.

Comm. Wetherholt: This will be posted on the CAC website.

Comm. Allwein: What is the condition of the building? Is it modern enough to house these programs?

Comm. Vottero: Will they be adding air conditioning, modernizing laboratory facilities, etc?

Comm. Bagwell: Dominion has a high performing auditorium.

Anna Wuerth, E Kanawha: I think it's odd that children who live in District 9 go to Salem Elementary School and not to a Clintonville area School.

Nancy Stewart, Charleston Ave: I commend Ms. White for stating the concern on behalf of District 9. The school board does not keep its promises to the neighborhood.

Comm. Minister: Referenced the Glenmont School. Is there any discussion with getting this back opened?

Judy Robinson: Columbus North HS alumni. Speaks about the glass atrium and the auditorium. Glenmont building has been updated and feels there is potential.

8:00 p.m. Becoming a GreenSpot Neighborhood – Commissioner Wetherholt

Chair Wetherholt: David Celebrezze is in attendance. There are many residents in Clintonville who are considered Greenspot residences and Greenspot Businesses. Helps, the economy, environment, sustainability, and equity in the neighborhood. German Village is a Greenspot neighborhood. It is “neighbor-driven” and builds a sense of community. Do we want to accept this challenge? We want this to be neighbor driven and not commissioner driven? Each district work on a specific challenge. How do we implement this program? We will need to start as an ad hoc committee.

Comm. Bagwell: If we do not want to have this commissioner driven, then we don't need to create an ad hoc committee.

Comm. Minister: We could do a community outreach to see if we could generate interest. Used the example of the Prairie restoration.

Chair Wetherholt: Rec and Parks really doesn't have the resources to focus on this

David Celebrezze: It must be an existing group with defined boundaries. It must be commission driven because the defined area would be Clintonville.

Comm. Vottero: An area within the Clintonville Area would need to create a task force, creating a forum to generate interest.

Comm. Bagwell: We need a motion to explore the possibility to create a task force.

Comm. Allwein: I second the motion to encourage the formation of the task force.

Chair Wetherholt: Will each district have a representative to engage their participation. The vote to approve the formation of a task force, all in favor, none opposed. 9-0

8:30 p.m. Public Comments

Chair Wetherholt: Ask for Judy Robinson to comment on the condition of Walhalla Ravine.

Comm. Eschenbrenner: Who do we call to have the big items like large tree limbs and large items of debris pulled from the ravine? Katherine Cull responded to report them to 311 and forward the request confirmation number to her for follow up.

District Reports (none given)

8:55 p.m.

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