



Clintonville Area Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 2, 2019, 7-8:55 pm
Whetstone Library Meeting Room

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

Commissioner resignation announced: Chris Allwein, District 8

Commissioner(s) absent and excused: John Eschenbrenner, District 7

- 7:00 p.m. Call to order by Chair & introduction of commissioners
Resignation of District 8 Commissioner Christopher Allwein
- 7:03 p.m. Consideration of prior meeting minutes – Commissioner White
CAC vote: March approved 7-0, April approved 7-0
- 7:06 p.m. Motion to move July meeting to July 11th; it would have fallen on July 4th.
CAC vote: Approved 7-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

7:03 p.m. Rob Dorans – New City council member, replaces Michael Stinziano, chairs the Department of Neighborhoods and constituent services. Background is a labor attorney.

7:06 p.m. Community Update – Katherine Cull, Liaison
Update about Midway Bar, would like to invite the city attorney's office to attend the UAC and/or CAC to discuss the Midway Bar issues related to excessive and after hours noise among other issues. It has been an ongoing concern. Encourages citizens to call the CPD non-emergency line 614-645-4545.

Chair Wetherholt: The dispatcher will respond that Midway has a "late noise" thing. Per Community Police Liaison Ted Stacy, if the dispatcher tells you this, ask to speak with their supervisor.

Commr. Bagwell: I can hear the Midway Bar (728 N High St – 43210) at my house (3982 N High St – 43214). It's not loud enough to wake us from sleeping but I could hear the thumping.

Sandra Lopez: Does it continue all summer long when the students are gone?

Liaison Cull: Yes, it continues all throughout summer.

Commr. Bagwell: It is especially loud during football Saturdays.

Commr. Nemitz: I wondered if that sound was coming from Midway Bar that I heard at my house.

Commr. Vottero: I have had people state that the windows are vibrating from the noise levels. I am flabbergasted that this is even an issue after the court order. There is no ambiguity, the sound goes off at 11:00 PM, not turned down, turned off.

Commr. Bagwell: I do not know how that is an enjoyable place to visit.

Commr. Nemitz: Isn't there a decibel level limit even before 11:00?

Chair Wetherholt: I have been in contact with UAC to work in tandem with this issue. If the city attorney's office wants to attend wither meeting, I will be sure to attend theirs and vice versa.

Liaison Cull: There has been liquor control issues, fire code-related issues, and other code violations. Trying to keep everyone on the same page.

Commr. Vottero: There are safety concerns not just a noise nuisance.

Commr. Wetherholt: I received an email from a constituent that descried it as a trashy bar. There were working on a roof top expansions.

Commr. Bagwell: Maybe we ought to just go down there and make it "not cool" anyone.

7:15 p.m. Treasurer's report – in absence of Commissioner Eschenbrenner, Chair Wetherholt provided the verbal report, the balance is \$1,728 with 3 outstanding checks.

7:16 p.m. Election Committee report – Ann Henkener

April 19th, Mary B. Relotto withdrew her candidacy.

April 30th, Early voting began, 10 voters cast their ballot, 10 people showed up to vote and did not have an election for their district.

Survey box at the election place to ask how people are finding out about the election. \

Commr. Minister: In the last 30 days, Mary Relotto sent us (the commission) an email stating that she was withdrawing from the election citing her reasons why. A couple of

days ago, she sent another email citing election irregularities seeking a response. Did you respond to this?

CAC Election Chair Ann Henkener: I did not receive that letter. If it is intended to be a complaint, all complaints must be submitted AFTER the close of the election. We cannot do anything about the complaint before the election has occurred. There are rules in the CAC bylaws having to do with complaints. Any person can file a complaint but it must be after the election.

Commr. Minister: I don't think that she knows that.

Chair Henkener: All candidates received a copy of the bylaws in their candidate packet.

Commr. Vottero: It was the tone of the letter that suggested that the feedback was being offered for the next election cycle.

Commr. Ketcham: I don't think there were substantial irregularities in what she wrote. I did not see anything that would substantiate irregularities. What is her proof? I realize that this has to be done after the election but the question I have is would investigation of this matter be done before the candidate is certified?

Chair Henkener: The complaints must occur anytime after Saturday's voting count.

Commr. Ketcham: Ideally we would like to see a candidate certified by the June meeting.

Chair Henkener: The candidates are certified but the vote is not.

Commr. Ketcham: We would like to see this completed by the June Meeting.

Chair Henkener: If there is an appeal, then you deal with this on your first regularly scheduled meeting. This will be the first order of business in June.

Commr. Ketcham: There is an organizational meeting in June between the June and July CAC meetings, it is important to have this addressed before the organization meeting in June.

Commr. White: In light of Commissioner Allwein's resignation, do we formalize something that states that Commr. Allwein will not be replaced in the interim due to the election of a new candidate? Do we need to say District 8 will not have a vote or representation in the interim?

Chair Wetherholt: I think by the time we would replace him, we would have the new commissioner already in place.

Commr. White: Do we need to have anything formalized to be complicit with the

bylaws?

Commr. Minister: Today, I sent out the welcome letters to each commissioner. Do we need to have an adjacent district do these?

Commr. Vottero: I think we just delay those welcome letters a month and allow the new commissioner to send them.

Commr. Minister: Any resident of District 8 should send their complaints to commissioners@clintonvilleareacommission.org and announce this on the CAC website.

Commr. Vottero: It is worth making a statement that states that he is relocating for a job opportunity in another state and that he vacated his position before the end of the term.

Commr. Bagwell: What do the bylaws state?

Commr. White: (citing bylaws page 3, Section I, Membership, paragraph C, line item 3. *If the Commission declares a vacancy at least twelve months before the term expires, the Commission shall call for a special election to fill the unexpired term. If a vacancy is declared less than twelve months before the term expires, the Commission shall recommend to the Mayor a candidate for appointment to the unexpired term.*

Chair Wetherholt: We shall wait until after the election and provisionally seat the new commissioner a month early.

Commr. White: So then we recommend to the Mayor that the winner of the election be appointed a month early on June 1st?

Commr. Ketcham: Won't that take time? Doesn't everyone have to do a background check?

Commr. White: For the record, we wait until the winner of the election is certified and then we recommend to the mayor that they are appointed 1 month early to fill the vacancy and we defer any resident of District 8 to the default CAC email address.

7:30 p.m.. This Week News – Bill Stille, Vice President, Circulation, The Columbus Dispatch 12,000 copies of This Week, 20,000 Bags within our community. 21 calls for misses, Do Not Deliver, 15 employees that manage the delivery, independent contractors who deliver, red flag area, 180 photos About 1 dump the month, report non-deliveries. Information provided in link: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1UO-o-BKBuczNI1WMUt8znCwUI4CDYoZE> The commitment is there and we have a customer service center where you can report any irregularities. Every single route is randomly checked until we are sure it is being

delivered. My commitment is true.

Chair Wetherholt: I haven't had a bag in years. I subscribe to The Dispatch so I get it. I have had people tell me that I haven't received The Booster in decades. I don't know what to tell you because people aren't getting it.

Commr. Bagwell: I haven't received a Booster in 10 years until I responded to one of the emails where I have been receiving it ever since.

Bill Stille: I need specific addresses for those not receiving The Booster.

Chair Wetherholt: Very few people are receiving it. It would be easier to cite addresses receiving it rather than not receiving it.

Commr. Bagwell: We use to have recycling containers at Weiland's Grocery and people were taking photos of bundled piles of The Booster dumped in the recycling dumpsters which were full of The Booster. It didn't occur to me to complain about not receiving it.

Commr. White: The largest demographic is ages 55-70. This demographic depends on the most reliable source for Clintonville news because they will read the paper and not login to the website to read it online.

Bill Stille: We have delivery personnel who are independently contracted who are responsible for its delivery. We have saints to sinners and we monitor the delivery. Eventually, those sinners will get caught.

Commr. Bagwell: Do you want us to compile a list of those not receiving it and contact you?

Bill Stille: Provide the link and the telephone number to those who can report non-delivery of The Booster.

Commr. Ketcham: If we subscribe to The Columbus Dispatch, are we still supposed to get The Bag on Thursday?

Bill Stille: No, The Bag materials will be in your comics. You should not see The Bag on Thursdays. Nonsubscribers will receive The Bag.

Commr. Vottero: Do you deliver between Weber Rd and Arcadia?

Bill Stille: I have provided the circulation maps to Commr. White. Thank you for having me.

7:45 p.m. Zoning & Variance Committee – Stephen Hardwick, Chair

BZA19-027, 4771 N. High Street

Albert and Paige Chapman-Layland seek a variance:

- to reduce from 16 to 11 feet the total side minimum yard required by CC3332.25.

Z & V 6-0, CAC 7-0

BZA 19-386, Oakland Park Avenue

Genevieve Persichetti and Zachery Klein plan to add a window porch to the rear corner of their house. They seek variances from:

- CC3321.05(A)(2), the rule requiring clear vision for other driveways (applicant states the addition will not obstruct the vision clearance for a driveway);
- CC3332.22(a)(1) concerning building lines on corner lots; and
- CC3332.26(B), the minimum side yard permitted.

Z & V 6-0, CAC (Exhibits A,B,C from Steven's email) 7-0

BZA19-030, 3400 North High Street

North Broadway High Professional Building LLC, 3400 N. High St. (the white Broker One building at the corner of North Broadway & High), in order to permit the construction of an approximately 3,400 sf restaurant with an approximately 900 sf exterior patio; seeks a variance:

- CC3312.49(C) for a reduction in required parking from 61 to 36 spaces provided on the existing lot.

The applicant chose to table it and re-present in June meeting. They want to put a restaurant 61 spaces to 36 spaces, alcohol will be served. A show of good faith. Tabled until next month.

Virginia Songstad, Criswell Rd. – Wasn't that considered a restaurant space several years ago; likely 15+ years.

Bylaws changes regarding the CAC Z & V meeting.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION REPORTS

8:00 p.m. Village in the Ville – Christine Happel CRC Village in the Ville is a grassroots, member-driven organization for adults 50 and up. Through Village in the Ville, neighbors make new friends, try new activities, and stay involved in the

community. If interested, members volunteer to assist one-another with tasks in and around the home, with transportation, and friendly support. Village in the Ville supports the continual development of a strong community to help us all age successfully. Questions about becoming a member, volunteer, or preferred provider? Contact Christine Happel, Village in the Ville Program Director at 614-268-3539 ext. 113 or Christine.happel@clintonvillecrc.org. Village Connections, Age-friendly business assessments, Peg Heads band will play, open house on June 1st. More information available one the website.

Karen, pickle ball enthusiast, addressed the commission about wanting more places to play pickle ball. We had pickle ball at Wilson Hills and got kicked out because of the noise.

Commr. Bagwell: You should really contact Recreation & Parks. Tina Mohn is great. All we can do is to advocate.

Sandra Lopez: The Sheep Farm in NW Columbus may have some opportunity for pickle ball courts.

Commr. Bagwell: How much space does a pickle ball court take up? You may want to reach out to Columbus City Schools.

Karen: A tennis court can have 2 pickle ball courts.

Commr. Bagwell: I think you should seek opportunities through Columbus Public Schools because it could also be beneficial to the students, too, for educational opportunities and field days.

Commr. Minister: If these are in the neighborhoods, wouldn't noise be an issue?

Commr. Bagwell: I enjoy listening to the sound of children playing. If someone lives near a school, they are already used to it. That may be a better avenue for you to explore.

Karen: Pickleball is the fastest growing sport that you have never heard of.

NEW BUSINESS

8:15 p.m. LYFT Scooters – Chet Ridenour

COGO bikeshare centers, we want to be a good neighbor to the community, safety is number 1 priority, scooter no parking zones, areas within the park, internal fleet team, brings those back to the warehouse, everything is functioning well, LYFT branding in the

app, city life for the people and making the streets accessible to more than just motorists, that will slow traffic. Set a geo fence to slow the traveling speed,

8:40 p.m. Public Comments

District Reports

Chair Wetherholt: I attended the "Corridor Concept Study: Inside 2050" seminar. I would encourage you to put it on our website and visit the MORPC website. Looking at 5 different corridors to see opportunities for building "up" the city rather than stretching out the city. It is something to be aware of.

Commr. Bagwell: Rain Gardens and street paving is still a conversation. Street trees on Indianola.

Commr. White: Added ladder crosswalk and signal change at Kanawha Ave and High St. Keep pushing the city to make changes related to safety.

8:55 p.m. ADJOURN