



## **Clintonville Area Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 7:00 – 9:00 pm**

### **Zoom Online Meeting**

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### **Streaming Live on You Tube**

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**Commissioners in attendance:** David Vottero, Khara Nemitz, Libby Wetherholt, Judy Minister, Brittany Boulton, Kendra Carpenter, Michael Weinman, Jim Garrison, B.J. White

**Incoming Commissioners in attendance:**

**District 2:** Brian Peifer (Term begins July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020)

**District 5:** Brittany Boulton (Term resumes TODAY June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020)

**7:05 p.m. Call to order & formal welcome by Chairperson White**

**(allowing extra time for technology updates to allow people to log in and get situated)**

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"

**7:07 p.m. A moment of silence observed recognized – Chair White**

Allowing a moment to be mindful of recent events and to collect our emotions at adjournment.

**7:10 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.

District 1, Commissioner David Vottero: It's been eventful in terms of recent events but quiet in south end of Clintonville, Indianola K-8 concern being addressed with the school district, addressing concerns with graffiti, and discussion of 5G tower technology installation.

District 2, Commissioner Khara Nemitz: I am leaving with a heavy heart but I feel it is the right choice and I am super excited about Brian Peifer succeeding in representation of District 2. I helped a neighbor with an alley paving issue which remains unresolved. Katherine Cull has been working in tandem with us on this. With regard to current events, I have participated in a protest march at the intersection of North Broadway and High Streets. It was a healthy way for me to observe and participate with a way to express my feelings about the recent events. Commissioner Nemitz prepared a statement thanking Commissioner Wetherholt who was CAC Chair when she began her term and Chair B.J. White, the current CAC Chair who invest a lot of time and energy in our band of 9 people. Also thanking Katherine Cull who enables the success of a commissioner's ability to make positive changes. Thanking the residents and neighbors of District 2.

Chair White follows up with a sentiment of gratitude to Commissioner Nemitz for secretary role, document preparation, and other events like Chili cookoff. Your participation exceeded the minimum requirement and not only that but "how" you executed your role.

District 3, Commissioner Libby Wetherholt: Thank you Commissioner Nemitz. You have done a great job. It's been mostly quiet. I am however, dealing with a sewer situation that is well over 100 years old. I have heard from 2 residents who reside in District 1 who have experienced water intrusion. With the rain, the sewer issues, and recent events, it is tough to manage.

District 4, Commissioner Judy Minister: I had a phone call with Leslie Westerfelt, Columbus Blueprint Construction PR Contact Person, we have been experiencing flooding issues from Fallis to Oakland Park, water was percolating from sewer caps and with torrent rainfall, lots of issues have surfaced. Allowing people to volunteer at the Park of Roses, too.

Chair White thanks Commissioner Minister's commitment for her relay of concerns to the City of Columbus.

District 6, Commissioner Kendra Carpenter: I have taken a pause from Facebook, please email, text, or call to reach me. Except for the motorcycles speeding on SR 315 it has been quiet.

Chair White expresses gratitude to Commissioner Carpenter.

District 7, Commissioner Mike Weinman: I have spoken with a Columbus Dispatch reporter about the flooding issues along with Commissioner Jim Garrison and were able to get some attention. The director of public affairs at Columbus Schools got back to me about Dominion Middle School who confirmed it will be empty for a short time but will soon be re-occupied in 2021.

Chair White thanks Commissioner Weinman and reiterates appreciation for his role on the commission.

District 8, Commissioner Jim Garrison: Basement flooding and storm runoff commingling with sewer causing backup. We are trying to refer everyone to Project Dry Basement which applying for eligibility to obtain resources from the city for back water valves, sump pumps, and other remedies for installation. My hope is that the city will recognize that this is the new normal and provide solutions to remedy the basement flooding issues people are having that coincide with Blueprint Construction initiatives. A

neighborhood resident had to reach out for help in addressing essential needs during the COVID-19 stay-at-home. Look out for your neighbors who are disconnected and have limited communication to outside resources.

Chair White commends Commissioner Garrison for his standard of care he extended to this neighbor in need and describes him as a “kindred soul” in his efforts to help his neighbor.

Commissioner Garrison reciprocates with a thank you for sharing of resources to Chair White but especially to Neighborhood Community Liaison Katherine Cull. Goes on to say, that the city, state, and government has programs, the “connection” is not easily made. It’s helpful to have dialogs and bridge the connection to those resources.

Chair White replies with “why” we exist and states that “I read the CAC mission statement but our role to the community goes well beyond those parameters. My life experience is that those in need most are those that do not know how, who, or where to ask for help.” Goes on to describe our role as a switchboard operator and be willing participants in that fashion.

District 9, Commissioner/Chair White: I am so thankful to the City of Columbus for their response to the social activism, to the COVID-19, and they sustain essential services business-as usual with the resurfacing projects (High Street north of Morse Road), trash collection, lawn mowing in our neighborhood park (Sharon Meadows). District 9 feels care for and cared about by the city’s essential service providers. We, too, have aging sewer infrastructure with a deteriorated sewer bell. Flags On High group have displayed the flags along High Street and will remain in tact through Veteran’s Day.

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

Welcome to Brian Peifer succeeding Khara Nemitz. Brian states that he is excited to be part of the commission and thanks Commissioner Nemitz for part of his onboarding.

Welcome to Brittany Boulton succeeding Dana Bagwell. Brittany states that she, too, is excited to be part and looks forward to learning more about how she can contribute.

Letters of appointment from Mayor Andrew Ginther have been received and your appointments have been received and is official.

Dr. Amy Acton Resolution – status still impending.

Vision Zero – I attended a presentation and conference with other community leaders on how to influence a cultural shift in sharing the friendly roadways. Commissioner Wetherholt, too, was in attendance. Lots of facts and data was shared in that conference. My take-away from this conference became apparent when it prompted me to think about the pass-through streets of our neighborhoods and chronic speeding behaviors. We need to retroactively design multiuse paths and create safe passage for cyclists among a neighborhood that was bisected with a state highway (Rt 23). How do we make this happen when the planning wasn’t there all those years ago? The Indianola Road Diet was by design to help tame the traffic speed. Making former highway thoroughfares into neighborhood streets that are road share friendly.

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

Minutes were emailed to everyone for review. Do I have a motion to accept the minutes?

So moved. Vice Chair Vottero seconds the motion.

Commissioner Nemitz moves to include the voting record with the minutes.

9-0 Approved.

**7:35 p.m. Katherine Cull – Neighborhood Community Liaison**

Thanks to Khara Nemitz for her service. Continued thank you to the CAC for stepping up their game so that the community still has engagement to their area commission. Shares info about the WebEx Meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup> hosted by Mayor Andrew Ginther and Chief of Police Thomas Quinlan. Shares mental health resources during the COVID-19 pandemic. Mental health resources and racism. Still no info about returning to the officer. Working with the city to host virtual meetings and perhaps outdoor meetings. When squared away, I will host. Regarding the Dr. Acton Resolution, still no update. I will gently nudge.

Commissioner Vottero asserts that he, too, has been offering communication efforts toward the Dr. Amy Acton resolution about the honorary street sign.

Commissioner Wetherholt safety advisory committee meeting and other meetings are coming in late again. Not too much notice being given to those who may want to participate. We need more time to share this info.

Sandra Lopez, Katherine's counterpart to City Council, conveys that the Dr. Acton Resolution has been forwarded. I will follow up with city council and when it may be on the agenda. City Council President Shannon Hardin did release a statement that matters as they relate to the BLM movement, has been the prevailing concerns and is being given top priority and treated with urgency. Protestors have the right to protest and it's time to discuss how we make this safer for every citizen.

**7:47 p.m. Treasurer's Report – Kendra Carpenter, Treasurer**

\$597.75 is the current balance and I am currently preparing the year-end summary.

It is time to discuss the budget for next year. We have been allotted \$3,500 for our annual budget. I will be creating a new expense reimbursement sheet. Historically, I have analyzed the past expenditures and noted that the most expensive item we have are the business cards and stationary. Perhaps, we'll shop around for a new vendor. Postage is a necessary expense and post office box rental. Now, we need to anticipate Zoom online meeting subscription. Consumables are typically absorbed by Miscellaneous as the city defines it.

Commissioner Wetherholt asks for clarification on the post office box rental.

Commissioner Carpenter responds with \$122.00 is the annual fee but I allocated \$130.00.

Commissioner Wetherholt asks if it includes the second post office box for the election committee. And B.J., does this include the Zoom Meeting subscription?

Commissioner Carpenter responds that we didn't have anything for rental fees.

Commissioner Wetherholt responds that there have been special circumstances that have rendered alternative meeting locations where the topic required larger attendance and we need to rent the Clintonville Women's Club as a larger venue.

Commissioner (to-be) Peifer asks a question about disallowable expenses. More specifically citing technology for meeting platforms.

Commissioner Carpenter responds that this is a new consideration. We are in Zoom right now and we must have a meeting platform in place.

Chair White responds that I tried to find the easiest to use technology that was able to be streamed live on YouTube, recordable, archived, and synced to the CAC Website Calendar. Zoom is the simplest to use and complete meeting platform that checked all of the boxes that the city attorney's criteria demanded. All of the CAC-related platforms communicate with Zoom. Does the Technology subscription or meeting-related fee fit a specific category?

Commissioner Carpenter stated that this would fall under the Miscellaneous category. I think this is great technology and likely encourages more people to participate.

Commissioner Wetherholt stated that Katherine would pay for this fee.

Chair White stated that with Katherine Cull affirming that the Zoom expense is reimbursable, we will pause that conversation taking Katherine's confirmation as the final word. Anymore questions for Commissioner Carpenter?

Commissioner Vottero stated that we simply need to apply some forward thinking on how we adapt to these meeting platforms. I also want to thank Commissioner Carpenter for putting this together. Can you please distribute the proposed budget to everyone?

Commissioner Carpenter replied affirmatively.

Chair White asks of Commissioner Carpenter to please distribute the expense reimbursement form with the final revised budget.

Commissioner Carpenter replied affirmatively.

With the conclusion of the treasurer's report, are we ready to vote for the budget?

The CAC approves the proposed budget 9-0.

**8:00 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.

Steven Gunther, Applicant: Everything seems trivial in the climate of everything happening. I will forgo the presentation and ask the commission for their consideration following Zoning & Variance Chair Hardwick's summary.

Chair White: We thank you for your comments and the sentiment they were delivered. Are there any questions from the commission to the applicant?

Commissioner Garrison: I commend you for the design. Assuming that the side yard setback calculations inclusive of the overhang, I have no objection.

Chair White: Are there any other questions for the applicant? If not, we will vote. After a motion was passed to vote, roll vote was exercised by district. 9-0, the applicant's request is approved.

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 Weinman 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.

Chair Hardwick presents the summary.

Chair White thanks Chair Hardwick for the summary can recap of the committee's vote and calls upon Commissioner Mike Weinman for the District 7 Report.

Commissioner Weinman: I am encouraged by the response of Bishop Watterson to have continued dialog with the neighbors. What's more, the variance requests are a good thing and favorable to the neighbors.

Catherine Cunningham, Attorney for the Bishop Watterson project, provides a synopsis of the project scale and introduces the attendees for the BW project: BW has tennis courts that are currently being used as a parking lot. Then, were notified that they needed to go through the city's process to officially convert this space for the use of a parking lot. We have been to a preliminary site review with the city. The result was that the to request a variance for more green space and less lighting.

Dick McBride, Landscape Designer: Touching upon three points, increasing greenspace by ½ acre along Indian Springs Drive. This area is also heavily treed with undergrowth that is going untouched. We will also be adding a hedgerow and 7 new trees for a net gain of greenery screening. 73 cars that currently park but granting the variance will only park 61 cars. Without granting the variance there would only be 40 parking spaces leaving a void 33 space for students to circle the neighborhood trying to find off-site parking.



Commissioner Wetherholt: What are your plans for decreasing the need for parking spaces? You can't keep increasing parking spaces without trying to mitigate the need for parking.

Chair White: I think that is a great question and Commissioner Wetherholt also chairs our Clintonville GreenSpot Committee. Commissioner Wetherholt is a proponent of multimodal transportation and other alternatives to alleviate motorist activity in Clintonville. I think that is a great question but will be paused until Deacon Campbell can address this. I would like to keep with the questions about landscape design and address those questions now with Mr. McBride. Are we satisfied with the knowledge shared by Mr. McBride as it relates to landscape design? Let's move on to introduce Deacon Chris Campbell.

Deacon Chris Campbell: I am a life long resident of Clintonville and graduate of Bishop Watterson who now resides in Commissioner Minister's district and live directly behind her. To address the question about drop-off arrival and dismissal times, whether or not the parents are driving or the students are driving, the demand is the same. It worsens with the parental drop-off and pick up time because of congestion related to lining up. I don't know if that answers your question at all, Commissioner Wetherholt, does it?

Commissioner Wetherholt: No, it doesn't. You keep saying you need more parking spaces but with this variance, you're done. There is no more room. Correct?

Deacon Campbell: That is correct.

Commissioner Wetherholt: What are you going to do to deter driving to school and encourage alternatives?

Commissioner Garrison: If I may add onto the tail end of that, your current application is to prioritize carpools. Will you give precedence to those students who carpool a priority parking spot?

Deacon Campbell: Yes, that is correct. That is how our application for student parking works is that we do encourage carpooling.

Commissioner Carpenter: In speaking on behalf of my constituency, I have heard that phone calls are not being returned when concerns are asked to be discussed. There are students that are parking in yards and blocking driveways. I want to encourage BW to be a good neighbor and return calls from the neighborhood residents.

Deacon Campbell: We do return calls. We keep reminding the students that on trash pickup day, they need to leave distance between the car and the trash container so that the trash can be picked up. We constantly remind them to park with distance between the car and the driveway. We remind them to drive safely and mindfully through the neighborhoods on their way home.

Commissioner Carpenter: If there is anything I can do to help and be a liaison between BW and the neighborhood, please let me know.

Commissioner Vottero: I agree with the observation that BW is a pillar of the Clintonville community and was very surprised to learn that the communication is as distant as they are. I am surprised that you are this far along in the process and have not met with the neighbors. You are here tonight asking us to grant you a variance request and would it impose a hardship if we tabled this until you met with those neighbors for more discussion.

Chair White: I want to reiterate for clarification with confirmation from Chair Hardwick's report that the neighbors' topics for dialog do not correlate with the variance being requested and in fact, favor the neighbors' with address on-site parking and less light trespass. Most of the neighbors' concerns are with regard to other byproducts of the construction.

Commissioner Vottero: Once we approve these variances, BW loses their motivation to converse with the neighbors. If it imposes a hardship, I am open to understanding what that is.

Commissioner Wetherholt: I would not agree to tabling this vote but do wish to express my dismay at the comment that was made by BW "...that these plans have been out there for years." I never once saw or heard of any plans at BW until last year when the construction began. I want to say to BW and to the Catholic Diocese that this is just one more public relations debacle. It seems like you're asking for forgiveness rather than asking for permission. I don't agree that there's shouldn't be parking lots at night. There should be.

Deacon Campbell: We didn't want to add more light to those parking lots out of consideration of the neighbors.

Commissioner Wetherholt: I understand that but there will be lots of nights where the only lights that would be on would be parking lot lighting. I know high school students and there will be lots of greenery screening. There will no visibility to the parking lot. I am for safety of individuals more than anything else.

Chair White: I would like to call upon Commissioner Weinman on behalf of his constituency whose district this is in. Can you please address whether or not your constituents are for or against the lighting variance.

Commissioner Weinman: The neighbors have no more appetite for more lighting in that area.

Chair White: Thank you.

Commissioner Vottero: Can I please ask someone at BW to answer the hardship question?

Catherine Cunningham: This has been a very long, drawn out process and there's no telling when we may get on the BZA schedule. The perception of BW's communication with the neighbors is not the same as the neighbors' perception. BW is committed to having that dialog and to be productive, it will not be a beneficial to hash up old conversation and not move forward. We are hard-pressed to relate any of the dialog to these 2 variance requests. These improvements have caused some heartburn with the neighbors. BW is ready to address these issues.

Chair White: I think what Commissioner Vottero has interceded with is that there must be motivation to continue that dialog. Now that we have had two public meetings and on permanent commentary and permanently archived. We will take you for your word for it. Would you be willing to, as a consolatory notion, a good neighbor agreement that discusses potential remedies to anything that might go awry. How do you feel about that, Commissioner Vottero?

Commissioner Vottero: I think that a good neighbor agreement is good step and helps to facilitate the dialog. I hope that we can take BW at their word and that the follow up is robust.

Deacon Campbell: Absolutely.

Catherine Cunningham: What would be good neighbor agreement?

Chair White: A good neighbor agreement is a document that is often put in place approximately 7 out of 10 times when a variance is being asked that sets the groundwork for continued communication and encourages dialog. There are several examples we could cite.

Catherine Cunningham: I think I understand what one is but in this circumstance, what would one be?

Chair White: That is yet to be determined impending the future dialog between Deacon Campbell and the neighbors.

Commissioner Garrison: To further the dialog, the neighbors would like to have a voice and have their concerns heard, then this could be addressed with follow up with a person at BW. You are asking us to approve a variance and we are suggesting that you take this step to move forward with that variance.

Catherine Cunningham: Understood. It is important to BW to be a good neighbor but they need to be able to run a school.

Chair White: Does anyone have any questions as it relates to either of these two variances?

Commissioner Boulton: When Commissioner Wetherholt mentioned the parking lighting concerns, I feel like that went unanswered.

Deacon Campbell: We have been parking in that area for 10 years and not had any issues in the evening. The issues we have experienced are during the daylight hours when school is in session while students are actively parked there. Cars have been entered with items removed from the car and things of that nature. We have not had any problems in the evening hours in part due to we don't park cars there at night.

Tom Long: We have special duty officers on site during our events to help with a presence

Chair White: Does this satisfy the questions regarding these variance requests? If so, do we have a motion on the floor to vote?

A motion was made to vote on both variance requests together; no second motion.

A motion was made to vote on each variance request separately and a second motion was made.

Setback Variance: 9-0, Approved

Parking Lot Lighting Variance: 8-1, Approved. Commissioner Wetherholt who voted no stated that 5 months is not too long to wait for a variance request and just because something may not need a variance does not mean that you don't need to engage your neighbors.

Dick McBride, Landscape Designer

Deacon Chris Campbell, Principal

Tom Long, Facilities Director and Teacher

Bob Sisson, The Catholic Diocese and PR

**8:54 p.m. 5G Tower Installation – Commissioner David Vottero**

Kelso St resident contacted him recently about the construction of the installation and aesthetics. I would like to call upon the CAC Planning & Development Committee to enter into discussion with the city to discuss guidelines that are being used to that effect the height of the installation. The “state” has design guidelines, but what does the “city” have so far as design of the installation. My hope is to kick this into the Planning & Development Committee for some input to the city for design guidelines; existing poles versus installing new poles. We learned from Blueprint Construction that when you do these construction projects that effect people’s front yards.

Commissioner Minister: I agree with Commissioner Vottero. We already have too many utility poles along High Street when OSU Campus and Old Columbus have buried their poles, we seem to be getting more.

Commissioner Weinman: I have to share that this was a “fist fight” at the Statehouse. AT&T superseded any jurisdiction that the city had over this. I will get the legislation for you.

CAC Planning & Development Chair Andrew Overbeck: I will take this on with the city and see what I can accomplish.

Chair White: Thank you Commissioner Vottero for bring this concern into discussion and to everyone who shares these concerns. It is apparent that this is a widespread concern that impacts all of Clintonville.

**8:59 p.m. Olentangy Trail – CAC Planning & Development Chair Andrew Overbeck**

CAC Planning & Development Chair Andrew Overbeck: We are breathing new life into the letter of support that Commissioner Vottero wrote and submitted to the city last year to complete the Olentangy Trail with two more access points; Como Park and Northmoor Pl and additional trail on the west side of the Olentangy River. Chair White re-submitted the “re-freshed” letter of support and submitted it to the city for improvements for the North Broadway bridge. Essentially improving pedestrian mobility on North Broadway.

Chair White: With the letter that was shared earlier today via email, lets provide input to Andrew for the revision and render your suggestions and/or edits with him directly. All in favor of submitting a revision to Commissioner Vottero’s initially composed letter of support to broaden the scope of the Olentangy Trail project to include improved pedestrian mobility across the North Broadway Bridge, say “Aye”. And those who are opposed, say “No”. The decision was unanimously approved to revise the letter of support to include the pedestrian access on the North Broadway Bridge.

**9:05 p.m. Meeting Adjourned**