



Clintonville Area Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 2, 2016, 7-9 pm
Whetstone Library Community Room
(all times are approximate)

Commissioners present: David Vottero, Nancy Kuhel, Libby Wetherholt, Judy Minister, Matthew Cull, Randy Ketcham, Jason Meek, Kris Keller, D Searcy

7:00 p.m. Call to order by Chairperson Kris Keller and introduction of commissioners

Keller also introduced Michael Stinziano, Columbus City Council member, who was in the audience.

Libby Wetherholt and Justin Goodwin discussed a planned Development Tour to see how infill development takes place in other areas. The committee wants to see what would be useful to Clintonville—get used to scale, form and character; what can we learn from other communities. June 11 from 10 am to about 3 pm. Vans will be available to transport members.

7:05 p.m. Consideration of prior meeting minutes

The April minutes were approved by voice vote: 8 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain (Searcy).

The May minutes were approved by voice vote: 9 yes; 0 no.

7:10 p.m. Community Update- Isom Nivins

- *Recognized Ashley Hoffman from 5th by Northwest Area Commission in attendance.*
- *Wesley Glen has been working with a group of folks to try to make modifications to their parking lot so that heavy rains do not flood out neighbors to the west. WG has agreed to install a drain so that water will flow to the south of their property. Construction should start soon.*
- *Ketcham: recognized Isom for taking the lead and coordinating on this.*
- *Department of Neighborhoods: combines neighborhood liaisons, community relations commission, neighborhood pride and 311 department. Legislation will be written to bring it into existence. Should be in existence by end of this year.*

- *State of Community: a group which has brainstorming sessions to deal with problems. 6/6/16 6:00-7:30 at Driving Park Library, 1422 E. Livingston Avenue.*
- *Two opportunities to meet with Stinziano: 6/9, 4:30-6:00 @ St. Luke's UM Church 1150 W. 5th; Karl Road Library 6/14, 4-5:30 pm.*
- *Railroad crossing citizen concerns—Isom connected them with David Vottero*

7:15 p.m. Treasurer's report - Commissioner Meek

passed out a proposed budget to be sent downtown—will be ready to send downtown after Keller signs it. The report was approved by voice vote: 9 yes; 0 no.

7:16 p.m. Bat Box Update – Dylan Williams

Williams reported that he received about 50 emails asking about the bat boxes; about 2 dozen applications in total.

FLOW worked with city and some schools and convinced Rec and Parks to get involved. All 12 bat boxes have a home; 3 not yet installed. 8 square miles are covered, 5000 acres; hope to save City of Columbus \$15,000 a year in costs for insect control

Boy Scout raised \$700-800. First boxes went in in March. Hope by next spring to have 83% occupancy (1000 bats).

Commended FLOW: Laura Fay, Mike Sapp, Chris Costo, Corey Richmond, Steve Leahy, Joe Bevan

3 residences have bat boxes (Glenmont Avenue, Riverside Drive in Sharon Township, Garden Road ; Fawcett Center; Indianola Informal, Colerain, Ohio School for the Deaf; Clinton-Como Park; Anheuser Busch Park; Antrim Park; 2 at Whetstone Park (south and north ends)

Chandler Franken was Eagle Scout who built the boxes.

Batcon.org source for research

Keller commended Dylan for educating the commission about bats.

7:31 p.m. Clintonville Resource Center - Megan Gish, Clinical and Support Services Supervisor

Services: trying to highlight transportation program—provides transportation for older adults (60+ years of age); 43202, 43214, 43224, 43210; provides rides for social outings, medical appointments and grocery outings; volunteer drivers are welcome (contact Katie Palmer).

Cindy Colucy is transportation specialist; Village in the Ville, Christine Appel, program director.

Opportunities to support CRC: Third Thursday—food trucks, beer from Lineage Brewing, live music—in parking lot of 3222 N. High.

7:35 p.m. Historical Buildings Committee Awards – Commissioner Kuhel
HBC has been meeting a little over a year now; why should people care about old buildings? Came up with 3 awards. Plaques by Rustbelt Graphics
Stewardship—recognizes building or owner who maintains their historic property—Urban Podiatry, Dr. Scot Bertolo
Preservation—recognized for renovation and used for original use—Clinton Elementary
Adaptive Reuse—adapted a historic property for reuse—Elm&Iron, Bob and Jennifer Klatt

7:45 p.m. Historical Buildings Committee bylaws change – Commission Kuhel
The by-law change was approved as written: 9 yes; 0 no.

7:50 p.m. Technology Committee report – Commissioner Wetherholt
The tech committee met to determine where we are regarding updating the website.
Right now we are thinking of keeping the website purely information regarding business of the commission. We want it easy to use for both the user and the updater. We need to use the information regarding archiving requirements to determine the documents that we need to retrieve. We will also begin to write an RFP so that we can begin the search for a webmaster to take care of updating of website.
We will be looking at options to present to the commission. One option will be to perhaps develop a platform that several commissions can use to work together.
Meek: city option might be over-restraining; have looked at other area commission websites—5th by Northwest website contains a lot of interactive information.
Cull: Any actions on the website will be up to the commission to approve. We will come up with some options and the costs and will come back to the commission.
Meek: Another idea that we've discussed is to have whoever builds the website to make it available to other commissions who would also share the webmaster.

8:01 p.m. CAC election results/new commissioners – Chairman Peter Niswander
Election uncontested for all three seats. Christopher Allwein stepped in at the last minute as a write-in candidate. District 3: 16 votes; District 6: 17 votes; District 8: 19 votes. No appeals to the results.

Christopher Allwein will be in Great Smoky Mountain Park for July meeting. Lives at 141 Wetmore since 2002. Attorney with Kegler, Brown & Ritter; runs Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy which serves low income utility customers; has worked at MORPC.

8:04 Clintonville Area First Responders Appreciation Day Resolution

Meek moved to establish April 12 as Clintonville First Responders Day with proclamation (as read).

The proclamation was approved with the addition of “every” before April 12: 9 yes; 0 no.

8:11 p.m. District Reports

Vottero: inquiry about safety and train noise at Weber Road; obstacles prevent formation of quiet zones in the past inquiries; has encouraged callers to make 311 request; 2 of Clintonville’s railroad crossings do not qualify for changes for various reasons; Kuhel recommended contacting former commission member Jim Blazer and Searcy recommended contacting former commission member Chris Gawronski

Kuhel: Brighton Road –lots of calls about trucks being stored at the old Starbucks; Clintonville Rotary will host movies in the park by showing “Inside Out” June 11 at 8:50 pm at Whetstone Park

Wetherholt:

Recognized Justin Goodwin to report on developments which are the result of P&D committee:

- *Medians-working with city in the final design for a median on Indianola near Studio 35 and on High Street between Oakland Park and Dunedin. LOUA will in all probability care for the median in Indianola. We are working to find entities interested in helping to care for the medians on High.*
- *P&D is monitoring the off-peak traffic and parking on High Street north of Glenmont and south of Cooke that was added as a result of the Mobility Framework Plan and the Clintonville Neighborhood Plan. It helps to calm traffic and makes walking more pleasant.*
- *The committee is working to schedule a public meeting in August regarding a proposed road re-configuration of Indianola north of North Broadway.*
- *The committee will host a Development Tour on June 11 from 11-4 to view and study development efforts in other parts of the county.*
- *I attended the Hearing regarding the new Department of Neighborhoods to be established by the City of Columbus. It appears to be a reconfiguration of current departments. The actual effect of the reconfiguration is meant to streamline communications.*
- *Searcy asked about the crosswalks that were proposed in the 2009 UIRF projects. Wetherholt said that two sets of crosswalks are in the design stages at Morse & High and Acton & High.*

Minister: Art & Aesthetics—Art of Civility exhibit hosted by Positively Clintonville at Whetstone Recreation Center happened on May 22. Our Lady of Peace—ukelele song performance & flowers; Indianola Informal brought a string ensemble; Whetstone High School presented drama & poetry. Trying to continue discussion of burying electric lines along High Street; Stinziano's office helped with a conference call with John Ivanic who says it would cost \$22 million to bury lines and there is a lack of continuous alleys; Minister sent pictures of hacked up trees; city agreed to a pilot project study for Brevoort to Blenheim where there is an unobstructed alley which could be done; another compromise is to look at moving wires to existing poles

Keller: had phone call regarding Bare Burger and parking that will be available and asked Meek to check it out since it is in his district.

Cull: Vision Development for site of Dixie International—no answer regarding sewer capacity issue; silence for last several weeks from both city and developer.

Ketcham: the parking changes that have been implemented are all in his district; district residents say there is a fine line between traffic congestion and slowing traffic down; also there is danger regarding trying to turn north on High Street from Croswell. Rusty Bucket parking for employees is spreading on Croswell and Roselea. Really concerned about line of vision for traffic coming from Croswell onto High.

Meek: requested a traffic evaluation regarding the necessity of a light from 4041 N. High Street and the entire stretch of High up to Henderson.

Searcy: additional traffic should necessitate more crosswalks. Commission needs to re-double efforts to get crosswalks.

8:47 p.m. Public Comments

- *Stinziano: engage City Council members and educate them*
- *Stewart: at least 10 years ago it was said that antique lighting was connected to Worthington, but that is not the case. Three years ago trees were planted and they were supposed to be watered for two years; but that has not happened. Now High Street is being dug up near those trees.*
- *Mary Rodgers: CHS—Memorial Day Event on Memory Lane; 150th Memorial day celebration; hope to dedicate Cynthia's Compass sculpture sometime this summer; dedicated the painting, "Cry" hanging in Whetstone branch of the library in honor of Cpl. Justin Kuhel's March Across America to raise \$80,000 for veterans' issues; 6/14 CHS will have presentation on 4-H; in July will meet with Jeffrey Brest who is writing about theater artists, one of whom is Matthias Armbruster; note historical photos at Rusty Bucket; have funded 5 historical markers.*

- *Will Koehler, Weisheimer Road: tried to reach out to Charlie Vince about sidewalk widths for building project at Deland and High; 7 foot minimum for a sidewalk, which is what city requires, is not sufficient to make walking feel safe. Parking is a “free” solution for making walking safer by creating buffer. Narrower road slows traffic down. When a road is less predictable, drivers do slow down. Parking is a big win.*

Special Meeting of commission 6/23 at 7:00 pm. Clinton Hts. Church where we will discuss officers and committee chairs.

8:55 p.m. Adjournment

V. Committees

A. There shall be ~~three (3)~~ four (4) standing committees to assist with the regular work of the Commission:

Planning & Development, Zoning & Variance, [Historic Buildings Committee](#) and Election. In the event a matter overlaps the area of two or more committees the Chairperson of the Commission shall have the authority to assign such issues to a specific committee, or charge two or more of the committees to work as a special committee for the issue.

1. [Planning & Development Committee](#): The Planning & Development Committee will review community focused development and planning issues, including proposed business development, civic and social development arising from the community and/or its various civic organizations, City plans impacting Clintonville, and shall, upon the Commission's request, prepare comprehensive social, physical, commercial and economic planning recommendations for the Commission. The committee will explore what Federal, State, and local funds may be available to implement plans in the Clintonville area. The committee will provide arenas for interested parties and the general population to participate and discuss all such issues affecting Clintonville. The committee will work pro-actively with other community-based organizations to forward the development and promotion of Clintonville in a manner consistent with the Commission's mission statement.

2. [Zoning & Variance Committee](#): The Zoning & Variance Committee shall regularly receive, review and make recommendations on all applications for rezoning, variances, graphics and other zoning adjustment appeals and special permits located wholly or partially in the Clintonville area. The committee will consist of no fewer than seven and no more than nine members.

a. In the event that a recommendation on a zoning matter must be reported to a City government body before the full Commission can properly meet and take action upon it, the Zoning & Variance Committee may proceed to make the recommendation on the Commission's behalf, if prior to making such recommendation, the Zoning & Variance Committee obtains approval of the Commission Chairperson. The Commission may refer a zoning matter back to the Zoning & Variance Committee for the adjustment of final details, and this final adjustment shall be considered to be an action of the Commission.

b. In the event the Commission receives from the City a demolition request for an accessory use building in a residential district from a private home owner, the chairperson of the Zoning & Variance Committee, the Commission Chairperson and the District Commissioner for the district in which the demolition request is received, may review the demolition request without a full meeting of the Commission. The three shall review the proposed demolition; if all agree, the demolition is deemed to be approved. If one disagrees, the matter shall be held over until the next regular Commission meeting. The Commission Vice-Chairperson shall be called upon if the Zoning & Variance Committee chairperson or the Commission Chairperson is also the District Commissioner for the district in which the demolition request is received. In the event that a non-accessory building demolition permit, including but not limited to a house, office building or school, is received it will be heard by the Zoning & Variance Committee at its next regular meeting and its recommendations given to the Commission for action at the next Commission meeting.

3. [Historic Buildings Committee](#): The Historic Buildings Committee will pursue a process to catalogue buildings in Clintonville, with an emphasis on all buildings along High Street and Indianola Avenue. The purpose of having an up-to-date database for historic buildings in the CAC districts is to

provide a basic understanding of which properties are deemed architecturally or historically significant. Focused attention along the major thoroughfares will aid the CAC in its decision-making process related to proposed development in the community, by knowing which individual or groups of buildings are significant in those areas.

The Committee will research avenues of funding to assist owners in maintaining and preserving historically/architecturally significant buildings.

The Committee will develop opportunities to educate citizens on Clintonville's unique sense of place and will collaborate on historic preservation efforts with community groups.

4. Election Committee: The Election Committee shall conduct elections for District Commissioners. The Election Committee shall have all necessary authority to conduct Commission elections, including certification of candidate and voter qualifications, establishment of and staffing of polling places, counting of ballots, and adjudication of disputes and challenges. The committee will consist of five Clintonville area residents appointed by the Commission.

a. No committee member may be any of the following:

i. a Commissioner;

ii. a candidate for election to the Commission; or

iii. a member of the immediate family or household of a candidate for the Commission.

b. The Commission shall designate one Commissioner to serve as liaison between the Committee and the Commission. Such liaison may be the Commission Chairperson, but shall not be a candidate for election to the Commission during that year.

c. The Election Committee shall propose, for consideration by the Commission at its regular February meeting, election rules that describe the procedures by which elections will be conducted. The committee shall conduct the Commission elections pursuant to Article VIII and the adopted election rules, and shall meet as often as necessary.

B. The Commission Chairperson, following the July annual meeting, shall appoint a chairperson for each of the standing committees established in accordance with these Bylaws. The chairpersons of the Planning and Development Committee, ~~and the Historic Buildings Committee and the Zoning and the Variance Committee~~ shall recommend to the Commission members of those committees who may be Commissioners or non-Commissioners. The chairperson of the Election Committee shall recommend to the Commission members of that committee who shall all be non-Commissioners. The Commission shall approve the membership of the standing committees at the August regular meeting of the Commission. Appointments to the standing committees shall be for the period of one year until the next August regular meeting.

C. Ex Officio Committee Members: The Chairperson of the Commission shall be an ex officio member of all committees except the Election Committee. A Commissioner who is not a regular member of the Zoning & Variance Committee shall be an ex-officio member of the Zoning & Variance Committee during that committee's review of an application for rezoning, a special permit, a variance, or other zoning adjustment appeal for property located in the Commissioner's district. Ex officio members of

Clintonville Area First Responders Appreciation Day

WHEREAS, Columbus Police Officer Steven M. Smith was recently killed in the line of duty while engaged in a SWAT standoff in Clintonville on April 12th; and

WHEREAS, Officer Smith is the 54th CPD officer to die in the line of duty since 1816; and

WHEREAS, a first responder is a person, such as a police officer, firefighter, or EMT, trained in urgent medical care and other emergency procedures who is prepared to move immediately to the scene of an accident or disaster to provide assistance. First responders include members from many agencies: police, firemen, paramedics/EMTs, dispatchers, disaster agencies and even volunteers; and

WHEREAS, every day first responders risk their own safety and personal property in the performance of their duties to protect our citizens; and

WHEREAS, acts of kindness and appreciation from citizens for first responders provide them needed encouragement and support to confront the dangerous and uncertain situations they face every day;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Clintonville Area Commission, do hereby proclaim every April 12th, as Clintonville Area First Responder Appreciation Day and encourage all members of the community to take time out of their day to show first responders and their families how much we value their service to our neighborhood and city.