



**Clintonville Area Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, March 3, 2016, 7-9 pm**  
**Whetstone Library Community Meeting Room**

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

**Commissioner(s) absent and excused:**

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

**7:01 p.m.** Consideration of prior meeting minutes  
*The minutes were approved by voice vote: 9 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain.*

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

- *Reminder of zoning training: 3/19, 9:30-11:30; at 757 Carolyn Avenue; should have an email to register (several members agreed we had not been notified)*
- *Area Commission Agreements still being worked on; should come out in late March or early April*
- *Street re-surfacing schedule is awaiting capital budget to be approved; will come out in March or early April*
- *Stinziano community hours: Wednesday, March 9, 5-6:30 pm at Cup o' Joe coffee house on High Street*
- *UAC planning committee voted to approve a moratorium to limit demolitions in areas zoned C-4; Isom will send resolution to us*
  - *Wetherholt asked about clarification on council member Klein's committee: why is Clintonville NOT represented*
  - *Keller said rationale was that Clintonville is pretty well represented with the mayor and at least one council member come from Clintonville*
  - *Wetherholt: There are many people who do NOT feel represented by those members as they never attend any of our meetings and do not meet with us at all. Stinziano is quite good at communicating.*
  - *D input: There were many area commissions not represented; perhaps the recommendation should be made that there be someone from each commission on that committee; there used to be a committee on commissions which worked for a while*

**7:15 p.m.** Treasurer's report - Commissioner Meek  
*commission agreements are holding up any budget disbursements*

**7:20 p.m.** Columbus City School's Ad Hoc Committee on Facilities – Stephen Hardwick

*CCS is hoping to get a ballot issue on this fall's ballot; 50 on a task force to provide advice; survey is available for any and all to fill out; paper copy is available at Whetstone Library; need to find out what people are willing to pay for; what and where programs should be; CCS website has survey; Board of Education website has meeting schedule; CCS Facebook page and on school's website*

**7:22 p.m.** Streetscape Improvement – Judy Minister

- *Minister: Green district is in her district; West side of High Street is doing well with street trees and beautiful lanterns. On east side of High Street the trees are being hacked to pieces because of interference with power lines. 3810 N. High lost a tree that was 2 feet in diameter. Very unfair to look down to university area district and see no overhead wires and then turn around and see Clintonville's overhead lines. Below Arcadia the speed limit is 25 mph and north of Clintonville High Street's speed is 25 mph, but in Clintonville it's 35 mph. Landscape and atmosphere of High Street in Clintonville is much less inviting than either Olde North Columbus OR Olde Worthington.*
- *Motion: Remand this information to planning and development committee which would become involved in researching and advocating for these improvements to the streetscape and the speed limit*
- *Searcy: Power lines were not buried on west side of street; the power lines were never there. The prettier street lights were done during Lashutka's administration with Project 2020 and with project for streetscape done by Paul Love and the chamber; area north of Morse on High is still waiting for what was done south of Morse. Searcy is in support of this, but thinks area north of Morse needs to get it first.*
- *Vottero: street light request was put in UIRF request*
- *Cull: neighborhood plan review sub-committee can also deal with this expense and how to gain support for that*
- *Minister: emphasized that, while undergrounding lines is expensive, savings can be netted through fewer repairs*
- *Ketcham: what about the speed limit? Has that been broached with the city?*
- *Wetherholt: yes, it's complicated. The way to get traffic to slow down is through road diets—not speed studies*
- *Keller: commissioners should meet with P&D to make sure they are aware of the desires*
- *Vottero: ask P&D how CAC can best pursue these requests*
- *Meek: make effort to see Stinziano during his neighborhood meetings*
- *Searcy: shout out to Stinziano for sending letter*

*The motion to send the information to Planning and Development passed by voice vote: 9 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain*

- *Public questions:*
  - *Joe Barylak: distributed talking points regarding burying the lines; do we support the concept of burying utility lines? We need to start the discussion with the city of the concept of burying utility lines; \$62 million is allocated for infrastructure improvements to the Hilltop and Linden areas; city says it would cost \$20 million on 4.1 miles of road which comes out to \$1000/foot.*
  - *Joe Motil: W. Cooke resident; a project like this does impact businesses along the way during construction*
  - *?: Has anyone looked at low growth trees*

**7:46 p.m. Historical Buildings Committee – Commissioner Kuhel**

- *Revised resolution which was introduced last month (see attachment)*
- *Keller: is part of the recommendation to make this committee*
- *Searcy: issues with regard to implementation; are we setting expectations on something we can't do anything about anyway? Ultimate desire is to save buildings, but how will we go about saving the building? How does this fit with zoning and variance committee?*
- *Cull: agrees that there are some issues; Key thing that is missing now is any kind of notice from the city that something is in the offing; we can massage the particulars down the road*
- *Voterro: Most of the details have to do with OUR processes. We can work that out later. This is an excellent and timely resolution to let the city know that we want some notice about properties that will affect us. No problem with the resolution as it is now*
- *Searcy: We need to say that we want the city to work with us and other area commissions to allow us enough time to do something about historical properties.*
- *Kuhel: the whole purpose of this is to let the city know that we are serious about this; we need to know ahead of time*
- *Keller: asked for reading back of modifications.*

*Motion to approve amended resolution: 9 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain*

*Agreed to table addition to committee until next month*

*Keller: ground rules for next portion of meeting:*

*10 minutes for each presenter with no interruptions or theatrics; there will be time for discussion*

**8:05 p.m. Gypsy Moth Spraying – ODA – Brian Burke**

*European gypsy moth came to US in late 1860s in order to start a silkworm industry; 1990s spreading at alarming rate, so they started a new program which Ohio got into in 1999. This is an invasive species that causes problems by spreading out of control rapidly. They affect the oak and hickory trees. Trying to keep moth in infested area and slowing moth to less than its natural spread of 13 miles per year. Trap data comes from ~12,000 traps per year. Spraying is done from the air. ½ to ¾ gallon of spray from air as opposed to 5-7 gallons per tree which is financially impossible  
 Notifications: officials get notice and some people get notice because they will see airplanes. Info on website with maps*

**8:20 p.m.** Gypsy Moth Spraying- Jeff Frontz

*has written a resolution outlining concerns; ODA has a tough job protecting our forests; Btk kills all wildlife around at the time including monarch and swallowtails; Gypchek is a species-specific virus that ONLY kills the gypsy moth; US Forest service says it's just as effective as Btk; it's free to ODA; asking that the mayor's office forbid the overflight for Btk spraying as it did two years before. It's important to surgically control the Gypsy moth without killing other species. Asking for support for surgical control rather than broad spectrum attacks. We are asking for your support of the surgical control of the Gypsy Moth.*

**8:25 p.m.** Gypsy Moth Spraying – City Council Representative

*Kelsey Ellingson: works for council member Elizabeth Brown; issue was brought to her attention by Kris Keller; Brown and she have looked into the matter. Has received many emails regarding this issue. It's about protecting the urban canopy. We want trees to be safe; checked with departments. Water is safe from spraying; the notice says people might want to stay inside; however, it is safe for people. Rec and parks is still looking into matter; Gypcheck is effective and no effects on other species. Still looking into the matter with mayor's office and other departments to determine what does it best.*

**8:28 p.m.** Gypsy Moth Spraying – Discussion

- *Cull: 2014 the Gypchek was applied by ODA from air. Is it possible to apply more Gypcheck in those areas*
- *Burke: Btk is only effective in the early larval stage which is not at the same time as other species. Gypchek may be free, but molasses and airplanes are NOT free.*
- *Kuhel: Why potentially harm a species rather than use the spray that will only harm one?*
- *Burke: Where Btk is used we bring down population of gypsy moth, trees recover and the other species return in 2-3 years. There are no threatened or endangered species where ODA intends to spray*
- *Vottero: Gypcheck has lots of ways for application to go wrong or be less effective. What are problems with Btk application?*
- *Burke: enumerated many problems with Btk application—deteriorates rapidly with sunlight; needs optimum weather and certain percentages of humidity, sunlight and leaf canopy expansion*
- *Member of public: how does Gypchek work?*
- *Burke: it's a virus and works best when there is crowding, i.e. high concentration of larvae*
- *Cull: Is there a high concentration of moths?*
- *Frontz: US Forest Service says Gypcheck is equally effective. Both Btk and Gypcheck are susceptible to the same problems. Iuka Block Watch has gone out and paid for traps for the ravine and they are out there treating the problem on their own. They do not want to risk having an overflight and killing other species.*
- *Iuka was treated and continues to have an infestation.*
- *Public question: why not allow inevitable to take place?*
- *Burke: ODA does not want to keep re-treating an area; we want to reduce population so that we don't have to re-treat.*

- *Frontz: One reason treatment is needed is the OSU students take gypsy moth home on their cars and will spread it further*
- *Resolution: (see attachment)Kuhel moved to adopt resolution.*

*Vote to adopt resolution: 8 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain (Keller)*

- *Searcy: UAC vote?*
- *Frontz: will vote in another 10 days*
- *Vottero: stance of Chadwick?*
- *Frontz: they are very concerned, but have yet to take a stand partly due to being a state agency*

**8:52**

Elections materials – available at library, orientation on March 8 at 6:30 pm at Whetstone Community Center. Election on May 7.

**8:55 p.m.** Adjournment



Resolution 2016 – 01  
Proposal for Preservation of Clintonville Historic Buildings

**Whereas**, there is a growing concern that the rate of development within Clintonville and other Columbus neighborhoods is moving ahead at a speed that does not allow for direct, ample and mindful input from Clintonville residents, especially with regard to historical architecture; and

**Whereas**, the Clintonville Neighborhood Plan (“CNP”) specifically addresses historic preservation and two of the structures specifically mentioned in the CNP no longer exist; and

**Whereas**, without a change in City policy, Clintonville runs the very real risk of losing the historic architecture that is integral to the nature and character of Clintonville; and

**Whereas**, developers work directly with City staff on their development plans and are only required to come before Clintonville Area Commission (“CAC”) when variances are needed; and

**Whereas**, not all historically significant buildings are listed on a City, State or Federal historic registry;

Now **Therefore**, be it RESOLVED, that the CAC requests that the City modify its processes to provide notice to the respective area commissions as soon as practicable when a proposed development affects a commercial building that is 50 years of age or greater, regardless of the need for variances in conjunction with proposed development.



## Resolution 2016 – 02

**Whereas** Iuka Ravine and OSU Chadwick Arboretum are environmentally sensitive areas that provide an oasis for migratory birds, monarch butterflies, and other species traversing a veritable urban desert; and

**Whereas** the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) has, via the Slow the Spread program, identified a significant infestation of gypsy moth in Iuka Ravine and Chadwick Arboretum; and

**Whereas** the standard treatment of minor gypsy moth infestations by ODA involves the aerial dispersal of pheromones (mating disrupters) that only affect the male gypsy moth's ability to find female gypsy moths; and

**Whereas** the standard treatment of significant gypsy moth infestations by ODA involves the aerial spraying of Btk, a broad-spectrum insecticide that indiscriminately kills not only the targeted gypsy moth caterpillars but also any other moth and butterfly caterpillars that are active at the time; and

**Whereas** the toxicity of Btk for sensitive species is 30 days or longer, extending well into their breeding cycle; and

**Whereas** caterpillars of imperiled moth and butterflies like zebra swallowtail, monarchs, luna moths, and others may be active, and thus killed by, the spraying of Btk for gypsy moth control; and

**Whereas** any birds or other wildlife dependent on the typical population of caterpillars in Iuka Ravine and Chadwick Arboretum as a source of food will be significantly adversely affected by the dearth of prey following the application of Btk; and

**Whereas** with the decline of native pollinator and honeybee populations, a further reduction because of Btk application is of serious concern; and

**Whereas** the isolated nature of Iuka Ravine and Chadwick Arboretum make the recovery of imperiled species by repopulation difficult if not impossible; and

**Whereas** Gypchek, a pesticide consisting of naturally occurring virus that targets only the gypsy moth, is available free of charge to ODA for use as part of the Slow the Spread

program to control gypsy moth; and

**Whereas** Richard Reardon, manager of the US Forest Service's Biological Control Program, asserts that Gypchek is just as effective as Btk; and

**Whereas** Gypchek poses no threat to any imperiled, beneficial, or desirable butterflies and moths;

NOW, **THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CLINTONVILLE AREA COMMISSION,

1. The Clintonville Area Commission recommends that the Ohio Department of Agriculture or its agents:
  - a. take all precautions to protect the Iuka Ravine and Chadwick Arboretum ecosystems;
  - b. use only Gypchek (in lieu of Btk) in Iuka Ravine and in Chadwick Arboretum, if required, to control any significant gypsy moth infestation;
  - c. use mating disrupters, if required, for the control of any minor gypsy moth infestation in the Clintonville and OSU Area; and
  - d. avoid the application of Btk in Iuka Ravine and Chadwick Arboretum.