



Clintonville Area Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 3, 2015, 7-9 pm
Whetstone Library Community Room
(all times are approximate)

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

Commissioner(s) absent and excused: Matthew Cull

1. 7:00 p.m. Call to order by Chairperson Kris Keller and introduction of commissioners

2. 7:05 p.m. Consideration of prior meeting minutes

The minutes were approved by voice vote: 7 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain (Kuhel).

3. 7:10 p.m. Community Update- Isom Nivins

- email correspondence from Judy Minister re possibility of having underground power lines installed. He talked to asst. adm in division of power who will look into it.
- City Council looking to fill Paley's seat: 8 copies of resume and a narrative essay of 500 words or less on challenges and opportunities facing City of Columbus.
- Klein will hold public utilities hearing on 12/9/15 at 5 pm in council chambers.
- Community Relations Commission will hold Lunch and Learn Meeting to dispel rumors about refugees on 12/8/15, 11 am-1 pm at 1111 East Broad Street.
- Firefighters for Toys for Kids – now until 12/22/15 from 11 am-2 pm.

Keller asked for minute of silence for those who have died in shootings.

4. 7:07 p.m. Treasurer's report - Commissioner Meek

- documentation for closing out first disbursement of funds has been turned in; new funds should be received sometime this month. Carryover of \$47.40 to add to the \$1,250 for our new disbursement.
- requests that Rust Belt Graphics be hired to identify meeting location for 2-3 portable signs (1 large and 2 small) which would run about \$350 total. Motion by Meek: Authorization for RBG to design 2-3 portable signs not to exceed \$350. An earlier vote on the signs in October authorized \$190 to be spent. Searcy noted that since \$190 was already authorized, we should authorize \$160. Meek changed motion to authorize \$160 in addition to earlier amount already voted on. Vote: 8 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain.

5. 7:15 p.m. Clintonville Area Chamber of Commerce – Jenny Smith

Chamber moved to 11 W. Cooke, Suite 5, 614.262.2790, info@ClintonvilleChamber.com. 40 new members this year and 3 more to come in 2016. “Slice of Clintonville” event had about 350 people at Clintonville Woman’s Club. Getting ready to plan awards: business of year, businessman of year, volunteer of the year. Look in “This Week Booster” for nomination forms in January. Student Breakfast, Health Fair, Cruise the Ville. There are weekly email blasts that can be signed up to receive.

6. 7:20 p.m. Planning and Development update – Andrew Overbeck

- meeting with city re UIRF did not happen due to illness; it will be rescheduled;
- official city study of the neighborhood plan won’t happen until 2019;
- discussion has occurred about the desirability of a neighborhood plan revision study which would work as a subcommittee of Planning and Development; 3 from P&D will serve on the committee (Justin Goodwin, Jim Dziatkowicz, and Alex Smith); Representation will also come from Zoning and Variance, Commission members and then members at large. Overbeck felt no more than 12 should be on the committee. This subcommittee will result in a pre-planning document to hand to the city when it is time to amend the plan;
- a shared spreadsheet will be developed while looking at the plan;
- a tour of development around Columbus will be planned to look at what is happening now; then a series of community meetings including time at things like Farmers’ Market and soccer games; staff at City is aware of this plan for the study.
- Need: adequate representation. Those interested in joining the sub-committee should contact Andrew Overbeck.
- Actually timing is not yet set. The process may take 9 months or slightly more.
- Noted Positively Clintonville was interested in partnering on some of the process.

Commission Input: Meek suggested that any document be put on website in Read-Only version. Kuhel asked that a member of the committee be from the Historic Buildings committee.

Isom Nivins: Some other commissions are grappling with the divergence between “plan” and “code”. They are asking for the City Planning Department to put as much enforceable information as possible.

Overbeck will write a blurb to send out to listservs and This Week Booster and then report back on committee membership at our January meeting. Motion by Kuhel: CAC should approve the written “charge” as submitted by Andrew Overbeck. Approved by voice vote 8 yes; 0 no.

7. 7:40 p.m. Clintonville Resource Center – Bill Owens

Update: Family Services is located on W. Lakeview. Everything else is at 3222 N. High Street. Satellite Food Pantry is at Gethsemane Lutheran Church. Beth Stewart-Magee runs community meals two evenings a week plus Sunday brunch. Produce truck delivers on Tuesday evening. There are also medical vans that come to provide services. Mid-Ohio Food Bank partners with CRC.

- 12/7 – Mozart’s Fund Raiser
- 12/12 – delivering Senior Gift Baskets; children’s secret gift shop
- need Christmas decorations to give away

- 12/12 – Family Sponsor program
- 12/14-18 – Toy giveaway for those who did not sign up
- 12/22 - Holiday Lights Tour
- January – will expand to a third site for Kids' Club after school care

8. 7:57 p.m. Porous Pavers – Susan Ashbrook

- Ohio EPA approved BluePrint Columbus on Tuesday (12.1.15). Pilot will begin next summer. The program includes looking for people for the free sump pump program in pilot area.
- Ashbrook displayed the two colors of pavers that are available. There is a recommended color (Charleston), but also a secondary color (Sierra) that can be used. Four streets will have pavers. Charleston is a reddish brick reminiscent of historic brick colors. Sierra is a grayer color that blends well with concrete. The Classic Herringbone design pattern will be used.

After discussion among commission members, Wetherholt moved CAC approve the Charleston brick. Voice vote: 8 yes; 0 no.

****Questions from Cull to Ashbrook: Are the rain gardens a danger to children? What about mosquitoes?** Ashbrook is developing literature to answer some of these questions. It takes 72 hours to make a mosquito breeding ground and the specifications for these (engineered) rain gardens requires that the garden draw down in under 48 hours; rain gardens are right next to street which would have more dangers than rain gardens. Each rain garden has no more than 12 inches of water at any time, but most will be 6 inches. There are existing Rain Gardens at Overbrook and High and at Unitarian Church at West Weisheimer and High.

9. 8:14 p.m. Consideration of letter of appreciation to Columbus Police Department regarding the resolution of the Christie Mullins murder case.

Keller moved for approval as read.

Approved by voice vote: 8 yes; 0 no.

10. 8:16 p.m. Consideration of letter of appreciation to Melissa Goodrich of Colonial Candies

Discussion among commission: Searcy suggested an addition concerning her help and support for Farmers' Market. She provided change and stored items for them.

Keller agreed to add that information.

Approved by voice vote: 8 yes; 0 no.

11. 8:17 p.m. District Reports

- Vottero – met with ODOT regarding the bridge at which an updated schedule states that work will not begin until January 2017 due to length of time needed to obtain right-of-way. ODOT has done some designs to incorporate some of our ideas.
- Kuhel – Historic Building Committee will hold photo walk on December 6 to take pictures of buildings in Clintonville from North Broadway to Weber.

- Wetherholt – Walhalla concerns have been resolved with lots of communication with city departments; will now be working on a Good Neighbor Agreement with resident of Walhalla and the city to be on file with the city. Isom Nivins has been a great help.
- Minister – Community Planned Review group and underground electric for east side of High Street
- Cull – theft from unlocked car on Chatham, thief caught by security cameras; still working on vetting contractors to rebuild the website, hoping it will be done by end of the year;
- Ketcham – ongoing development on High Street: Rusty Bucket, Bibibop, Weir-Arend Funeral Home lot will sell early next year.
- Meek – glad to hear BluePrint Columbus has been approved; the developers of the Novak Funeral Home property may need to be at Z&V next month.
- Searcy – reported for Dylan Williams that there are 18 applicants for Bat Boxes; need more applicants from District 1, 2, 7 and 8; issues with Wesley Glen who does not seem to be following the plan for the parking lot runoff; underground power lines should run all the way up to Worthington and asked Isom to pass along that request
- Keller – has been notified that the traffic light will be removed from Piedmont (former crosswalk for Olympic Swim Club) by February 13.

12. 8:40 p.m. Public comments

- Susan Gaunce reported that Annual School Fair to be held on January 28; help needed with the work of the committee. Contact Susan Gaunce, 614.989.2407, gaunces@earthlink.net; would like to have commission take committee back again
- Mary Rodgers – Clintonville Historical Society has launched historical marker program to continue effort to have history visible to residents; reinstalled Hollenback marker (near library building) as well as Historic Clintonville marker at North Broadway and High; applying for grants and accepting donations for 20 new historical markers; 5th coloring book will be released on January 17 at a family friendly event at Clintonville Woman’s Club 2 pm-5 pm.
- Bill Owens – completed foundation for house at MidGarden; Luckys promotion from now through Christmas.

13. 8:42 p.m. Adjournment