



Clintonville Area Commission Meeting Minutes Thursday, February 4, 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

7:05 p.m. Consideration of prior meeting minutes
The motion was approved by voice vote: 8 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain (Searcy)

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

- First area commission training on 3/19 – Subject: Zoning 201 conducted by Chris Pizzutti at 757 Carolyn Avenue at 9:30=11:30 am. Will also be open to civic associations as well.
- State of Community, 2/8/16 at 1422 Livingston Avenue, Driving Park Library, 6:15 – 8 pm; open to public
- Gypsy Moth Open Houses by Ohio Dept. of Ag; luka Ravine will use; 2/8, 6-8 pm OSU Maintenance Building, Room 103E, 200 Tuttle Park Place; 2/10, 6-8 pm at Linden Rec Center, 1254 Briarwood Avenue; 2/11, 6-8 pm at Beatty Rec Center at 247 N. Ohio Avenue; more info on Dept. of Ag website, <http://agri.ohio.gov/divs/plant/gypsy-index.aspx>
- 2/19 Godman Guild will have job resource fair at Neighborhood Pride Center, 240 E. 11th Avenue, 1-4 pm
- Keller asked Nivins about the Mayor's Community Advisory Committee and asked if Clintonville could be represented

7:15 p.m. Treasurer's report - Commissioner Meek
Portable Sign Graphics – Commissioner Meek

Meeting Signage discussion – send comments to Jason so that he can build a feedback matrix; feedback already obtained said CAC was not visible enough; changeable panel desirable; make a versatile as possible

Keller: make sure it's readable from a car; arrow a bit too stylized

Kuhel: website unnecessary

Searcy: use of branding is good

Minister: clarification on proportions

Wetherholt: get rid of branch on the bottom; it almost looks like it's pointing the other direction

Public input: none

Meek: will take info back and email add'l mockups

Vottero: motion to give Jason authority to go back and make decisions for us; passed by voice vote, 9 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain

7:20 p.m. Clintonville Area Chamber of Commerce – Jenny Smith
March 4 dinner – to honor award winners
Business person – Kevin Johnson, owner of Music-Go-Round
Business – Lineage Brewing, Mike and Jessica Byrne
Volunteer – Greg Denby

7:20 p.m. CRC Update – After School Coordinator, Brenda Kauser

- New after school site at Columbus Mennonite Church
- They are recruiting new attendees for this site, Monday through Friday, 3-6 pm
- Kindergarten – 5th grade
- Cost is sliding fee scale - \$700 maximum for the school year

7:25 p.m. Historical Buildings Committee – Commissioner Kuhel
Kuhel: been meeting regularly. Will have an award for Clintonville businesses who have restored or used a historically significant building. Will be an annual award with a plaque.

Resolution 2016 – 01: meant to help us learn of the possible development of a historic site and to help us try to prevent the loss of our historic buildings. This is a first step to moving towards getting some sort of control over the use of our buildings. We know that this is not legally binding, but it is our communication with the city of what we would like to have done. The neighborhood plan states we should try to save significant buildings, but there is no help in zoning or with city plans to help us do this.

Kuhel moved to accept the resolution as written.

Commissioner input:

Vottero – supportive of intent of resolution, but it would help to discuss this with people at the city such as Randy Black (chief preservation officer), Marc Dravillas (planning), Ed Lentz (Columbus Landmarks). Might also try to convince people who own historic property to encourage them to think about preserving their property. Encourage city to include us in the one stop shop process
Kuhel – The one stop shop idea would include someone from P&D. Has had conversations with Randy Black who said he is an unfunded department. He has no staff or funding. He has said that we need to let downtown know because he has little input.

Searcy – would like it spelled out that commercial buildings is the emphasis of the project; need to look at the age of the building; need to spell out whether this has to do with demolition or remodeling or what; 60 days as stated in the resolution could have demolition before those 60 days are done. The term “take the temperature” of the community needs to be more specific so that the community doesn’t get revved up and then nothing can be done. We need a mechanism about how to save something and how all of this will mesh with existing policies.

Cull – Biggest concern is: How does our desire to save a building get implemented?

Meek – Can we work with University Area Commission since they are wrestling with similar issues? We need to be cautious about demonizing a developer, owner or buyer. We need to vigorously pursue the current owners and let them know what we value.

Minister – has been researching historic option on the Columbus Landmarks and other sites-wondering about a seminar on advantages tax and other to spur interest historic preservation among property owners and/or prospective owners. Goes along with David Vottero's changing hearts and minds comment. Recent example from January meeting, two vintage properties on agenda: Former Novak Funeral Home and the Fusion Sushi site. Fusion a great renovation of a simple gas station site. Contrast to Novak demolition and completely new construction.

Promote ideas historic easement or grants to give some education on incentives to

preservation. Also need to pursue knowledge from residents like Shirley Hyatt who has added her own house to a historic site.

Wetherholt – include Mary Rodgers (Clintonville Historical Society)

Public Comment:

How old is historic? 50 years or older [That is the national standard for the term]

Natalie Wright – 50 years cut off is consistent with all other groups; development pressure is building concern that there is not a large enough voice for preservation in Clintonville

Nancy Stewart – historic school house in District 9 is deteriorating and owner does not wish to designate it historic and has no windows on the north side; residential properties are not included in this resolution and there may be a need for that emphasis to protect our neighborhoods.

Vottero: table the motion til next month. Passed by voice vote: 9 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain

7:52 p.m. Planning and development expense request – Commissioner Wetherholt P&D subcommittee, Neighborhood Plan Review, wants to go into other areas of the city to check out other areas of the city and their development. The sub-committee would like to encumber up to \$400.

Meek: would like city attorney's opinion concerning liability

Vottero: can we approve the allotment with the proviso that it is subject to approval concerning liability issues

Motion: approve the encumbrance of up to \$400 subject to approval regarding liability issues.

Vote: 9 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain

8:00 p.m. District Reports

Vottero: ODOT has requested a revised contract for the bridge construction. Bridge construction is still a year away. District 1 reaction to immediate closing of Patrick J's is creating a lot of concern about the hopes and concerns of the development of that piece of land. Borrer Properties have said there are no immediate plans for the property and are interested in hearing from the community. Borrer will work with White Castle properties on developing the two pieces of property. The properties straddles two commissions and could be difficult to complete in a positive way.

Kuhel: Kuhel, Overbeck and Bagwell and counterparts from UAC are meeting next week with Borrer to discuss any possibilities and then hope to meet with LOUA and FLOW. Whit's Custard is coming to District 2.

Minister – residents continue to ask about Broadway and High; still talking about underground power lines because of many power failures; resistance to moving power lines underground is due to cost and the number of power line cross-overs and ravines interrupting the alleys; could we create a TIF for burying underground lines?

Cull – creation of TIFs is on hold because there has been a pushback on TIFs in the city
Ketcham – major sewer work on selected streets of the southern part of the district; Mayor Ginther is coming to Whetstone High School for State of the City speech

Meek – pass

Searcy – should be looking at whether to entertain architectural review board for commercial buildings; [Vottero: may be pursued by neighborhood review sub-committee]

Keller – Mozart birthday celebration at Mozarts'

8:15 Public Comments

Mary Rodgers – CHS has issued its 5th edition of the coloring book; next meeting will be storytelling night with Ralph thompson being the featured speaker and the library will have recorders for capturing audio of older citizens; launched historical marker program and have applied for a grant to help fund part of the markers. Three of 10 markers have been funded and are starting to get public input on which markers should be funded next. The easiest way to get a marker placed is to pay for it.

Mary Rauschenberg – website update?

Judy Minister – offered to start a Facebook link for CAC meetings

Cull – no new progress updates on the website

It was agreed that no comments should be allowed if a Facebook page is begun. Comments will be disabled.

8:24 p.m. Adjournment

To do list:

Isom Nivins: email information about Gypsy Moth meetings, check on Mayor's Advisory Committee; check on liability issues of providing transportation with city attorney



Resolution 2016 – 01

Proposal for Preservation of Clintonville Historic Buildings

Whereas there is a growing concern that the rate of development within the Clintonville community 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;

Whereas without a change in policy, Clintonville runs the very real risk of losing the historical architecture that is “Clintonville”;

Whereas developers work directly with City staff on their development plans and only consult the Clintonville Area Commission (CAC) when variances are needed;

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

Therefore be it RESOLVED, that the City modify their processes to provide notice to the CAC when a proposed development affects commercial building that is more than 50 years of age, regardless of the need for variances;

RESOLVED, that this notice be made before a developer invests significant time and/or large sums of money in the planning/design process;

RESOLVED, that when the CAC receives notice, the notice is forwarded to the Historic Building Sub-Committee (HBSC) so that the HBSC can host public meetings to assess the community’s “temperature” regarding the affected building(s);

RESOLVED, that the HBSC provide a recommendation of action to the CAC within 60 days of its receipt of notice; AND

RESOLVED, that the CAC vote to adopt the HBSC recommendation and when the outcome of the vote is favorable that the CAC immediately forward said recommendation to the City.