



Clintonville Area Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 7th, 2022, 7:00 – 9:00 PM
Whetstone Library, 3909 N High Street

Commissioners in attendance: David Vottero (D1), Brian Peifer (D2), Hugh Crowell (D4), Brittany Boulton (D5), Joe Motil (D6), Michael Weinman (D7), Jim Garrison (D8), B.J. White (D9)

Commissioners with an excused absence: Libby Wetherholt (D3)

7:00 Call to order

Welcome, Housekeeping, Approval of Agenda – Commissioner Vottero, Chair Commissioner Introductions and District Updates

District 1, Commissioner/Chair Vottero: City organized a meeting on Blueprint with break-out sessions. Very informative and bodes well for upcoming project. Spoke with resident on Olentangy about ponding concerns; may have to reach out to adjacent property owners. Was invited to opening of Tee Jays Country Place opening and ribbon cutting.

District 2, Commissioner Peifer: Blueprint Columbus for D2 is broken up into 2 sections. Residents had questions on impact of Blueprint; they see rain gardens. Working through 2 different plans of action on the different sides of the implementation. Refer to Blueprint Columbus website for resident questions. High street and Weber mixed use development coming soon (may-July) in case anyone interested in the project.

District 4, Commissioner Crowell: No updates

District 5, Commissioner Boulton: Received a couple questions on Blueprint. Tuesday April 12th at 5pm there will be a Community Housing Network meeting. An affordable housing meeting schedule for May 10th at 5pm w/ Mike Stinziano.

District 6 Commissioner Motil: Has received several letters support, as well as opposition, of the connector project. Parking issue on Aldridge has sprung back up from Bishop Waterson students. Aldridge does not have restricted parking and therefore increases the problems there. The solution may involve visiting with Deacon of the school. Cota relations manager replied to the Commissioner regarding community garden request. Same response received; still reviewing what they're going to do. Report coming later in the meeting regarding advertising benches.

District 7, Commissioner Weinman: Was contacted by residents on Indianola about sidewalks. Potential news of Our Lady of Peace closing and giving control to Bishop Watterson.

District 8, Commissioner Garrison: – Continued issues with mail in the neighborhood. Regarding the connector, the Commissioner has received letters of support only. On the topic of Indianola project,

have received both support and opposition. Attended soft opening of Tee Jayes with Commissioners Weinman and Wetherholt.

District 9, Commissioner White: Sharon Meadows Park Geyser being repaired. Aldi well underway with construction and coming soon sign up. Golden 8 ball/billiards building reportedly sold. Listing agent not telling who bought the property. Suggests that the public monitor recorder or auditor site if anyone if that curious. Association of realtors nominates a project to support annually. Commissioner White nominated Brevort park for realtor care day. Recognized Ryan Foshee, Chair of Greenspot committee; applied for a grant from FSWC district and won \$1000 for servicing the fire station. \$200 for signage and \$800 on plants.

7:15 Consideration of prior meeting minutes – Commissioner Garrison, Secretary

February and March meeting minutes commented on via email, revised accordingly, and approved

7:17 Treasurer’s Report – Commissioner White, Treasurer

\$100 refund given from library bringing balance to \$1037.31

7:20 Neighborhood Updates

Beth Fairman Kinney, Department of Neighborhoods

Updates sent via email (included at conclusion of these minutes)

- Changes coming to 311
- Street sweeping coming, happens twice a year, sign up for alerts
- Community backyards program, sign up at communitybackyards.org
- New town hall on April 22nd

Harrison PokuYeboah, Columbus City Council

Highlights of project from Council Members

Hardin – Honored OSU women’s hockey team on winning national championship

Brown – Authorized funds for Improvements at Glenwood Park

Remy – Authorized funds for providing CPD with body cameras

Dorans – Grant Agreement for Workforce development board for income support pilot program

Bankston – Extension of America Floor Source jobs initiative and tax abatement

7:23 Conclusion of discussion on Indianola Complete Streets Study

Due to extensive public comment at the last meeting, not enough time had been given for Commission discussion on the best way to capture the sentiment and present to the city.

The options available was writing of a letter or a resolution. Both options were prepared and discussed among the commission. Commissioner Weinman read aloud the contents of a draft resolution and motioned for approval.

Omission of the intent of the Clintonville Neighborhood Plan was mentioned by Commissioner White. Commissioner Motil felt that the letter better captured the sentiments of all parties with sufficient context.

Some public comment was received and a vote was taken on the resolution.

The vote was 4 yes, 4 no, motion failed.

The contents of the draft letter was then read aloud by Commissioner Boulton.

Commissioner Weinman motioned to table the letter with a second from Commissioner White. Tabling was opposed; 7 against, 1 for.

Modifications to the letter to align with the resolution seemed somewhat agreeable to the Commission. Modifications were then made by Commissioners Boulton and Peifer.

7:45 Mary Rodgers – Clintonville Historical Society

Noted the 50th Anniversary of the Clintonville Arts Guild

City of Columbus has began repair of mural/fence/wall on North Broadway. Flat black, a local commercial team of artists going to do a restoration of 500SF of patches to the wall. Color matching will be made to the current faded color as well as content. Beginning April 21st, the cost is \$30,000. Historical Society raised funds and will be paying that bill. Initially murals were on west of railroad tracks and extended over time eastwards. Problems with the artist and contracts as well as the railroad raining down effluence from above have caused a state of disrepair. Latest plan will be that murals to the East will be covered with dark grey paint. Flat black gave some design input on what goes on walls to the East of tracks. Historical Society looking to get community support and engage CAC.

Also, it is the 50 year anniversary of the Clintonville Art Commission.

8:15 Conclusion of discussion on Indianola Complete Streets Study (cont'd)

With modifications completed on the letter (now resolution with letter format language), a vote was taken. The modified language was unanimously approved by the Commission.

8:27 Advertising Benches Throughout Clintonville

Commissioner Joe Motil gave overview of the advertising benches issue and how it has been looked into over the years but no progress made. In 1989, as a result of a court case with the city filing against bench company, it was uncovered that in 1972 the city gave permits for benches. City then accepted grandfather status of benches in 1989. Another issue aside from the aesthetic is that some benches in the sidewalk pose accessibility issues. Despite public service dept contacted, not much change. The feeling is that advertising benches are trash collectors and that the ads are often promoting themselves.

They are featured only in Columbus as a result of the benches formerly in Cincinnati and banned there. There is now a 311 request for advertising benches in R-O-W. Public is encouraged to report the locations to allow city to track the location and quantity to back check things against the initial allowance on the benches from 1972.

8:44 Planning and Development Presentation of Neighborhood Survey Results Planning and Development Committee Chair – Andrew Overbeck

Chair Overbeck gave overview/updates of the Mobility framework survey

780 responses received and gave important insight into where the community desires/needs amenities like sidewalks, traffic calming, bike infrastructure, and streetscape appearance improvements.

8:50pm – Public Comment

A resident of Aldridge Road commented on parking issues ongoing on their street as a result of Bishop Waterson students

8:55pm – Meeting adjourned

Beth Fairman Kinney, Neighborhood Liaison, neighborhood updates (received via email):

311: For nearly 20 years, 311 has connected you to the City of Columbus and all of its services and resources. Our improved website and new CBUS 311 mobile application will make it easier and faster to submit your service requests 24 hours a day, seven days a week. *The new website and app is coming soon!* <https://www.columbus.gov/311/>

Street Sweeping: Beginning in April 2022, the City of Columbus will update its annual street sweeping program to ensure an equitable approach to cleaning debris and pollutants along curbed

streets before they reach local streams and harm water quality. When will your street be swept? Sign up for email reminder here: <https://www.columbus.gov/publicservice/streets/Street-Sweeping/>

Spring Break: There are plenty of low- and-no cost activities to keep your kids active and engaged while they take a break from school. Join Columbus Recreation and Parks for School's Out Spring Break April 15-22 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Participation is free! Are you looking for some fun activities across the City for your family to enjoy? [Check out the School's Out webpage to see what community partners have planned.](#)

CRC Lunch and Learn, Addressing Discrimination in Columbus: Discrimination is illegal in Columbus. However, discrimination law can be confusing and difficult to navigate. Local discrimination investigation agencies are here to help understand what is illegal and what you can do if you were treated differently. Join the Community Relation Commission's 2022 Lunch and Learn Series on Friday, April 22 from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m, as we host a discussion about local civil rights enforcement in 2022. Featuring representatives from the Columbus Community Relations Commission and the Ohio Civil Rights Commission. RSVP by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/events/697909194725910/>. All four sessions of the series may be viewed live with or without a Facebook account by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/cbusneighbor> the day of the event.

MBK Job Fair: Crane Group presents the 2022 MBK College, Career & Community Fair • April 23, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM at Nationwide Arena during the HBCU Classic. In the market for a career position? Just out of college looking to land that first opportunity. Bring your employment search to the place where employers are looking for someone like you. Upload your resume and you may be interviewed when you arrive. And we'll have colleges recruiting high school students and community-based organizations offering family enrichment services. [To](#)

[register: https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/91d0e634cc1b4fc587e254d865e8fff5](https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/91d0e634cc1b4fc587e254d865e8fff5)

Community Resource Fair: Mid-Ohio Food Collective is hosting a community resource fair on April 21, 3-7pm at the Columbus Museum of Art. This event is open to individuals and families looking to enjoy art, while seeing how else community can support each other. 25 community vendors will be on site, and meals will be provided to the first 200 people. The event is free.

Celebrate One North Side Baby Shower (graphic attached): Pregnant women and new moms are invited to celebrate at Healthy Kids Day hosted by the North YMCA, 1640 Sandalwood Place. There will be bounce houses, activities for kids, vendor resources, food trucks, and free giveaways. Please register at: www.tinyurl.com/northshower

Recycling: Did you know more new items are now accepted in your curbside or drop-off recycling? Visit www.recycleright.org to learn more about these items and how to prepare them for recycling.

Did you know the [Columbus Urban Forestry Master Plan](#) (UFMP) is the first Citywide, strategic plan to invest long-term in Columbus' trees? It was approved last April, and the department has been working hard on actions that were outlined in the UFMP, such as inventorying the street trees, [revising the public tree protection code](#) and coordinating between City departments. Did you know that in 2021, the Forestry section with Recreation and Parks received 6,056 requests for tree planting and tree care from Columbus

residents? [Read the progress report for more details about what was accomplished for the City's Urban Forestry Master Plan last year!](#)

Project Blueprint Clintonville III: The recording of the 30% Design meeting held March 24, meeting is available at <https://youtu.be/zfgtEMMGM0Y>, the [slides](#) from the presentation, and a [question summary](#) are all posted online. Any remaining questions can be submitted to our Outreach team at 614-645-1253 or blueprint@columbus.gov. Unsure about which is your area? Visit the Blueprint MAP and type in your address to find out! Sump pump installations are offered for a limited time only. If you are interested, Contact Blueprint at 645-1253 and we'll schedule your no-obligation assessment to see if a sump pump is right for you! <https://www.columbus.gov/utilities/projects/blueprint/>

Ready to go green? Franklin County, Ohio residents can earn up to \$50 for your yard by participating in the online course and quiz or attending a live workshop. After participation, you will receive a voucher with details on your eligible rebate items and how to redeem your rebate. Due to the amount of participation, vouchers are offered on a first-come, first-served basis and expire within 30 days. Vouchers are limited to ONE voucher per household per year. Online classes will be available to sign up April 22. <https://www.communitybackyards.org/>

Latino Housing Townhall: LASC Partners with City of Columbus, Our Lady of Guadalupe Center for Latino Housing Townhall in Columbus The Columbus City Attorney's office, the Legal Aid Society of Columbus, Columbus City Neighborhoods Department/Code Enforcement, and Our Lady of Guadalupe Center will team up for a town hall to address Housing concerns raised by Latino/Hispanic residents and to also provide housing information, wraparound services, and resources that protect tenants. LASC will be represented by the Housing Team Staff Attorney Dalia Phelps, who will giving a presentation in Spanish on landlord/tenant rights, as well as Managing Attorney Melissa Benson and Homeless Youth Fellow Arianne Thomas. The event is scheduled for April 21 from 5-7 p.m. For more details, follow [LASC's Facebook Page](#).

Earth Day: Join a clean-up on Saturday, April 30, 2022, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm. To register for this event, please visit: www.cleanercolumbus.org

National Night Out will be Tuesday, August 2nd. If your community group is interested in participating, please contact your Community Liaison Officer. 16th precinct: Officer Frank Hall, FHall@columbuspolice.org, 4th precinct: Officer Mark Hauenstein, MHauenstein@columbuspolice.org ; 3rd Precinct: Officer Patricia Meyers, PMeyers@columbuspolice.org.