



**Clintonville Area Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 1st, 2022, 7:00 – 9:00 PM
Whetstone Library, 3909 N High Street**

Commissioners in attendance: David Vottero (D1), Brian Peifer (D2), Libby Wetherholt (D3), Hugh Crowell (D4), Brittany Boulton (D5), Joe Motil (D6), Michael Weinman (D7), Jim Garrison (D8), B.J. White (D9)

Call to order, Welcome, Housekeeping, Approval of Agenda – Chair Vottero

Commissioner Introductions and District Updates

District 6 – Fenway Pines- Recreation and Parks has agreed to do some honeysuckle removal and to add new plantings near the area of the vernal pool where there are standing water issues. Recs and Parks is requesting volunteers for the work and if Fenway Pines has suggestions for plantings they would be open to such suggestions. Public Utilities is still working on plans to install a new storm water outlet in the cul-de-sac.

Delawanda - Tina Mohn who is the Recs and Parks Natural Resource and Asset Manager, Beth Fairman Kinney and I met with the Delawanda Residents Association on August 8th. Tina gave an updated report on the Old Beechwold Bikeway/Shared Use Path. It appears that Recs and Parks is taking on more of a lead in the design of the path now. The two trees are most likely going to be saved, the width of the path has not yet been decided but will most likely be 8 feet or less with a permeable surface and the landscaping plan will be modified.

Beth and I also went on walk with the Delawanda President Rosie Quinzon-Bonello and former Delawanda President and longtime resident John Bennett to look at some of the traffic concerns and the need for traffic calming that they feel might be amplified due to the new TJ Maxx and Home Goods store along with the new Graceland Apartments. Charles Newman who is the Public Relations Specialist with the Public Service Department responded with a detailed email this past Tuesday in response to their concerns. So we will wait for Delawanda to digest Public Services response and see what if any further action steps they would like to take.

COTA Chief Engineer and Mechanical Officer Andy Biesterveld has remained silent on my requests to have a meeting with Delawanda regarding the vacant lot.

Aldrich Road - I have received quite a few emails complaining about parking since school has started thus residents have been inquiring about when the signs will go up. I have been told by Public Service that they should be installed in about 3 weeks.

District 4 - No update

District 3 – Commissioner Wetherholt has been trying to find out about blueprint; 60% meeting is coming but no communication yet. Commissioner Wetherholt sent a letter and no response.

Commissioner Wetherholt received an email from new homeowners of the eastmost house on Weber Rd before the railroad tracks. 4yrs ago, the property was sold to a flipper, and they fenced the whole yard. At the time, the alley was closed off at one end and owner “took” alley for

themselves. New owners want to get help to allow people to use alley again and looking for people to help.

Commissioner Wetherholt and her husband assisted in heat mapping project in Mid-August; very interesting project.

Handout was received on affordable housing fair, Sept 17th with Michael Stinziano.

Evidence of West Nile was reported; spraying coming. Sept 20th

District 5 - Coffee w/ commissioner event – August 7th. Homelessness task force timing TBD.

District 1 - Crestfest did occur; scaled back event compared to previous years but there was an effort to reboot. Commissioner Vottero was unable to attend.

Report of troubling crime on Crestview; robbery and assault, stealing tools, owner confronted the suspects, was dragged and seriously injured.

There was a report of a neighbor on Indianola who usually kept to herself and after not moving her car for a period of time, Police were called for wellness check. They found that she had passed away; it is a good reminder for neighbors to check on each other.

The Commissioner commented that the direction the bikeway project is headed is encouraging.

District 8 – Car thefts were reported near Morse and Indianola. Former Tee Jayes has been demolished, new tenants of 2 spaces in building at Beechwold and High are still unknown. People near High street have expressed frustration with speeders; Commissioner is planning on distributing slow down signs they have remaining.

District 9 - Developer for Aldi has announced a soft opening for the new store on High Street on October 18th. Grand opening scheduled for October 27th.

The Commissioner noticed that welcome to Clintonville signs are misplaced. Clintonville sign southbound is too far into Clintonville and northbound sign is too far south.

Continue to have complaints about deer; if you look at the Commissioner's website page, they have offered a tip; dip tampons into household ammonia and tie to a branch or fence close to where one would want to deter deer.

Met with Bill Hadler, Hadler Companies, to discuss plans for prospective tenants of old Accor building and vacant lot across the street.

The Commissioner concluded with reaffirming their role of a commissioner and recited intro to by-laws.

District 2 - Deer has removed from the alley on Brighton Rd.

Had a nice conversation with Blueprint and determined there is definitely a cost limitation for lateral linings. No word yet on specific budget or ability to have residents cover extra cost for lining. Also, the sump pump program may be expanding.

North Broadway bridge, owned by franklin county board of engineers, mailed update indicated a meeting upcoming with possible news of better pedestrian use of the bridge.

District 7 - nothing to report

Consideration of prior meeting minutes – Commissioner Garrison

Special meeting minutes from Commissioner Boulton Approved with 3 abstentions (Wetherholt, Garrison, Piefer)

August meeting minutes from Commissioner Wetherholt Approved with 1 abstention (Garrison)

Treasurer's Report – Commissioner White, Treasurer

\$116 stamp reimbursement to Stephen Hardwick

\$202 for post office box upcoming charge

\$2483.04 current ledger balance with \$2182 left in budget

August Special Meeting Report – Commissioner Boulton

The August special meeting is available on youtube and had great attendance. UIRF funding was discussed as well as capital budgets and CAC priorities as it relates to capital spending and action items. Andrew Overbeck from the Planning & Development Committee discussed differences between UIRF and capital spending. A need was expressed for more 360 degree feedback and getting information from the city on our projects. There is also a need for better options of meeting spaces. A question of leveraging existing projects to accomplish goals was posed. And other topics discussed like general funding on parks and recreation, quiet zones, utility bldg., sidewalk improvements, biking, parking, better shared use agreements. Topics mentioned in public comments were related to speeding, walkability, biking, bury utility lines. Commissioners sought to look into better processes on UIRF fundings, think about issues, and email Chair Vottero with ideas.

Neighborhood Update – Beth Fairman Kinney, Department of Neighborhoods and

Training on sat sept 10th – James White – improving engagement by evaluating differences.

New Area Commissioner training – September 14th

New staff working in area. New social worker on North Side and North Side Pride Center.

Community liaison officer being replaced – officer Montgomery, paperwork underway.

Harrison Poku-Yeboah, Columbus City Council

City council back in chambers Sept 12th

Latina Heritage month being celebrated Sept. 17th 11am-1pm

Beautification grants to community organizations and processes about how to qualify coming

Celebrating Asian American month Sept 27th

Some council members have exhibited being more policy driven

Elizabeth Brown has been reaching out to Area Commissions

Zoning and Variance – Committee Chair Stephen Hardwick

1. CV21-062, 3013-3021 North High Street

Commissioner comments were initially brief and asked about the process for trash removal which the applicant addressed.

Public Comment:

Kari Egan-meadowlark -what kind of services (HVAC) will be possible for the tenant with the building

Pete Jelpy – owner of mom/pop shop, opposes project

Donna Leigh Osborn – North Broadway – have you looked into alternate parking levels? Applicant: Space was prohibitive. DLO comment: City no longer issuing permit parking. Clintonville outfitters variance granted but owner never followed through.

Commissioner Piefer – Do traffic studies look at future? Vottero – there is an element of expansion.

Diane Miller - Aldrich Rd – Will excess parking go on to street? Applicant: Yes. DM - How much do units rent for? App: Not set yet.

Curl Tompkins – Owns rental property and offered that the single biggest issue she has with tenants is parking

Kathy Walters - Riverside Drive, Sharon Twp – Is there a ravine in the back of the bldg? Applicant: Yes. KW: Any screening in back? App: Fencing.

Variance approved 5 for, 2 against, 2 abstained

2. Demolition Agenda - 155 Graceland Blvd. Request to waive the 60-day waiting period for demolition.

Waiver approved 8 for, 0 against, 1 abstained

C2P2 Presentation – Mark Dravillas, Planning Administrator and Alex Sauersmith, Planning Manager at City of Columbus

<https://www.columbus.gov/planning/C2P2/>

Public Comment

The next meeting will be at 7pm on Thursday, October 6th, at Whetstone Library.

Adjournment