

Agenda – Clintonville Area Commission

October 6th, 2022

Community Room at Whetstone Library Branch, 3909 N. High Street, Columbus, OH 43214

Thanks to Columbus Metropolitan Libraries for hosting this meeting.

7:00

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

Peifer and Garrison excused

7:15

Commissioner Introductions and District Updates

District #4:

Update on BluePrint project; Tiffany Conn about scheduling; BluePrint project 3 encompasses 1,2,3,4,5 from Cville; Level of Service evaluation is being done which deals through flooding and street icing, etc. Working on that now. 3 month delay. 60% Design phase has been put off until spring; letters are going out to residents of District 1-4 which is meant to respond to resident concerns

District #3:

pretty quiet

District #1:

pretty quiet; open discussion about removing limited parking on Crestview; communicating about revision of zoning code in city;

District #9: Aldi was supposed to open 10/15, will have soft opening on 11/1, grand opening 11/3; 100th homicide happened in #9 as a result of a parking space homicide; Sharon Twp. Meeting on 10/5 to discuss bulk trash piling up, Sharon Twp. Maintenance spr. spoke,

District #6:

went to Environmental Court regarding ad benches, no one from company showed, has been rescheduled. City will seek cap on number of benches through court action; 506 unique locations were granted historically after the court decision and city will argue there should be no more. Also will work toward ADA compliance Partial demo in Graceland has been completed, lots of dust and no water trucks. Aldrich Rd. restricted parking signs have been installed. Peace

Park dedication attendance.

District #7:

Got a call about KIAs (cars) racing along Ingham, littering trash bags, one teenager waving a gun

District #5: Training on how to use 311

Consideration of prior meeting minutes –

Commissioner Garrison was absent

Treasurer’s Report – Commissioner White, Treasurer
Expense reimbursement in process. Present balance is \$2300

7:25

Greenspot Committee Update – Ryan Foshee, Co-Chair

Working on Fire Station 19, put in pollinator gardens, started as pandemic project, about ready to submit expenses to get reimbursement, have done more than was the intent;

Tree give-aways are coming; committee will be looking for homes soon

7:30

Neighborhood Update – Rebecca Deeds, Department of Neighborhoods and Harrison Poku-Yeboah, Columbus City Council

Area Commissioner training 10/8

Another training 10/15 Building Resilient Communities post pandemic

10/29: Zoning Training

11/8: Code and Planning Training

Vaccines available at Columbus City Health

Harrison: Bankston endorsing Digital Inclusion

Padilla: Endorsing

Brown: Endorsing

Partner to beautify community – up to \$10,000 grant – November 4 deadline

7:40

Zoning and Variance – Committee Chair Stephen Hardwick

Housekeeping items: Z&V members go through end of January; new chairs will be appointed by CAC in February

Demo Permits: thinking about proper demo methods and put people on notice about proper demo methods

1. BZA22-125, 289 Lenappe Dr.

To remedy a public safety problem with a severe sloped residential drive way by lowering the driveway grade and extending the house footprint with a two-car garage (450 sq. ft. and living space (450 sq. ft.), the homeowner seeks a variance to reduce the building line from 25' to 0'. CC3332.21. Concerns by committee were about height. Commissioners asked about height of final addition, flooding problems and where new building will come compared to street.

Vote: Yes: 4

No: 2 (Motil and Weinman)

Abstain: Vottero

2. BZA22-113, 3100 N. High St.

To split a lot resulting in two buildings, each on their own lot, the applicant requests variances to: 1) reduce the width of a shared drive aisle from 20' to 9' feet, CC3312.09; and 2) reduce the maneuvering area for parking spaces from 20' to 10'. CC3312.25.

No changes in building; bank is requiring the lot split due to building refinancing

Jack Reynolds for owner, Courtney Lewis Facility has 36 new families welcomed to school and new building; 200 kids and 60 employees New building does have its own water tap; No parking variance except for maneuverability. Both buildings under single ownership. If they were to sell either of the buildings they would have to grant an easement, but since they are under single ownership they can't grant

themselves an easement.

Vottero: this is a unique property and this is something that we need to support in addition to the vibrancy you have added to that part of town

These will be 2 parcels owned by the day care facility. Should it be sold, the new owners would have to pay attention to variances

Vote: Yes: 6

No:

Abstain: Vottero

7:47

7:47 Aldrich Road Parking – Resident Diana Miller Speaking for residents who would like permit parking – See printed statement

White: BWHS created this problem; why aren't they being held to task?

Weinman: Asked where and how long truck is parked;

Diana Miller: 4 drivers/4 cars, only one car parked on street

Vottero: CAC cannot tell city what to do about parking, we only advise; we should work with Dept. of Neighborhoods to see if there is another remedy

Vottero will ask Dept. of Neighborhoods to get involved as well as parking commission and also have our P&D committee get involved.

Motil: noted that her statement has several things that had already been answered.

8:20

Marshall Troxell with Mayor's Office Community Affairs Team

Issues 14-18: Bond Issues Package \$1.5 billion in services and infrastructure – bond issue does not impose tax or raise taxes; allows city to borrow money

Issues: 19-21: Charter Amendments

19-Clearer, more open ballot process

Expands amount of signature gathering time

20-Increase efficiency for hiring employees

21-allows city to hold meeting virtually under some circumstances

8:29

City of Columbus Zoning Code Update –

Alex Sauersmith, Planning Manager and Nolan Harshaw, Associate Planner

The update to the zoning code is a way to address the current inequities the old code created. Code has not been updated since 1950s. Standards are not tailored to existing conditions. There is an overreliance on property by property changes.

- Fostering walkable neighborhoods
- Encouraging wise use of natural resources
- Improving transit

Only 17% of respondents were renters
Respondents did not mirror racial make-up
Only came from 10 neighborhoods

No decisions have been made on how the code will change up to this point. An advisory committee will be formed to give input.

Throughout 2023 it is hoped to finish plans for the corridors
In 2024, they will move to other areas

Educational Exhibit: Undesign the Red Line – interactive exhibit through YMCA; See columbus.gov/zoingcodeupdate for times and locations

Vottero: Is it necessary to finish everything before anything goes into effect?

Sauersmith: Finishing up the corridor is at a fast pace

Boulton: Advisory Council – would like more information on those

Citizen Input:

Kari Engen – Is there a survey open now? ASauersmith: not right now

Public Comment

DeVon Marshall – From Franklin County Auditor’s Office

Announcement of Next Meeting - *The next meeting will be at 7pm on Thursday, November 3rd, at Whetstone Library.*

Adjourn

8:55