



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

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

**Commissioners with an excused absence:** David Vottero (D1), Hugh Crowell (D4)

**7:05 Call to order**

**Welcome, Housekeeping, Approval of Agenda – Commissioner Boulton, Vice-Chair  
Commissioner Introductions and District Updates**

*District 6 – Commissioner Joe Motil*

A local resident contacted the Commissioner with concerns on overflow of water on casting pond. He contacted Recs and parks, and they were aware of issue. They were keeping an eye on the issue. There is a project on schedule in the future for the shelter house and the area around the pond affecting water flow.

*District 3 – Commissioner Libby Wetherholt*

Fairly quiet in the neighborhood. There is a breakfast with Santa event and Clintonville Women's Club on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> from 9-11am. Residents were invited to Dante's pizza to meet new commissioner Donna Leigh Osborn. About a dozen people showed up. The Commissioner expressed appreciation of her time on the CAC. Noted that she has worked with 22 commissioners. She then introduced Tim Montgomery, the new police liaison.

*District 4 – Commissioner Hugh Crowell (via email)*

I had several discussions about sewer lateral inspection and repair in District 4. Many property owners are obtaining utility line insurance either through their homeowner's insurance or a stand-alone policy. One resident had a private inspection of their lateral which identified joint separations in the old clay lateral line, but their insurance would not cover the repair because there had not been a catastrophic failure leading to a backup. Another resident had a city inspection by Blueprint staff which identified breaks, and their insurance covered the repairs even though there was no catastrophic failure. It's a good idea to check and see exactly what your homeowner's insurance or stand-alone utility line insurance covers.

**Greenspot committee update: this can be delivered by Ryan Foshee or Annaliese Kern if they are able to come - don't want to steal their thunder...**

Whetstone Prairie restoration: The Greenspot Committee will be hosting a public meeting with Columbus Recreation and Parks Department to kick off an update of the Whetstone Prairie's five-year restoration plan. The current plan was released in spring 2018. The meeting will be held Tuesday, December 20, 4:30 - 6:00 PM in this room.

*District 5 – Commissioner Brittany Boulton*

The Commissioner attended the city's Zone In press conference last month, where they were able to view the "Undesigning the Redline" exhibit put on by YWCA – highly encourage neighbors to check out [ywcacolumbus.org](http://ywcacolumbus.org) to find a viewing that fits into their schedule and see the history of redlining in our city and how it manifests today. This Sunday, Experience Clintonville and Clintonville Area Business Association are hosting Holidayville from 12 – 3 PM with a trolley taking residents between local businesses having specials. Santa will be at Mozart's 12-2 with cookie decorating and cocoa for kids.

*District 8 – Commissioner Jim Garrison*

The Commissioner received an email from a resident not receiving mail in a week or two in 4-600 block of East Beechwood Blvd. A neighbor of the Commissioner helped facilitate contact with Columbus postmaster administrative assistant Nancy Whitaker and Customer Relations manager Michelle Shimmell who opened an investigation in an effort to see some results. The Commissioner also attended a dinner with the mayor area commissioner appreciation event in addition to Commissioner Boulton and ZVC Chair Hardwick.

*District 9 – Commissioner B.J. White*

Aldi is working out with no traffic issues in contrast to some of the opposition who expected problems during the planning process of the project. Aldi still has planting to do.

Commissioner Boulton noted that it was Commissioner White's birthday.

*District 2 – Commissioner Brian Peifer*

November 26<sup>th</sup> around 5-6 pm, there was an accident on West North Broadway and 315. This is important to note relative to the proposed bikeway crossing.

*District 7 – Commissioner Mike Weinman*

Nothing to report.

**Police update – Officer Tim Montgomery**

Reports are normal. There have been some vehicle thefts. During holiday season, public should try to have their houses looked after, request CPD drive by, or add timer lights. Be careful on thefts, people are watching as you put stuff in your car.

**Consideration of prior meeting minutes – Commissioner Garrison, Secretary**

September minutes were approved 7 for, 0 against

**Treasurer's report – Commissioner B.J. White, Treasurer**

Reminder for the Commissioners that there is a tech package available (OH projector, screen, etc.) Commissioner White currently have those items. CAC has envelopes and stationery if needed. Ledger balance is at \$2,281.04, recommendation on zoom meeting renewal - \$14.99/month – also available to Commissioners.

Commissioner White will be seeking reimbursement for gifts to outgoing commissioners.

**City Attorney's office update - Chassidy Barham – zone initiative (zone 4)**

Ms. Barham noted that she handles all public nuisance abatement issues. Allison Ortega was also present and is a new attorney; introduced.

No updates on bench billboards. A settlement has been sent but no response yet.

Regarding 204 Acton Rd, it has a number of code violations. The property was sold, and the new owners have been in contact with new work going on.

Commissioner White: Heard that a bar in District 9 is on a watch list of losing their liquor license.

Asked if Donerick's Pub is on the list. Commissioner White was surprised they would be on any list and Commissioner Motil noted he saw the news story and there may have been another Donerick's Pub.

Commissioner Motil: What happens if bench billboard people don't show up again? Likely continue, but possibly an injunction hearing and then can have trial without them.

### **Neighborhood Update – Beth Fairman Kinney, Department of Neighborhoods**

December 10th – Next training series on Zoom, topic is leading civil conversations. City is also taking new nominees for 2022 Columbus Hall of fame. City Council holding a hearing on budget.

### **Zoning and Variance – Chair Stephen Hardwick**

BZA22-146, 3645 N. High Street.

In order to change the use of the middle tenant space (approximately 2,902 square feet) from retail to restaurant and to install an approximately 527 square foot restaurant patio along the North High Street frontage," the applicant seeks to reduce the required parking from 60 spaces to 40 spaces. CC3312.49(C).

Commissioner Garrison noted that with change to food service, there may be increase or changes to roof top equipment and to be mindful of the size, location, and quantity as it relates to sight lines from the ground. In addition, he notes that offers to increase ADA parking could be problematic if the addition of spaces causes conflict with accessible path from the spaces to the front door and if the changes affect quantity of landscaping or trees. Lastly, he questioned whether Columbus has standardized details on bike parking. Chair Hardwick said he did not know of any. Commissioner Garrison warned of issues with decisions on choice of bike rack/parking.

Commissioner Wetherholt noted that there are parking spaces in front on High Street.

Commissioner Motil: What is required parking? Unable to answer. What are broken promises? Chair Hardwick clarified there were resident comments about trash pickup.

Commissioner White: Thanks for bike rack.

Public comment – try to install U-rack bike rack

Commissioner Motil proposed an amendment to the motion to include a U-rack bicycle rack condition and the commission discussed adding comments in the standard recommendation form to include preemption on accessible parking.

Commission approved 7-0

BZA22-147, 3400 N. High Street.

In order to put a restaurant on the first floor, the applicant seeks a variance to reduce the requirement of a minimum of 60% of the façade between two feet and ten feet above the nearest sidewalk be clear/non-tinted window glass to 33% along the E. North Broadway façade and to 44% along the N High Street facade. CC3372.605(D).

Commissioner Garrison observed that the reduction in glazing was actually a net positive in terms of energy efficiency and supported the variance.

Commissioner Weinman asked where the ramp was. The applicant responded that it was adjacent to the sidewalk and a rendering error caused confusion.

Commissioner Wetherholt noted that the owner has been working on this for a long time

Commissioner Motil: Is the horizontal member attached to bldg.? No, independent structure.  
Commission approved 7-0

### **Greenspot committee update – Annaliese Kern, Co-Chair**

Upcoming meeting of the Committee will be in the library CAC meeting room on December 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6pm. Plans to discuss the Whetstone Prairie restoration with Commissioner Hugh Crowell and Columbus Parks and Recreation staff.

2023 meetings – SWACO waste diversion program and Re-wash @ rewash, January 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm.

Committee helped lion scouts earn their animal kingdom requirement.

Related to Greenspot and the dots; Clintonville Greenspot has the most participants of all neighborhoods.

Some work has been done at the Clintonville Women’s Club volunteering in back. This past fall, 12 shrubs, 60 native plants, and landscaping were planted.

Brevort park grant proposal not approved to move forward because something is already planned by the city at the location.

At Fire station 19, there was a lot of work this past year. \$1000 mini grant from Franklin County Soil and Water. The Committee removed invasive plants, planted native pollinator plants (general and specialized). An OSU grad student is tracking insect population pre/post ecosystem changes at the location.

### **Announcement of next meeting**

Special meeting - Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm Whetstone Library – hygiene kit drive

The meeting can serve as the CAC special meeting to determine roles for next year; information to be confirmed over email.

### **Farewell to outgoing Commissioners**

Following the Greenspot Committee update, Commissioners White and Boulton offered kind words and appreciation gifts to outgoing Commissioners Joe Motil (District 6), Libby Wetherholt (District 3), and Jim Garrison (District 8).

### **Announcement of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### **Public Comment**

Resident of District 4: Will the commission have interaction on the bikeway plan? Planning and development can be a resource for this and will be involved. Andrew Overbeck stepping down. We will discuss committees at the special meetings.

### **Adjournment**