



**Clintonville Area Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 3rd, 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)

Commissioners with an excused absence: N/A

7:00 Call to order

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

District 6 – Commissioner Joe Motil

Aldrich Road Restrictive Parking

The city has agreed with the request of Aldrich Road residents and me that restrictive parking signs that read “Weekdays” and any other restrictive parking signs in the impacted area that read “Weekdays” will be changed to “School Days”.

The city will also allow Aldrich Road residents to paint yellow dots on their curbs five feet from the edge of their driveways. The city requested that they use “highway yellow” paint and that it can be purchased at Loews or Sherwin Williams.

As of right now, there will be no additional Permit T permits added. In terms of Aldrich having sidewalks constructed on Aldrich Road, Beth is still waiting for an answer.

Just to clarify a comment that was made at last meeting regarding “all parking options not being explored as previously stated” between Columbus Sports Connection and Watterson, Commissioner Motil met with Columbus Sports Connection co-owner Steve Swartz who told him that his partner Jason is not “leasing” any parking spaces directly to Bishop Watterson. But as an incentive to parents of children who attend Bishop Watterson and who purchase a membership at the Columbus Sports Connection, the students of those parents are permitted to park in the rear of the Columbus Sports Connection (CSC) parking lot as part of their membership fee. 20 parking spots are being allocated for this purpose. CSC has ample parking during school hours directly around its building and can easily sacrifice 20 parking space during school hours only. So, to be clear, CSC was not approached by Watterson to lease anyone parking spaces to help alleviate parking in the nearby neighborhoods. And although this arrangement certainly helps, this was a business decision between CSC and a particular group of its members.

Clintonville Arts Guild will be holding its annual Holiday Show at the Whetstone Community Center from November 18-20th.

Friday – 5pm – 8PM

Saturday – 10AM – 5:45PM

Sunday – 12noon – 4PM

Commissioner Motil accepted an invitation to speak at the October 19th **North Area Real Estate Associations** to give an update on what was going in Clintonville and took questions from those in attendance.

Maple Grove - Pam Temple who serves as the Maple Grove United Methodist Church Stewardship Committee chair called to inquire if there were any volunteer needs in Clintonville. They are currently

involved with the CRC, Kiwanis and some other local organizations. Commissioner Motil did suggest that she reach out to the Clintonville Rotary Club who might be looking for help with their new Peace Park or some other project. If anyone has any volunteer suggestions the Commissioner can put them in touch with Pam. 614-657-9077.

Commissioner Motil attended along with commissioners Vottero and Boulton the city council sponsored area commissioner appreciation event that was held at the Museum of Art. And I also attended Mayor Ginther's Micromobility Press Conference that was held this past Tuesday at Studio 35 with several other commissioners.

District 4 – Commissioner Hugh Crowell

The Commissioner assisted a resident with a blueprint issue; inspectors found breaks which owner repaired, and the city refused to come back out due to a portion not completed. Issue is potentially a good lesson in the case for utility line insurance.

Whetstone prairie at the end of 5 years of restoration. A public meeting on new developments coming in the next few months.

An unidentified resident in the audience asked for clarification on utility line lining discussed in the district update.

District 3 – Commissioner Libby Wetherholt

The Commissioner delivered letters to residents in Blueprint District 3 who were potentially affected by upcoming Blueprint work.

Attended mayor's press conference at Studio 35

Working with Clintonville Women's club in partnering with the Greenspot – committee
Pizza meet and greet on Nov 21st with new commissioner at Dantes 5-7pm.

District 5 – Commissioner Brittany Boulton

Holding Commissioner Coffee hours – Saturday November 12th at 10am at 475 Chatham Rd.

Made note that the Mayor's office holding a Zoning initiative meeting at Columbus Public Health on Nov 10.

Clintonville Area Business Association holding after hours event at Combustion Brewing, Tues November 15th at 5:30pm.

Putting together a 311 training which may be standalone meeting or combines with a future CAC meeting.

Resident had a concern about recycling pickup – Helpful reminder that if there's an issue, try to report it asap since delaying could delay the issue being addressed by an extra week.

Trying to get slow down signs put up on Weber in front of Indianola.

December 4th - Holidayville trolley coming

Hygiene kit drive with CRC coming this year.

District 1 – Commissioner David Vottero

Received some questions about Blueprint and the Commissioner had addressed some questions but no one significantly worried yet

Attended micromobility conference as well as Commissioner appreciation event

Attended meeting with Commissioner Garrison and new District 8 commissioner Josh Hively.

District 8 – Commissioner Jim Garrison

Attended grand opening of Aldi; residents seemed very excited. IN sharing the news with the district, residents expressed ongoing displeasure with walkability/accessibility traveling up High Street due to utility poles, degraded sidewalks, and advertising benches.

District 9 – Commissioner B.J. White

Aldi grand opening occurred. The event was very popular, line wrapped around bldg., and it was a lot of fun.

Lots of positive things happening in District 9

- Billiards bldg. is being renovated into a new wellness center
- Hadler Co is here to talk about new vacant lot at 5300 N High St. in District 9 development
- Has been helping out clintonville Greenspot with grant 614 beautiful; deadline tomorrow
- District 9 would like to see the advertising benches go away.

District 2 – Commissioner Brian Peifer

Has had a discussion with a resident on updates to bike trail; updates for trail, public comment needed by November 4th.

The Commissioner expressed a desire to get information from Blueprint on quantity of at-risk properties relative to infrastructure elements and who might be in need of lateral linings or other upgrades.

Commissioner White shared a story about renovating a property on W Kanawha Ave in Sharon Twp. Even though the property is not in Columbus, the utilities are served by the City of Columbus. IN the process of a plumber having to turn off water at street to replace valve, city worker came out, did not have correct key, ended up breaking the lug, and then told the owner to replace the box. The cost was about \$2500, and a claim was filed with the city. The Commissioner wanted to highlight that this process existed, and owners have some recourse on damage by city workers.

District 7 - Commissioner Mike Weinman

Had no updates, but recommends the movie Dear Zoey

Consideration of prior meeting minutes – Commissioner Garrison, Secretary

October minutes were approved 7 for, 0 against, 2 abstentions

Treasurer’s Report – Commissioner White, Treasurer

Ledger balance of \$2,281.04 with no account payables.

Neighborhood Update – Beth Fairman Kinney, Department of Neighborhoods

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Oratorical contest being held Saturday, December 3rd; applications are due November 18th

Columbus is hosting first ever pumpkin drop off – everyday until November 30th, 8am-3pm at The Division of Refuse, 2100 Alum Creek Drive

Website regarding Zoning training established – www.columbus.gov/devtracker

Issues with advertising benches can still be sent to the city attorney for follow-up.

Olentangy Trail Connector Update – Brad Westall, City of Columbus Greenways and Trails

Brad Westall, Director Department of Parks and Ed Herrick, Franklin County engineer’s office were in attendance to discuss the latest developments on the Olentangy Trail.

Last piece of trail not developed – 12ft wide dedicated parkway from Northmoor Park to Clinton Como Park – 0.6miles – work will begin in 2024.

The trail will traverse public and private properties including parcels owned by Ohio Health and Crawford Hoying

Cut fill work will occur behind Ohio Health with a retaining wall and native plantings

Flood plains will be traversed with an elevated boardwalk made from steel, not wood

WPA depression era parks (Northmoor and Clinton Como)

Options discussed – tunnel, bridge, under existing bridge

In 1970s, North Broadway’s bridge was widened with concrete beams; an old 1939 arch was moved to outside as decoration

New shared use path on North Broadway’s bridge. A parapet wall will be moved to between the SUP and roadway

Commissioner Motil: This started at \$5million, what is it now? \$8 million

Are Ohio Health and Crawford-Hoying sharing cost? There will be a possible donation of easement property. Financially, nothing was asked for.

How many trees will be removed for the boardwalk, will there be an impact on wetlands? No wetlands, 64 trees removed, most are 3-5 inch. City will be required to mitigate removals; all trees removed will be replaced.

The Commissioner received complaints of weeds in the area, can the city clean it up? We'll do our best. Position was chosen to be of the least impact to Clinton-Como park.

Commissioner Crowell: Appreciated minimizing impacts of trees and wetlands, abutments shown are below the high-water level. Usually, 404 and 401 permits are required, are you aware of this? 401 is avoided, section not updated. Excavation site is outside of boundary of high-water mark so it can be down further than ordinary high water mark.

Unnamed resident: Are there plans to re-evaluate the path of the trail and omit the northern part and wetlands impact? This was studied, but the problem with going east on West North Broadway would require owners to give up property. Another option looked at was east bank but that had a lot of impact on owners. There are possibly simpler routes, but not anything deemed more effective.

Commissioner Peifer: The Commissioner expressed excitement about changes and was interested in talking about walls; he noted he sees decays on the east side; are the no turn on red signs new? Yes, signs are new. There will be a leading pedestrian signal as well. The design will be a paver intersection.

Has a traffic study been done relative to the no turn on red signal? A traffic study was done in April, driving is down due to pandemic, but yes, right turn on to 315 will take longer.

Unnamed resident: How do residents from the west connect to trail? Not sure what they can do since it is outside scope of the project to connect other neighborhoods.

The resident is also worried about drivers coming off 315 south; what can be done? We'll look into it.

Zoning and Variance – Chair Stephen Hardwick

1. BZA22-139, 122 W. N. Broadway. To keep a new garage on the same line as other structures on the property, reduce the side-yard setback from 3' to 0'. CC3332.26E.

Commissioner Garrison asked about the gutters or other elements designed to encroach over the property line. Chair Hardwick was unsure of the technicalities on the design and actual encroachments. Commissioner Garrison added they he lived near this property at 142 W North Broadway and commented on walking down the alley and the large distance between the garages to the residences on the street has seemed to be detrimental. Noted that additional presence in the rear via garage additions could potentially increase safety and/or deter crime.

Chair Vottero noted that oftentimes a shared structure or wall involves a maintenance agreement but doesn't seem to be the case here and it is unfortunate that the applicant was not present.

Resident at 104 W North Broadway questioned the property line accuracy, was confused with some of the dimensions. Expressed that they believe the materials do not show correct conditions and opposes the project.

Commissioner Peifer questioned whether a shared structure needs approval from the adjacent property owner. Chair Vottero indicated this may be more applicable to a condominium but unsure on if it applicable to this project. Commissioner White noted that work on a single family attached dwelling typically will involve the adjacent owner as a courtesy.

Due to the absence of the applicant, Commissioner Motil motioned to table the application, Commissioner Garrison seconded the motion.

Chair Hardwick clarified the differences of tabling versus rejection where rejection allows the applicant an opportunity to revise their application and/or continue to BZA review but tabling places the application in limbo until the next CAC meeting.

Commissioner Garrison asked Commissioner White on whether tabling the application thereby failing to file a standard recommendation form to city staff, would prevent the applicant from getting a review by the BZA. Commissioner White affirmed this was the case.
Commission voted 6 for, 2 against, 1 abstention to table until Dec 1st @ 7pm.

Presentation from Clintonville-Beechwold Community Resources Center – Stephanie Baker, Executive Director

Cranksgiving happening Saturday, November 5th, 10 at Combustion Brewery - collect food

Giving Tuesday after Thanksgiving to generate financial support.

November 7th – chili cookoff to benefit CRC @ Combustion

November 8th – Annual holiday fundraiser at Studio 35

Many volunteer opportunities on the website, also looking for folks to sponsor families.

Second Thursday of every month at United Methodist Church is the Senior Breakfast Club, looking for sponsors.

Food Pantry on Lakeview has been very busy, noticed a large uptick of food; they served over 72,000 meals in October up from 50,000 2 years ago.

Chair Vottero: When someone comes to CRC pantry, does it matter where they are from? Mid-Ohio food collective asked CRC to not require zip code restrictions during pandemic. There is a self-attest station to validate income but that's it.

Commissioner Motil: What are the top zip codes served? 43202, 43214, 43228

Presentation on 5300 N. High Street – Bill Hadler, The Hadler Company

Bill Hadler introduced himself and indicated that Goodwill Columbus has interest in the 5300 N High Street building along with other entities like automotive retailers and call centers. The potential project was discussed and potential layouts on site planning shown.

1 million people come through Goodwill in workforce development

Goodwill has been in Columbus since 1939 and is the 5th largest non-profit

11 retail locations in Columbus

Also operate business services, custodial and unarmed security service downtown and on campus.

As well as people services; adult day services, residential services

Work and community services is based down in Groveport

Workforce programs open to everyone, and the High Street location would have a retail location along with workforce classrooms.

Commissioner White expressed appreciation to the group and elaborated on how proactive they have been so far in wanting to work with the Commission. Additional Commissioners expressed appreciation to the group.

Public Comment

Announcement of Next Meeting - The next meeting will be at 7pm on Thursday, December 1st, at Whetstone Library.

8:55 Adjourn