



Clintonville Area Commission
Whetstone Public Library
January 5th, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to order.
 - a. Commissioners present: District 1 – David Vottero, District 2 - Brian Peifer, Donna Leigh-Osborne – District 3, Hugh Crowell – District 4, Brittany Boulton – District 5, Mark Moritz – District 6, Mike Weinman – District 7, Josh Hively – District 8, B.J. White – District 9
2. Approve agenda.
 - a. Approved 9-0.
3. District Reports

Commissioner Mark Moritz, District 6: A resident asked former District 6 Area Commissioner Joe Motil when the change of parking signs on Aldridge Road will happen. Joe Motil contacted our liaison Beth Fairman-Kinney and she let us know that the signs will be changed by the end of this month from "Weekdays" to "School Days". Joe Motil also received a phone call from a resident who lives close to the back entrance of Whetstone Park and is concerned about the current condition of the gate and split rail fence. In terms of the gate, Tina M. Mohn, Asset and Natural Resource Manager from the city will investigate it. The gate should have been changed a long time ago as it is part of the Clintonville Neighborhood Greenways. It should be changed so that cyclists can pass, but cars cannot.

Commissioner Josh Hively, District 8: I have just now been getting engaged to the community and my predecessor, Jim Garrison, has been bringing me up to speed with everything. Nothing notable to report currently.

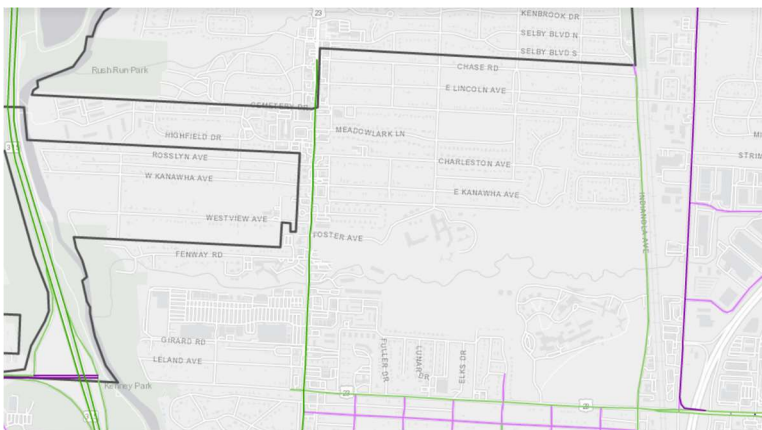
Commissioner Hugh Crowell, District 4: The next 5-year plan for the Whetstone Prairie is underway. I and the Greenspot committee co-chairs met with Columbus Recreation and Parks Department staff on December 20 with 12 members of the public attending. CRPD reviewed the successes of the past 5 years and outlined their new program to establish and improve pollinator habitats across the city. CRPD took comments from the public and is beginning to prepare the next 5-year plan. CRPD will be presenting the draft plan to the Commission in the Spring. I also want to make a personal resolution for the New Year: following on outgoing Commissioner Garrison's comments about the role of Secretary, I am committing to sending my District Updates in writing to the new Secretary. This will ease somewhat the challenging job of preparing minutes. I urge other Commissioners to do the same.

Commissioner Brittany Boulton, District 5: Snow plowing, or the lack thereof, was a common concern from my district. Chatham Road was a disaster. I observed a car accident of someone backing/sliding into another car from a driveway.

Commissioner David Vottero, District 1: We endured the harsh cold snap. The area near Weber Rd and High Street was problematic and was not handled as well as it has been in the past. I received some correspondence from 311 about some complaints about broken benches along High Street that was purchased and placed with UIRF funds. It is going to take some time and investigation to determine whose responsibility it is to maintain these benches. These are intended to be an asset and we would prefer to not have them carted away, I attended the 3rd meeting of the zoning advisory board. A comprehensive view of the city's zoning comprised of other people in neighboring commissions. I will bring some of the presentation materials and keep all of apprised.

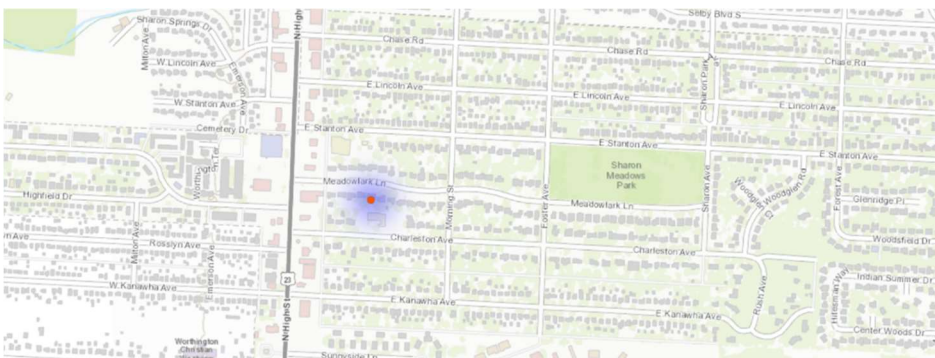
Commissioner B.J. White, District 9: My constituents reported difficulty with snow clearing. During the recent snowfall on December 23rd, 2022, District 9 had no neighborhood streets plowed or treated. High Street was treated and plowed a couple of times and Indianola Ave north of Morse Rd was plowed with one pass before it drifted back over. In times past, I have conditioned District 9 to utilized 311 and follow the WarriorWatch.Columbus.com site to follow along with the snow plowing activities. Here is what was reported by that site:

This screenshot shows no service is District 9. The purple line as can be seen in surrounding communities is the "has been plowed" line.



North of Chase Rd where the Worthington City Limits begin, streets were cleared and treated to the point that one could observe wet asphalt. West of High St where Sharon Twp begins, there was plowing piles observed near the side of the road but not as clear as Worthington. East of High Street, no plowing piles. Only wagon trails observed.

Below is the screenshot of the www.Columbus.gov/311 heat map that would illustrate the number of 311 service requests for snow clearing on December 27th, 2022.



Personally, I submitted 13 '311 Service Requests' but did not see any of them illuminated on the heat map. None of District 9's streets were plowed or treated for the duration there was snow on the ground. The snowfall began on December 23rd and these photos and screenshots are taken

on December 27th. A photo illustration was taken of District 9's streets on December 27th, 2022 at 12:00 PM.

Arbor Village



Broadmeadows Blvd



Charleston Ave



E Kanawha Ave



E Stanton Ave



E Lincoln & Foster Ave



Glenridge Pl



Indian Summer Dr



Sharon Park Ave



Sunnyside Ln



Woodglen Ct



Woodglen Rd



Woodsfield Dr



I did not have any constituents complain of power outages which is good news. However, I had several constituents convey they had AT&T U-verse who were without cable and Internet from December 23rd through December 30th. An inconvenience to those who were homebound or working from home.

I will be following up with Council Member Lourdes Barroso de Padilla on the lack of snow plowing and Council Member Rob Dorans regarding the internet outage. Additionally, I will be following up with the Department of Neighborhoods on the 311 heat map and service requests delay.

On December 14th, I received a 13 minutes phone call from a Sharon Twp resident who resides on Riverside Dr complained that she read an article in The Clintonville Spotlight about the Hadler Properties plan to procure terms of tenancy with Goodwill Industries at their property located at

5300 N High St. Essentially, she complained that she was not communicated about this project and that she would object to it because of her concerns about traffic, namely delivery trucks. I attempted to explain to her that the presentation by the Hadler Companies was a preliminary gesture in an effort to communicate to the CAC what their impending plans were. I further explained that there were no votes executed or any discussion that was subject to the purview of the CAC in a recommendation capacity to the BZA. I concluded the call by explaining to her that all CAC meetings are public and published with the agenda published to the CAC calendar and that there are meetings published 1 month in arrears after the meeting minutes are approved the month following the meeting that the minutes are taken.

As a note of record, Sharon Township Residents have a Township Trustee and their Township meetings meet twice a month at 95 E Wilson Bridge Rd and their development concerns can be heard by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners at 373 S High St.

For the first 2 years of my role in representing District 9, I held routine office hours and monthly meetings on the third Thursdays of the month. On the third year, I took a hiatus from those meetings when I became Chairperson of the CAC which continued for a term of 2 years. I will be resuming a hybrid sort of drop-in meeting which will occur on the third Thursdays of the month as they did before. It will be a regularly scheduled office hour that will be facilitated online via Zoom. I will promote this to my District and publish it to the CAC website calendar.

In December, I held 3 different community office hours to engage the community about the Red Oak Community School fundraiser that was to be held at the First Unitarian Universalist Church on Saturday, December 3rd. I held public community office hours on Tuesday, December 6th at Cornerstone Deli from 10 AM to 12 PM. I want to thank our Community Police Liaison, Officer Tim Montgomery and Eastside Community Police Liaison John Brown for attending. We had a very enlightening dialog about what occurred and some of the misconceptions about the Columbus Police Department's role on this day for the event.



Members of the CPD were the only ones in attendance. (East Side Community Police Liaison Officer John Brown, Me, Clintonville Community Police Liaison Officer Tim Montgomery.)

Thursday, December 8th at 5 PM, I held office hours on Zoom and was live on Facebook. No one attended on Zoom and a few stopped in to say hello on Facebook Live. Again, I held community office hours on Saturday, December 10th, at Crimson Cup at 9 AM to 11 AM. Only 1 member of the public attended.

Commissioner Brian Peifer, District 2: No real news to report for District 2. I did see something in Columbus Underground and OSU's website, I do not think the portal has been set up yet, but the City of Columbus has begun an E-bike rebate program. There's to be a \$250,000 funded for it. Google Columbus E-bike Rebate Program to follow up. It's worth sharing because it is a popular topic.

Commissioner Leigh-Osborne, District 3: I have no updates but will commit to passing along District updates to the secretary. I would also like to thank outgoing Libby Wetherholt for her assistance in passing the torch. I would like to, as a point of order, add "Public Comment" to the agenda.

CAC Chair/Commissioner Vottero: We will note the objection to the agenda at the time that we vote to accept the agenda inserted before the approval for minutes and Treasurer's report.

Commissioner Mike Weinman, District 7: I have nothing to report for my District.

4. Election of Officers

Chair Vottero: Are there any nominations for Chair?

Motion for Chair Vottero, Commissioner Boulton.

A second motion for Chair Vottero, Commissioner White.

Chair Vottero: By acclamation, we'll move onto the next office.

Chair Vottero: Are there any nominations for Vice-Chair?

Motion for Commissioner Boulton by Chair Vottero.

A second motion for Vice-Chair Boulton, Commissioner Crowell.

Chair Vottero: All in favor? Approved unanimously.

Chair Vottero: Are there any nominations for Secretary? Commissioner Garrison did a valiant job. There are some shoes to fill.

Commissioner White: To the new commissioners, please do not shy away from an opportunity to serve as an officer. I will set you up for success with instructions and tips on how to perform your role. You only serve for a 3-year term and you may as well dive right in.

Chair Vottero: I would like to nominate Commissioner Brian Peifer to the role of Secretary.

Commissioner Peifer: I do not have a laptop, only a work laptop. I would be willing if I had a laptop.

Chair Vottero: Aside from the laptop, are there any other reservations?

Commissioner Moritz: What is the time commitment for the role of Secretary?

Commissioner White: About 2 hours of transcription work per meeting and 15 minutes per SRF form to the BZA submission within 48 hours of your meeting.

Commissioner Boulton: I would say that once I got used to the meetings, I would take 1-2 hours to prepare meetings.

Commissioner White: I would be willing to "Mother Hen" and teach you everything you need to know.

Commissioner Leigh-Osborne: Can we use the computers in the library for this purpose?

Chair Vottero: Is there a second to my motion to nominate Commissioner Peifer to the role of secretary?

Commissioner Boulton: I would like to second the motion to nominate Commissioner Peifer. It might be nice to have Commissioner Mark Moritz as a backup secretary.

Chair Vottero: All in favor? Approved unanimously.

Chair Vottero: Are there any nominations for Treasurer?

Motion for Commissioner White by Chair Vottero.

A second motion for Commissioner White, Commissioner Boulton.

Commissioner Leigh-Osborne: Commissioner White has set the word out that she is not seeking re-election next year. I would like to offer to be backup Treasurer and get my feet wet.

Chair Vottero: All in favor? Approved unanimously. I would like to thank Commissioner White to prepare her year-end financials report and collect the minutes for publishing to the public.

5. Approval of Minutes

Chair Vottero: Before departing, Commissioner Jim Garrison provided copies of the minutes via email for everyone's review. Shall we vote to approve the minutes as presented for November, December, and December's Special Meeting?

Commissioner White: Yes, noting the corrections provided for the December 13th meeting.

Commissioner Boulton: A motion is moved to approve all the minutes.

Commissioner Crowell: A second motion to approve all the minutes.

6. Treasurer's Report

Commissioner White: Our bi-annual financials year-end report was completed and submitted on December 31st. In doing so, we had \$120 in our account that we shouldn't have had. I discovered that it was a stamp purchase reimbursement by CAC Z & V Chair Stephen Hardwick which was deposited via his mobile banking app but was not completed. I have re-issued the check and it has been cashed.

We are 50% though our Fiscal Budget Year and we still have 81% of our budget remaining. Our ledger balance is: \$2,035.07

7. Community Police Liaison, Officer Tim Montgomery

Crime is actually pretty low according to our statistics. Automobile thefts are actually pretty high likely due to the cold weather. People allowing their cars to warm up or leaving them running while going into a convenient store. Otherwise, things are pretty good.

Commissioner White: I want to thank Officer Montgomery for attending my District office hours.

Chair Vottero: About a year ago, the city had its first homicide here in Clintonville. Do you have any updates on that?

Officer Montgomery: I do not but I will see what information I can get and update you.

8. Neighborhood Liaison Report, Beth Fairman-Kinney

MLK Day announcement, march, and program. Distributed flier for warming station, 16th Ave & Summit St. If you see someone who needs this, please feel free to encourage them to drop by. Distributed the Snow & Ice Plan. Thank you, Commissioner White, for the information you shared. When you do a 311 for snow removal during a Level 2, there were technical issues with the Snow Warriors website. 311 service requests will be closed out and not appear on the heat map. Explanation for "passable" streets and explained Priority 1, 2, and 3 streets. The snow removal crews were working on Christmas. Please share the Snow & Ice Plan on your website.

Commissioner Leigh-Osborne: Should we not be doing 311 service requests for snow removal.

Beth Fairman-Kinney: No because they will be closed out. Follow the Snow & Ice Plan. Contact your Neighborhood Liaison so that they can follow up.

Chair Vottero: Will there be a 311 Training Session for follow up?

Beth Fairman-Kinney: Yes, they will be at the Community Pride Centers.

Chair Vottero: We'll add this to the February's CAC meeting.

Beth Fairman-Kinney: This is my last meeting. I will be going to work for Auditor Michael Stinziano at the Franklin County Auditor's site. You will get an interim liaison.

9. CAC Committees

Chair Vottero: Soliciting interest for CAC Chairs and Committee Members. Chairs will be announced in February and the selected members of the committees will be announced in March. Are there any thoughts?

Commissioner Weinman: I would like to learn more about the members, perhaps the candidate's bios, before voting to accept them.

Commissioner White: There is only one committee that has a set number of members and that is the Zoning & Variance Committee.

Chair Vottero: That is correct. Chair Stephen Hardwick established a good baseline of rules for his committee. Maybe we could ask the committee chairs to develop a set of rules for fixed members. As a body they could do decide to this.

Commissioner Boulton: I will note, in 2016/2017 I submitted a letter of interest to serve on the Planning & Development Committee. I was denied participation because I was told by the CAC Chair "at that time" that the committee was full and not accepting any more members by email.

Commissioner Leigh-Osborne: In the past, wasn't there a CAC liaison for the Planning & Development and Zoning & Variance Committees?

Chair Vottero: It's (CAC committee liaisons) not in the bylaws.

Commissioner White: There's a CAC Election Committee Liaison, that's all that's stated in the bylaws.

Chair Vottero: Correct. There was one for the Greenspot Committee but then it became a standing committee. If that's something that you think is important.

Commissioner Leigh-Osborne: I think that Judy Minister sat on the Zoning & Variance Committee and still does although she's not a member of the CAC.

Commissioner White: I feel like our committee meetings are open, public, and publicized. In my observation of the Zoning & Variance Committee, one open seat for this committee opened when Paul Bingle moved out of Clintonville. I would discourage a commissioner from occupying a seat on the Z & V Committee because it stifles voluntary community participation from a citizen. These members are centered around a representation of only half of the districts. Drew Miller, a resident of District 9, was turned away on two occasions and was not accepted until Paul Bingle moved out of Clintonville. I don't think it's appropriate for a Commissioner to occupy a seat on the Z & V Committee and execute two votes for the same variance. This distinguishes the opportunity for a succession plan. When there is a natural, organic turnover on the committee, then that seat opens up to someone who really wants to serve. I feel that it robs an opportunity for someone who wants to be a commissioner and learn from that role.

Chair Vottero: I have heard both views on this matter and lean toward Commissioner White's view. We going to have the ability to express our views on behalf of our district. We have the value of saying to the committee, "Thanks for your recommendation." but act independently on exercising the vote.

Commissioner Leigh-Osborne: I think my point is to not have a voting member on the committee but to have a Commissioner as a liaison to each committee.

Chair Vottero: We could discuss this as a possibility to change our bylaws or to have further discussion. If questions come up, they could serve as a conduit.

Commissioner Leigh-Osborne: I think that if we had someone to be a go-between the committee and the commission, not necessarily a voting member. Is there still a Historic Buildings Committee?

Chair Vottero: Yes. It was founded with the best of intent but has not found a role for itself. We could possibly streamline this in conjunction with the Clintonville Historical Society.

Commissioner Weinman: I want to echo what Commissioner White said about the membership of committees. I do not think that a Commissioner should be a voting member of a committee.

Commissioner White: (to Z & V Chair Hardwick) You had invited me to sit with the Z & V Committee “ex-officio” because of an item that was on an agenda relative to my district.

Commissioner Leigh-Osborne: We don’t have representation from each district and you have members of the committee voting for an issue in your district which, say, is not represented. You should have someone present so that the committee understands that district’s point of view.

Chair Vottero: The composition of your committee is a long-standing rule that you do have fair representation for a broad consensus of Clintonville.

Z & V Committee Chair Stephen Hardwick: We do try to have representation from all over Clintonville. The Commissioners represent the Districts and we act as an advisory panel to the applicant to assist them in the presentation for the CAC and subsequent to the BZA. Our role is more technical. We always offer a commissioner report from the respective district impacted by the issue.

Chair Vottero: If we solicit for volunteers to serve on the CAC Z & V Committee, is it more important to have geographical representation or their actual background? If you are building your committee, what’s more important?

Commissioner White: I think Chair Hardwick’s request to have commissioners sit as ex-officio on a committee when it matters most is a good practice.

Commissioner Crowell: Stephen Hardwick has been really good about extending that invitation to commissioners to sit ex-officio when an issue arises in each respective district.

Chair Vottero: I agree.

Commissioner Peifer: Create an algorithm that states geographic location gets “x’ points and expertise gets “x” points and allow the equation to work itself out. That’s what we do when we hire people (at his place of employment).

Commissioner Boulton: To reiterate, February’s meeting will be for discussion of Committee Chairs and March will be for members.

10. Zoning & Variance Agenda – Z & V Committee Chair Stephen Hardwick

- a.) 3400 N High St Graphic Variance has been removed from the agenda.
- b.) Regarding the demolition of the former Victory Building at 50 Graceland Blvd, a waiver of the 60-day waiting period to approve the demolition was recommended passage (5-0) to the Commission. Chair Hardwick also noted a phone call and email correspondence to the applicant to attend the CAC meeting.

Chair Vottero: We are being asked to waive the waiting period of 60 days only. Although, it would behoove the applicant to be here. I do not see any reason or value to delay its demolition. Are there any questions about this request?

Commissioner Hively: What is the reason for the 60-day waiting period?

Chair Vottero: To ensure that the property does not have any historic value.

The Commission voted to approve the waiver of the 60-day waiting period, 8-0-1, the Chair abstains.

11. CAC Greenspot Committee Update – Ryan Foshee and Annaliese Kern, Co-Chair

Co-Chair Kern: We want to inform you of our activities over the past years and introduce ourselves to the new commissioners. Site clean-ups, distribute free native trees in cooperation with FLOW, beautification projects, environmental forums, ongoing conversations with Rec & Parks for Brevoort Park, active social media, recycling events, redlining areas, organize meetings, SWACO cooperative events, Re-Wash event.

Co-Chair Foshee: Mentions members of the committee for the dedication: Libby Wetherholt, Judy Robinson, Robby Briscoe, Gerry Brevoort, Susan & Mitchell Gaunce, B.J. White, Hugh Crowell, Ellie Knowles, Susan Watkins-Martinez, and Annaliese Kern. Thanking and welcoming all volunteers.

Chair Vottero: I want to thank the Greenspot Committee for all their hard work. As we continue with the Beechwood Bike Connector, the city has been receptive to incorporating the materials suggested by the neighborhood. Public services has completed their portion and handed off to Recreation & Parks for its execution. I think it would be a good idea for the Greenspot Committee to engage the city on the maintenance plan for its sustainability. It includes pollinator gardens and other items to establish. Grooming it for success and managing its existence with deer.

Ryan Foshee: Civic groups getting engaged with these types of initiatives for perpetuity is a popular thing right now.

12. Clintonville Area Business Association

Commissioner Boulton: I am a board member and happy to introduce to you Adrian Moore, Branch Manager at the Clintonville Heartland Bank and is the co-chair of our Economic Development Committee.

Adrian Moore: Trying to build membership and a presence. Trying to engage the community on topics such as walkability and re-development. We are here to serve as a partner to promote growth in business in the Clintonville area.

13. Public Comment

Sandy Simbro, 65 Orchard Ln: Are these zoning meetings public?

Chair Vottero: Yes. All meetings are public.

Simbro: I have lived here for 35 years and I have never had a snow plow up and down my street. No sympathy. Are we still following parliamentary procedures, Roberts Rules of Order? Is there a parliamentarian?

Chair Vottero: Yes, we try to follow Roberts Rules of Order. We do not have a parliamentarian. We could establish one.

Simbro: We used to have a recording secretary. It's nice that you have video recordings of these. What happen to the clock on the wall?

Chair Vottero: I do not know what happened to the clock on the wall. I would like to get that back.

Commissioner White: The librarian removes it during the CAC meetings because it never seemed to synchronize with the time they wanted us to leave. They require that we depart promptly at 8:50 pm.

Simbro: A commissioner representing the district for the proposed variance request should always sit ex-officio at the Zoning and Variance Meeting. It was standard procedure 35 years ago. The reason we have a 60-day waiting period for demolition is that former Columbus Mayor Dana Rinehart scheduled a wrecking ball for the old State Penitentiary building. The State was leasing the building and it was not owned by the city. You all are doing a great job. Thank you.

Carole Tomko, 324 E North Broadway St: I was recently searching the CAC's website and noticed that there were no recent meeting minutes published.

Chair Vottero: There was a technology snag with the website and the commission's email was not working for a while.

Commissioner Boulton: There was a plug-in error in the CAC's website. Commissioner White worked with our website administrator, Ellie Knowles, get the issue addressed and properly uploading the minutes.

Carole Tomko, 324 E North Broadway St: There used to be an American Flag displayed in the community meeting room here at the library. What happened to it?

Chair Vottero: I don't know that there has ever been one since I have attended these meetings nor do I think it is required.

8:22 pm Meeting Adjourned.

*This meeting was video streamed and recorded.

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