

Agenda – Clintonville Area Commission

March 2, 2023

Community Room at Whetstone Library Branch, 3909 N. High Street, Columbus, OH
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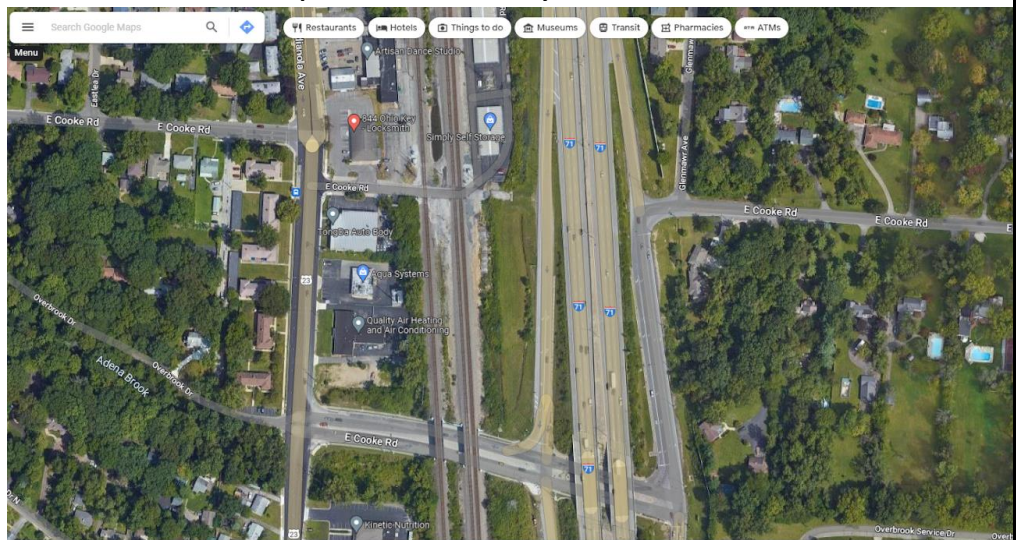
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| 7:00 | <p>Call to order, Welcome, Housekeeping, Approval of Agenda – Chair David Vottero</p> <p>Meetings are recorded and can be accessed at the following link: Clintonville Area Commission</p> <p>Commissioners Present –</p> <table border="0"><tr><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 1 – David Vottero</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 4 – Hugh Crowell</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 7- Mike Weinman</td></tr><tr><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 2 – Brian Peifer</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 5 – Brittany Boulton</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 8 – Josh Hively</td></tr><tr><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 3 – Donna Leigh-Osborne</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 6 – Mark Moritz</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 9 – BJ White</td></tr></table> <p>Absences – N/A</p> <p>Announcements – N/A</p> <p>Approval of Agenda - Approved</p> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 1 – David Vottero | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 4 – Hugh Crowell | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 7- Mike Weinman | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 2 – Brian Peifer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 5 – Brittany Boulton | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 8 – Josh Hively | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 3 – Donna Leigh-Osborne | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 6 – Mark Moritz | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 9 – BJ White |
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| | <p>District Updates – All commissioners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● District 1 – David Vottero<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Benches in district 1 will be attempted to be refurbished by Clintonville residents<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Destroyed via a motor vehicle accident○ Worked with Chick-Fil-A/Building Dept/City to work through some issues on short notice○ Attended training session hosted by the city on housing density● District 2 – Brian Peifer<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ North Broadway/Milton Road received a lot of opposition to that project; Residents did a good job coordinating an voicing their concerns○ Need to follow up with a resident about concerns for pedestrians at the new Dunkin Donuts/Baskin Robbins● District 3 – Donna Leigh-Osborne<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Walhalla Art Walk to be on display April 24-28.○ Received request for extending hours of High Street/Clinton Heights to Brighton pedestrian tunnel. Side note, gates were open at 10pm after last Z&V meeting on 2/22/23.○ Many comments from North Broadway residents stating not in favor of 201 WNB proposed variances one of which would reduce the sight triangle at an already dangerous intersection.○ As in last month’s report, there still an uptick in graffiti in D3 and neighboring D1. Recommend utilizing 311 to report. Two large tags I reported were removed.○ Received numerous emails and calls regarding the omission of former D4 Commissioner and long serving Z&V committee member, Judy Minister from the slate of potential Z&V committee members. At the agenda slotted time will discuss these concerns.● District 4 – Hugh Crowell<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Discussed with a constituent about cycling safety on High Street, particularly the condition of the roadway near the bus stop pads. There is often a gap between the concrete pad and the pavement that is a significant hazard for cyclists and has led to falls. Hoping fellow commissioners can help direct concerns to get the city’s attention on the matter.○ Appreciate the City’s Keep Columbus Beautiful program for organizing the annual KickButt | | | | | | | | | |

highway ramp litter cleanup project which will take place on Saturday March 11. District 4 is organizing a crew to clean up the I-71/N Broadway intersection, and residents of District 4 have really stepped up to help; so far 12 volunteers. Anyone who is interested in helping out, please let me know.

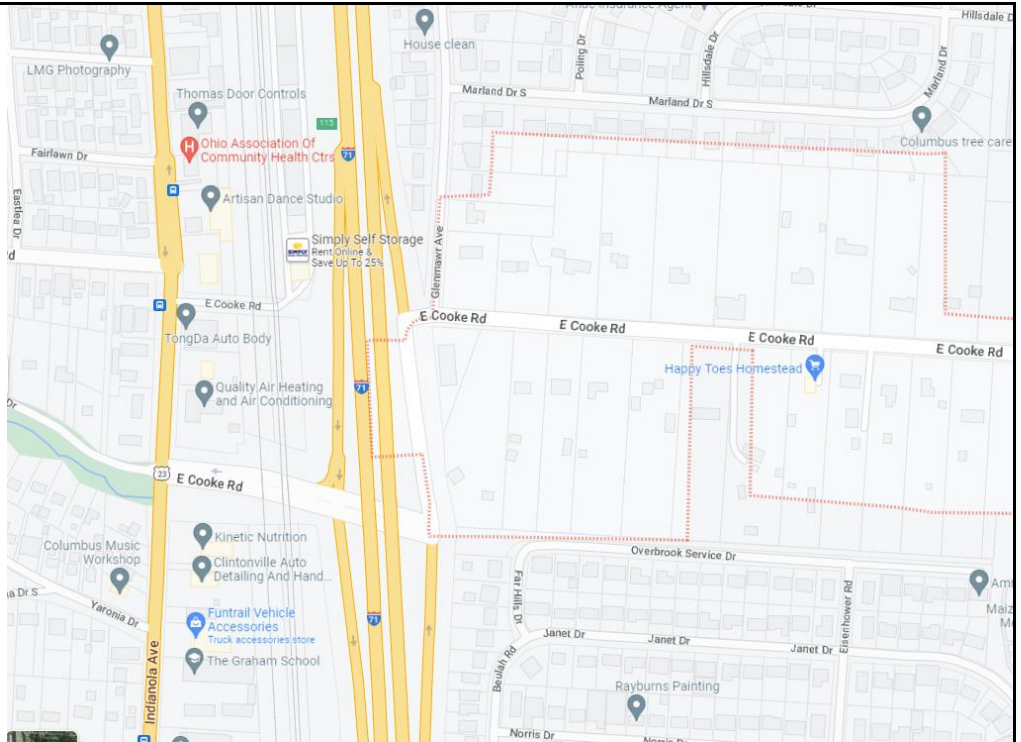
- **District 5 – Brittany Boulton**

- Organized a 311 Training for Clintonville residents with the 311 team from the city. Thank you to Carmen Duckens, the 311 Service Manager, who has been with 311 since Day 1, for organizing this event and bringing her responders. Also thank you to Department of Neighborhoods Deputy Director Todd Dieffenderfer. Special thanks to Commissioner Crowell for promoting the event to his list, and to Commissioners White and Moritz for attending. 311 has added ten new staff, is now taking in-person meetings, and has expanded their hours to 7 AM - 7 PM.
- Met with neighbor about I-71 N entrance ramp and Cooke Rd. The catalyst for this meeting was advocacy from my neighbor, Jess Lamar Reece Holler, who commutes daily to Marion and has seen numerous crashes at the I-71 N entrance ramp coming off of Cooke Road. Neighbors and Commissioner Boulton have attempted to submit 311 requests for service to request traffic signaling at this dangerous intersection, but run into error messages on the 311 website when trying to use the mapping tool. The reason for this, we learned, is that the exact intersection is not strictly Columbus jurisdiction. ODOT oversees the entrance ramp and Clinton Township borders much of the intersection. Would like to work with the City to convene a conversation between the City of Columbus, Clinton Township, and Franklin County to consider traffic signaling at this intersection. The west-bound cars coming from Cooke Road have no stop sign and continue past Glenmawr and east-bound cars from Cooke Road attempting to head straight onto 71-N. I also want to encourage neighbors to email 311 at 311@columbus.gov or call them at 614-645-3111 if you run into similar issues with the mapping tool - their staff will be able to tell you if you are running into a jurisdictional issue like this that's preventing you from submitting a request.

- **Cooke Road Entrance Ramp Issue - Area of Safety Concern**



- **Clinton Township - red dotted line**



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- **District 6 – Mark Moritz**

- Emailed Tina Mohn from the Recreation and Parks Department about the Whetstone Park Back Gate and the Clintonville Neighborhood Bikeways project. Goal was to have the gate at Olentangy Boulevard and Ceramic Drive replaced with removable bollards for the safety of cyclists.
 - Will Koehler and Mark met with Tina Mohn and John Carlisle in person at the gate on Thursday 2 March to discuss this option. It became clear from their discussions that there were several constraints and that the department had already developed a plan for new gate and was reluctant to install removable bollards. The group was able to make some changes to the path that they had planned to make it easier to use for cyclists.
 - Mark hopes that the Recreation and Parks Department in the future will consider the interests and perspectives of cyclists early on in the planning and development process.

- **District 7 – Mike Weinman**

- Nothing to report

- **District 8 – Josh Hively**

- Worked with CPD Officer Montgomery about Graffiti in the streets of district 8

- **District 9 – BJ White**

- Attended the 311 service center workshop sponsored by the CAC and it was well attended and beneficial to everyone's learning curve.
- Attended the Columbus Growth & Density Training offered through the City of Columbus Department of Neighborhoods. The presenter was from the United Way and offered a healthy perspective on density and development of housing units.
- Nominated for a civic engagement of a community leadership award by the Clintonville Area Business Association but lost to Anand Saha, owner of Mozarts.
- Met with members of Clintonville, Inc to discuss CAC's engagement with some joint ventures in beautification projects. Clintonville, Inc has not been as active in the recent 3 years due to complications related to the COVID era but they are alive and kicking.
- Met with Commissioner Boulton and Tech & PR Chair for an organizational meeting to discuss improved strategies for community outreach.
- Will be working with a neighbor who lives on Foster Ave across from Sharon Meadows Park to incorporate "deer resistant landscape plantings". This will not take place until later in the spring but will be update everyone on its inception and hopefully, success!

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes – Secretary Peifer

- Minutes Approved for February 2023 meeting

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| | <p>Treasurer's Report – Treasurer White</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Will be attending treasurers from the city 03/18/2023; ● Beginning Balance – \$1752.05 ● Ending Balance – 1685.17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Expenses – Centipede Graphics = \$66.88 |
| | <p>Update from City of Columbus – <i>Representatives from Department of Neighborhoods – David Hooie</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thanked CAC members for attending growth and density (75 commissioners; first in person training since COVID) ● Trainings are recommended by various commissions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Request for city attorney training only (Steve Dunbar) via webex <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sunshine law, abatements and other topics will be discussed ● Two networking sessions for commissions this year are being planned (Venue to be determined) ● Fiscal management (Recommended for Treasurer's) will likely be at Linden Rec Center; Last day to spend funds is April 30th, Close out reports due May 31, 2023 ● Citywide elections have until April 1st to determine if participating in citywide election <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chair Vottero – CAC is intending to participate in citywide elections ○ Only commissions that have competitive elections are hilltop and far east; 16 commissions with vacancies ● CBUS website migrating to new software -> More details to come ● Zoning process -> Mayor Ginther has asked to see if we can speed up the processes for zoning with Zoning and Area commissions -> Will also be added to best practices from the city <p><i>City Council – No Updates presented</i></p> <p><i>Columbus Police Department – Officer Montgomery</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Crime is low except for Henderson Rd Home invasion ● Redistricting of police precincts is going on in the city ● Non street legal dirt bike in Sharon meadows park brought up via Commissioner White -> Officer Montgomery to follow up on this report (No officers showed up though were 3 reported calls to police officers) <p><i>Public Comments:</i></p> <p>Traffic and Speeding – N. Broadway; shortage of officers (Will put in a request for motorcycle officers) Business owner that there is a homeless camp by the business; Police told them that nothing they can do about it (In the right of way by the property -> Weber and right before the railroad tracks -> Petro Annie's and the railroad tracks -> Will try to get over there on 03/03/2023)</p> <p><i>City Attorney's Office – Chassidy Barham</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Last meeting with CAC (moving out of state); Immediate needs contact supervisor Steve Dunbar ● Bench Billboards case (City of Columbus v. Bench Billboard Company, 2021EVH060095) is set for hearing on March 15th at 12:00 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns regarding that case, please contact Assistant City Attorney Sarah Pomeroy. She can be reached at either SCPomeroy@columbus.gov or 614-645-8619. |
| | <p>Public Comment –</p> <p>Rex S (Acton Rd) – Request to ask if we could have a US Flag and have one at these meetings; Also see if we can do the pledge of allegiance before each session CAC Chair will see if we can have access to a flag from the library Different commissions do different things</p> <p>Carole Tomko (E North Broadway) – 201 N. Broadway is objectionable; Asking for a variance for a hardship of their own making; Ask that the approval of committee slates be delayed</p> <p>Greg Nutter (W North Broadway) – 201 N. Broadway concerns about density; Zoned only for single family home -> Request that the variances not also be lumped together; Zoned R-3</p> <p>Matt Wilson (W North Broadway) – 201 N. Broadway not in favor of that property being rezoned; Also concerned about Z&V committee changes</p> |

Kristin S (W North Broadway) – 201 N. Broadway; Concerned about that property being rezoned
Cris W (W North Broadway) – 201 N. Broadway; Concerned about that property being rezoned
Mary Rogers (N Broadway) – N. Broadway street association; Concerned about that property being rezoned;
 Developer not willing to have a discussion; Developer attempted to bypass CAC with a council variance

Approval of 2023 Committee Slates – Chair Vottero

General Discussion:

- Committee chairs should be responsible to help screen the candidates and ensure they are residents of Clintonville
 - Additionally Brittany in obtaining letters of interest all should have had their street address listed or had previously been vouched
- Are incumbent members required to stay signed up to remain a member of a committee?
 - Believe that there is some level of interest that needs to be expressed shouldn't just be assumed
- Interested members in participating in a committee whether new or existing have multiple pathways to express interest
 - Reaching out to the larger Clintonville Area Commission
 - Reaching out to the committee chair who shares their slate with the Clintonville Area Commission
 - Existing members of a committee expressing interest to the chair or during a committee meeting
- Current cycle for Committee processes is still under the same approach as it was before city wide elections. Timing of everything has just changed from the summer months to the winter months and this has been reflected in the bylaw changes
- Greenspot is still technically under the Clintonville Area Commission based upon bylaws and not yet being spun off based on projects/goals
- Historic Buildings will not be voted on due to a need to better define goal of this committee
 - Chair Vottero to reach out to the candidates and refer them to Planning and Development

Vote to approve the slates as proposed by chairs for the following committees – Election, Greenspot, Planning and Development, Tech/PR

Approved; Additional details about the committees can be found on the CAC website

Zoning and Variance:
General discussion - Should we consider updating by laws to not have as strict a limit on committee members

Vote to update bylaws to remove an exact member limit – Failed

Vote to approve current proposed slate – Approved; Additional details about the committees can be found on the CAC website

Utility Box Artwork – Commissioner White

- Project achieved with Clintonville Incorporated to have utility boxes through Clintonville have art work displayed on them
- Utility box at Henderson and High the city has mounted a new box over the artwork
- Plan to have 311 requests placed either via email (311@columbus.gov) or recommend to utilize 311 and select neighborhood issue (Will route to David Hooie)
- Will also write letter to the city (CAC Chair Vottero) requesting that city address this issue
 - Backup plan will be to use existing CAC funds as a special project to help pay for the artwork to be updated if working with the city is not successful
- Will bring back to the April CAC meeting for next steps.

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| | <p>Public Comment: Libby Wetherholt (North Broadway) – Would like to see the box wrapped at city expense</p> |
| | <p>Clintonville Special Improvement Districts – <i>Chair Vottero</i> -> <i>Tabled due to time</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continuation of discussion from February Meeting </p> |
| | <p>Tribute for Beth Stewart Magee - <i>Commissioner Boulton</i> -> <i>Tabled due to time</i></p> |
| | <p>Announcement of Next Meeting - <i>The next meeting will be at 7pm on Thursday, April 6, at Whetstone Library.</i></p> |
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