

## Agenda – Clintonville Area Commission

July 6, 2023

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

43214 *Thanks to Columbus Metropolitan Libraries for hosting this meeting.*

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7:00	<p><b>Call to order, Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, Approval of Agenda – Chair David Vottero</b></p> <p><b>Commissioners Present –</b></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 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 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><b>Absences –</b> Donna Leigh-Osborne, Mike Weinman</p> <p><b>Announcements –</b> N/A</p> <p><b>Approval of Agenda –</b> Approved (Greenspot deferred until August 2023 meeting)</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 1 – David Vottero	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 4 – Hugh Crowell	<input 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 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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7:05	<p><b>District Updates –All commissioners</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>District 1 – David Vottero</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Addressed neighborhood constituent questions</li><li>○ Attended deer population meeting by ODNR</li><li>○ Attended a couple Zone-In advisory meetings<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Still in information gathering phase</li></ul></li><li>○ Thank you to commissioner Boulton who helped organize the Clintonville 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities</li></ul></li><li>• <b>District 2 – Brian Peifer</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Nothing to report</li></ul></li><li>• <b>District 3 – Donna Leigh-Osborne</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <i>Absent</i></li></ul></li><li>• <b>District 4 – Hugh Crowell</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Farmers Market and Torrence Road island concerts are ongoing</li><li>○ Helped out with 4<sup>th</sup> of July festival at Whetstone Park</li><li>○ Deer population meeting by ODNR<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Well attended</li><li>▪ Clear about roles/responsibilities<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Population large but probably not challenging area</li><li>• Main residents’ concerns are human safety/landscaping</li><li>• ODNR doesn’t have staff/budget to maintain deer population</li><li>• City of Columbus holds authority to control deer population<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Programs for deer management plans are complicated, expensive and if not continued deer population will come back quickly</li></ul></li><li>• Good reporting about issue</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li><li>• <b>District 5 – Brittany Boulton</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Attended deer population meeting by ODNR<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Mother doe is fawning in backyard fences can make them stay longer</li><li>▪ Nursing deer mothers can look ragid/rough</li></ul></li><li>○ Attended 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival</li></ul></li></ul>									

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Helped resident on Foster and Refuse not being collected <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 311 immediately if you notice refuse issue</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Attended ribbon cutting ceremony for “Combined Spaces”</li> <li>● <b>District 6 – Mark Moritz</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Last week attended 2 committee meetings</li> <li>○ Helped out with 4<sup>th</sup> of July festival at Whetstone Park</li> <li>○ Connector at Whetstone Park and Olentangy BLVD is now complete;</li> <li>○ Beechwold connector is also completed and connects Old Beechwold and Delawanda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Signage helping to direct users to the trail is still pending</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>District 7 – Mike Weinman</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Absent</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>District 8 – Josh Hively</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nothing to report</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>District 9 – BJ White</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Attended deer population meeting by ODNR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ohio Division Wildlife Management Supervisor for District 1 helped lead the discussion: Gary Comer (<a href="mailto:gary.comer@dnr.ohio.gov">gary.comer@dnr.ohio.gov</a>; 614-902-4185)</li> <li>▪ ODNR suggested that deer are intimidated/afraid of canines</li> <li>▪ Using a “coyote” toy was able to change deer patterns in district 9 neighbor’s yard</li> <li>▪ Can also scare deer with a airhorn or water gun</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Still no interested party in seeking district 9’s role for area commissioner</li> <li>○ Indianola/Lincoln there are stockpiles of used railroad ties. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Used railroad ties have toxins and can leak into local water supplies</li> <li>▪ Will follow up with EPA/Railroad</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Mrs. Ginny White a district 9 celebrated her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
7:20	<p><b>Approval of Past Meeting Minutes – Secretary Peifer / Commissioner Moritz</b></p>
	<p><b>Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer White</b></p> <p>Year-end financials completed. Also signed memorandum of understanding for 2024 budget. PO Box is renewed every June. Would be the only outstanding item on the budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Beginning Balance – \$2500</li> </ul>
7:35	<p><b>Update from City of Columbus – Representatives from Department of Neighborhoods, City Council, Columbus Police Department, Columbus Fire Department and City Attorney’s Office may be in attendance</b></p> <p><i>Representatives from Department of Neighborhoods – Katherine Swaharsky</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reminder about close out report and MOU for treasurers due <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Clintonville has already completed this</li> </ul> </li> <li>● July 27 will be the Rise Up event from CBUS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Parking will be a key discussion</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Area Commissioner training on July 29<sup>th</sup></li> </ul> <p><i>City Council – N/A</i></p> <p><i>Columbus Police Department – Officer Brown</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Suspect painting deer heads has been incarcerated May 18, 2023 (Still in custody)</li> <li>● 4 robberies in the area since May (all were strong arm robberies)</li> <li>● Homicide on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 -&gt; Still an open case</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visited 4 homeless camps over the last month (Please file 311 reports about location) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tim Hortons</li> <li>○ Rear of Luckys market</li> <li>○ Northeast corner of W. North Broadway and Olentangy river road</li> <li>○ Graceland Blvd</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Homeless camps are growing throughout the city <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Clean-up operations happen on both public and private properties</li> <li>○ Homeless advocate group has about a budget of \$3million dollars per year</li> <li>○ Advocates will help with IDs and other resources</li> </ul> </li> <li>• City has reinstated the park specials to help monitor and provide park safety -&gt; Plan to run park special until October 2023</li> <li>• Columbus violent crime reduction program instituted -&gt; Officer Brown will have someone come to Clintonville Area Commission and talk about program</li> </ul> <p><i>Columbus Fire Department – N/A</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul> <p><i>City Attorney’s Office – N/A</i></p>
7:40	<p><b>Styrofoam Recycling Initiative - Ryan Foshee, GreenSpot Committee Co-Chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deferred until August 2023</li> </ul>
7:55	<p><b>CAC Elections Committee Update - Chair Melissa Doll</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election date August 26<sup>th</sup> 10a-2p</li> <li>• Early Voting August 22<sup>nd</sup> library room where CAC meeting reserved</li> <li>• District 1,2, and 9 are up for election; Still seeking candidate for district 9</li> <li>• Adding an additional orientation July 17<sup>th</sup> (Monday 6-730p) for write in candidates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Write in candidate has to get 25 signatures</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
8:10	<p><b>Move to Prosper Presentation to Community - CEO Amy Klaben/Shiloh Todorov</b></p> <p><b>Email:</b> Shiloh.todorov@movetoproser.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presented on how the offer a unique program that is comprised of 4 components <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Individual coaching, monthly programs, rent support in higher resourced community, generation model: children &amp; parents</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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**CAC Zoning & Variance Committee - Chair Stephen Hardwick**

1. BZA23-069, 199 E. Schreyer Place. The applicant seeks a variance to increase the maximum garage height from 15' to 18' or 19'.  
CC3332.38(G).

- Discussion – Plan is currently 18.5 feet; No planned habitable space above it; 9 letters from neighbors approving of updated garage

Commissioner	Vote – Yes	Vote - No	Vote - Abstain	Absent
District 1 - Vottero			X	
District 2 - Peifer	X			
District 3 – Leigh-Osborne				X
District 4 – Crowell	X			
District 5 – Boulton	X			
District 6 – Moritz	X			
District 7 – Weinman				X
District 8 - Hively	X			
District 9 - White	X			

2. CV23-045, 299 Walhalla Rd.

Note: This property is located on the east side of Gudrun Road, directly north of the property addressed 332 Gudrun Road (010-303217). In order to build a garage on the lot, the applicant seeks the following variances:

1. CC3332.035, R-3, Residential District, to permit an accessory structure (private garage) on a parcel off-site of the primary parcel with the single-family dwelling to which the proposed garage is accessory.
2. CC3332.05(A)(4), Area District Lot Width Requirements, to permit construction of a building on a lot with a width measured a the front lot line of less than 50' by reducing 50' to 0' because the existing parcel doesn't front on a public street, as defined, but abuts two alleys.
3. CC3332.13, R-3 Area District Requirements, to reduce lot area from 5,000 SF to 3,049 SF (0.070 ac) to permit a detached garage as a principal building on an existing parcel.
4. CC3332.19, Fronting, to permit the construction of a detached garage on an existing parcel without street frontage
5. CC3332.26, Minimum Side Yard Permitted, to reduce the minimum side

yard at the southeast corner of the proposed garage from 3' to 1' – 5", due to the irregular shape of the parcel.

3. Christine Parman from the zoning department helped answer question about parcel and zoning/variance rules

**Public Comment:**

- Neighbors voiced opinions and made statements both for and against the project
  - Neighbors against the project objected to impact to environment/trees as cited by arborist; lack of true hardship; difficulty of emergency vehicles being able to get to the area
  - Neighbors for the project preferred new garage that blended into environment versus current situation of cars parking on dirt pad

**Commissioners comment:**

- All variances were voted on as a single vote
- Noted that because what was being proposed was an Accessory Dwelling Unit that this required variances. If a new home were to be built on the parcel zoning/variances might not be required.
- Commissioners in approval of the project strongly encouraged the downslab and sonotubes to help preserve the mature oak trees on the property
- Commissioners concerned about the project wanted to preserve the unique landscape of the ravine and mature trees in the area

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District 2 - Peifer		X		
District 3 – Leigh-Osborne				X
District 4 – Crowell	X (recommend turndown slab)			
District 5 – Boulton	X			
District 6 – Moritz		X (Mainly about trees)		
District 7 – Weinman				X
District 8 - Hively	X			
District 9 - White	X (re-purpose re-used trees to maintain sustainability; Also currently using an unimproved lot for parking and would be righting a wrong)			

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	<b>Announcement of Next Meeting</b> - <i>The next meeting will be at 7pm on Thursday, August 3rd, at Whetstone Library.</i>
8:55	<b>Adjourn</b>

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