

Since becoming a Clintonville resident in 2015, I have been actively involved with the Clintonville Area Commission, thanks to a neighbor who encouraged my participation. I have been volunteering on the Planning and Development committee since 2018 and currently serve as the vice chair on the Zoning and Variance Committee.

My wife, Bethany, and I take delight in everything Clintonville and our neighboring communities have to offer. Our passion for the community drives us to actively support local establishments, and we take pride in giving back to causes that make a positive impact and strengthen our sense of community.

I approach various aspects of my life with a strategic mindset, whether it's managing my garden, undertaking house projects, my career, or learning. I thrive on finding innovative solutions to challenges. Being goal oriented, I enjoy planning and analysis. While I appreciate structure, I also embrace fate, believing that sometimes nature has a way of bringing things together harmoniously. Taking calculated risks does not intimidate me, and my curiosity fuels a continuous desire for learning—I see myself as a lifelong student.

As a commissioner, I will promote effective communication, mutual understanding, and collaboration among neighborhood groups, city officials, and developers to inspire a clear vision. Engaging with my neighbors, friends, and colleagues through collaboration, openness, idea sharing, and teamwork is paramount to me. My aim is to align the CAC with our community's values and vision, and I will approach decision-making with a strong commitment to professional ethics and integrity, making choices that support our shared goals.

I believe that building common ground requires time, effort, and inclusive leadership to bring neighbors together around shared values and aspirations. To establish common ground, I will practice active listening, organize community meetings, and identify shared values and goals. I will encourage collaborative decision-making, promote understanding of diverse perspectives, and lead by example with transparency, fairness, and kindness. I am committed to fostering a community where conflicts are addressed constructively, challenges are identified, and opportunities for improvement are recognized and acted upon. And I look forward to celebrating community achievements to reinforce unity and a sense of belonging for everyone.

My main objective is to foster greater civic participation and interaction among all residents, much like how my neighbor encouraged me when I first moved here. I am dedicated to creating an environment where all neighbors feel welcomed and encouraged to be actively engaged. I hope this, in turn, strengthens the synergy between Clintonville residents and the CAC. Because the strength of the CAC ultimately depends on the strength of its bond with Clintonville residents.

-Drew Miller

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