

Agenda – Clintonville Area Commission

August 3, 2023


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

43214 Thanks to Columbus Metropolitan Libraries for hosting this meeting.

A live stream and recording will be made available on [Channel Clintonville](#) on YouTube.

7:00	<p>Call to order, Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, Approval of Agenda – Chair David Vottero</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 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 – Brittany Boulton</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 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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7:05	<p>District Updates – all commissioners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• District 1 – David Vottero<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Answered inquiries from residents about city services. District 1 had similar issue about LED street lights and resident concerns as discussed with District 4 updates. Commissioners will connect offline to discuss further○ Attended zone-in meeting for July○ Attended the rise up CBUS meeting at Whetstone Park in July• District 2 – Brian Peifer<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Nothing to report• District 3 – Donna Leigh-Osborne<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Attended zoning and variance meeting○ Worked with Officer Brown to reinstate the North Broadway block watch back• District 4 – Hugh Crowell<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Helped residents connect with city services<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Resident on E. Torrence and the LED bulb replacements on the street – contacted division of power▪ Resident needed help getting permit to the city for maintaining a tree in city of right of way.• District 5 – Brittany Boulton<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ N/A• District 6 – Mark Moritz<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Participated in Strategic Planning for Area Commissions workshop organized by Department of Neighborhoods,○ Attended Planning and Development Committee○ Attended the Zoning and Variance Committee									

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Still trying to meet with folks from Public Services and ODOT about planned crosswalk on West North Broadway ○ Met with officer John Brown, community liaison of Columbus Police, to work on some problems in the neighborhood ○ Requested stop sign - Ceramic and Olentangy Boulevard through 311 ○ Making inquiries about Neighborhood Bikeway signs with the Department of Public Service. ○ Referred a number of inquiries about zoning and variance to Stephen Hardwick and city websites ○ Question from resident in Delawanda about COTA lot on Leland Avenue - try to find out whom to talk to ● District 7 – Mike Weinman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nothing to report ● District 8 – Josh Hively <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nothing to report ● District 9 – BJ White <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attended grand opening ceremony of the Goodwill business in district 9 ○ Phone call from Sharon Township resident about Morse/High St intersection (See email BJ sent) ○ Reached out to representatives about the railroad and storage of railroad ties (Discussed at last meeting EPA environmental concern). Continuing to work on resolution of this issue.
7:20	<p>Approval of Past Meeting Minutes – Secretary Peifer July 2023 CAC Minutes approved</p>
	<p>Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer White</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Beginning Balance –\$2500 ● Ending Balance – \$2500 ● Expenses –N/A <p>Nothing to report. Still have not been replenished with funds yet.</p>
7:35	<p>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</p> <p><i>Representatives from Department of Neighborhoods – Katherine (Swid) Swidarski</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thanks for attending RISE UP Northside event (100-150 guests) <p><i>City Council –N/A</i></p> <p><i>Columbus Police Department – Officer Brown – N/A</i></p> <p><i>Columbus Fire Department – N/A</i></p> <p><i>City Attorney’s Office – N/A</i></p>

<p>7:40</p>	<p>Columbus Metropolitan Library 150th Anniversary - <i>Wendy VanScheetz, Whetstone Branch Manager</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library checking in with area commissions, schools as they celebrate the 150th anniversary. Main library resides (Andrew Carnegie helped to build the original main library downtown) • First Clintonville branch opened in 1928 on High St. • Other locations have included <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TY Fine Furniture, Lucky Dragon (2800 N High St), Clintonville Beechwold CRC ○ Clintonville and Beechwold branches combined spaces in 1985 for the new Clintonville library at 3909 North High Street. • Activities the library offers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ School Help Center – After school help with homework every M-F after school ○ Author Series (Visit various branches) ○ Library passports • November 2023 ballot increased funding for the library will be voted on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suggesting mil operating levy <p>Commissoner Comments:</p> <p>Any plans for updates/renovations? – No current plans -> Community can start advocating for that</p>
<p>7:50</p>	<p>CAC Elections Committee Update - <i>Chair Melissa Doll</i></p> <p>Election day is August 26th (10-2pm)</p> <p>Early voting is Tuesday August 22nd (6-8pm)</p> <p>District 1,2 have candidates; District 9 currently no identified candidate</p> <p>Deadline for write in candidates is August 4th that is due at 5pm (District 9 currently doesn't have any candidates)</p>
<p>7:55</p>	<p>Planning & Development Committee - City's Capital Budget Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asked by the commission to put together a list of project recommendations; Process will be complete in September 2023 (Plan at CAC meeting was to discuss in August and vote on approval of recommendation at the September 2023 CAC meeting) <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>P&D CIP Recs 2023 - CAC 8.3.23.pdf</p> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ • Process for recommendation for capital budget process was based on historical information (Used UIRF projects, past surveys, etc. to help come up with a plan) and potential opportunity for increased budget from the city

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ended up to have 3 big project request as many of the 20+ projects were along the same theme -> Main proposals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ High St. Corridor ○ Shared Use path North of Morse Rd on Indianola ○ Whetstone Community Center Improvements <p>Commissioner Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sidewalks are mentioned numerous times but not listed as an option?-> Sidewalk repairs as compared to capital projects the budget doesn't correlate -> Capital project can be a different order of magnitude in money spent; UIRF could cover a lot of sidewalk repair projects • Also discussing burying power lines -> Utilities discussed and would be public utilities and public service branches; Still requesting to be included • Shared use path on Indianola could be separated from the road as discussed in the presentation due to the way the right of way and easements are set up • P&D meets the last Tuesday of each month
8:10	<p>GreenSpot Committee Update, Styrofoam Recycling Initiative - Co-Chair Ryan Foshee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Styrofoam can be recycled in Hilliard -> https://hilliardohio.gov/styrofoam-recycling/ • Greenspot is Interested in getting a collection site in Clintonville; Contacted SWACO to get more details • Recycling is weekly now in Columbus • Food waste selection sites coming to Clintonville (Available in Anheuser Busch sports park) • Getting another pollinator garden at the Ohio School for the Blind

8:20

CAC Zoning & Variance Committee - Chair Stephen Hardwick

1. GC23-027, 4218 Indianola Ave. The Open Sky Day Spa seeks a variance to allow an off-premises sign in the same location as the existing sign.

[CC3375.12\(B\)\(4\)](#).

No Comments

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. CV23-059, 3894 N. High St. The applicant seeks a variance to permit a multi-family use in an R-3 residential district. [CC3332.035](#).

Public Comments:

Deed restriction – Why wouldn't they have to prove the deed restriction is no longer valid; Group thought deed restriction beyond expertise and purview of the zoning and variance committee

Commissioner Comments:

Splitting lot and updating other side of property to multi-family would require another variance

No structural changes and won't be changing footprint of property

Historical reference to the deed restriction at Broadway and High (Pizza Hut) – Think unwise to put approval on something that has a deed restriction.

Title agency at closing -> Gave clear title at closing

How many bedrooms in each of these units -> 7 bedrooms; Total acreage is 0.37

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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			
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3. CV23-065, 170 Chatham Red. The homeowner requests variances to:

1. Increase the garage size from 720 sf to 1,092 sf. [CC3332.38\(F\)](#).
2. Increase the height of a detached garage from 15'-0" to 22'-1". [CC3332.38\(G\)](#).
3. Allow for habitable space in a garage to not be connected directly to habitable space within the single-unit dwelling. [CC3332.38\(H\)](#).

Zoning and variance voted on the items separately (Denied 5-3, Approval 5-3, 4-4)

Applicant Presentation:

Garage with second story you used to be able to get a zoning variance. Now anything that could be a dwelling unit in the future now are suggesting council variance (Planning for update to zoning code)

Goal was a rec space for their kids and a workshop; Want to expand garage in the back and walkway off to the side

Roof profile with the steeper pitch looks best. Will also look like 1.5 stories with dormers

1092 is only for the first floor; ~1900 square feet for the total garage; meets the rear

yard requirement by a pretty good percentage

Public Comments:

Sandy Simbro – Now looking at creating something that is larger than the primary dwelling; If sold could potentially be used as income property

Commissioner Comments:

Change of use of habitable space makes this a council variance versus a BZA variance

Applicant got approval from neighbors now on all sides

Will use parts of the existing building

Commission voted for all variances together

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District 1 - Vottero	X			
District 2 - Peifer	X			
District 3 – Leigh-Osborne			X (Concerned about zone-in initiatives)	
District 4 – Crowell	X			
District 5 – Boulton				X
District 6 – Moritz		X (Garage larger than house)		
District 7 – Weinman		X		
District 8 - Hively	X			
District 9 - White	X			

	Announcement of Next Meeting - <i>The next meeting will be at 7pm on Thursday, September 7th, at Whetstone Library.</i>
8:45	Public Comment Julie Fisk - North Broadway block watch – Deactivated a few years ago; had active block

	<p>watch coordinator (has since passed away); Talked with Officer Brown and reinstating block watch as it was still in the system (listed as inactive); Needs to have one meeting/year and will be with Officer Brown. Block-Watch is done by citizens and police.</p> <p>Marvin Brotherton – Turned in paperwork to be write-in candidate for district 9.</p>
8:55	Adjourn

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