

**Agenda – Clintonville Area Commission**  
September 7, 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><b>Call to order, Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, Approval of Agenda – Chair David Vottero</b></p> <p><b>Commissioners Present –</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 1 – David Vottero</td> <td style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> District 4 – Hugh Crowell</td> <td style="width: 33%;"><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><b>Absences –</b> Brittany Boulton (Excused), Hugh Crowell</p> <p><b>Announcements –</b></p> <p><b>Approval of Agenda -</b> Approved</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 1 – David Vottero	<input 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><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>○ Successful CrestFest for 2023 (Second year since COVID)</li> <li>○ Bird Tunnel party (Glen Echo aquaduct) on Labor Day</li> <li>○ Shine On Festival organized by Little Light Collective over 50 vendors</li> <li>○ Field concerns about Tibet Rd neighbors and Indianola K8 (concerns about congestion about morning and afternoon drop-offs, School dumpsters serviced to early in the morning. Light issue with neighbor yards).</li> <li>○ Met with Brad Westall from Parks and Rec about the Olentangy Trail Connector <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Concerned about the crossing of pedestrians at N. Broadway and the freeway</li> </ul> </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>○ Residents held NBSA Block Watch (North Broadway Street Association) meeting to reinstate group which had gone dormant since Covid. Requested Officer Brown work to hold Clintonville-wide meeting with public regarding uptick in homelessness</li> <li>○ Received two requests to assist with homeless encampment at the CRC Midgarden at Midgard &amp; CSX railroad tracks.</li> <li>○ Two separate dead deer issues along North Broadway. Residents frustrated with turnaround time of pick-up of carcass.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>District 4 – Hugh Crowell</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Absent (No updates)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>District 5 – Brittany Boulton</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Absent (No updates)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>District 6 – Mark Moritz</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Training and planning from City of Columbus trainings</li> </ul> </li> </ul>									

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7:20	<p><b>Approval of Past Meeting Minutes – Secretary Brian Peifer</b></p> <p>Minutes approved</p>
	<p><b>Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer B. J. White</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Beginning Balance –\$2500</li> <li>● Ending Balance – \$2500</li> <li>● Pending Expenses –Nothing time sensitive - Stamp requests, September 10<sup>th</sup> post office box renewal (\$216)</li> </ul> <p>There has been a delay in disbursement in funds to area commissions</p>
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 (Swid) Swidarski</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● City attorney working on MOU and funds disbursement process; Impacting all area commissions</li> <li>● Public tree code is available for comment; Also technical manual that accompanies the process</li> <li>● Bus survey is still available</li> <li>● Registration for fall programming available at all recreation centers</li> </ul> <p><i>City Council Liaison – Harrison Poku</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bringing awareness for Sickle cell awareness and blood drive</li> <li>● September 27<sup>th</sup> – Snack and Learn 6pm-7pm at the main library</li> </ul> <p><i>Columbus Police Department – Officer Brown –</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● August 30 city conducted TOW blitz (removed junk vehicles from off the street – 198 vehicles</li> </ul>

	<p>total)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Block watch meeting held with NBSA Block Watch (North Broadway Street Association)</li> <li>• Worked to clean up several homeless camps with some success <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Detroit, Michigan has had some success</li> <li>○ Will get the CPD CRT team involved with Portal Park issue</li> <li>○ Will also visit the homeless encampment</li> <li>○ Will discuss getting the blockwatch going for District 1 (Work with Julie Fisk)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Residential burglaries have started to increase <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Most occurring during the daytime; Most occurring between North Broadway and Arcadia</li> </ul> </li> <li>• September 1<sup>st</sup> at ESPORTA fitness at Graceland due to bomb threat (Texted by phone)</li> </ul> <p><i>Columbus Fire Department – N/A</i></p> <p><i>City Attorney’s Office – N/A</i></p>
7:45	<p><b>Deer Carcass Update &amp; Conversation – Kane Murray, Public Service Department</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commission questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ High deer population -&gt; City has one response plan for deer; Can there be a Clintonville specific plan? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Deer on High St moved to sidewalk by police and sat for 4 days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requested that city response be measured in hours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Will work to get data on 311 request/responses</li> <li>○ Will work to get other municipality data for other response times</li> <li>○ Current policy is 3 business days and all dead animals are treated the same regardless of type/size of animal -&gt; Can we update the policy</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Consider to update 311 portal to have type of animal (Large vs Small) and geographic location</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Public Service handles the deer that are in the right of way <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moved out of the right way then Public Service can’t touch it</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
7:55	<p><b>CAC Elections Committee Update - Chair Melissa Doll</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 152 votes cast between District 1 and District 9</li> <li>• District 1 winner – Paul Lada</li> <li>• District 2 winner – Greg Nutter (Uncontested)</li> <li>• District 9 winner – Drew Miller</li> </ul>
8:05	<p><b>CAC Zoning &amp; Variance Committee - Chair Stephen Hardwick</b></p> <p>October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting time might change (Based upon City of Columbus training meeting)</p> <p>Reminded committee members that meetings when needed to more formal utilize Roberts Rules of Orders and request a point of order</p>

1. Demolition Agenda: 4524 Olentangy Blvd. The applicant asks to waive the 60-day waiting period before proceeding with the demolition of a house.

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. Variance Agenda: CV23-085, 4 North Broadway Lane. The applicant seeks the following variances:

1. Section 3332.035, R-3, Residential District, to permit two detached dwelling units on the same parcel, consisting of the existing dwelling and a new detached building with ground level parking and accessory use and second floor dwelling unit, as depicted on the Site Plan.
2. Section 3332.21, Building Lines, to reduce the E. North Broadway Lane building setback from 10' to 1', to conform the existing attached garage setback on the existing dwelling.
3. Section 3332.27, Rear Yard, to reduce rear yard from 25% of lot area behind each dwelling to 25% for the existing house and 0% for the accessory dwelling unit to permit rear yards as depicted on the Site Plan.
4. Section 3312.43, Required Surface for Parking, to permit existing gravel driveway and parking areas, as noted on the Site Plan.

5. Section 3332.38(F), Private Garage, to increase permitted garage area by 1,640 square feet

Vote by Zoning and Variance 6 approve, 1 opposed, 1 abstained

Converted from a Barn to a house in the 1930s. The current owners have lived there since 1973; Property zoned R-3; Could be split into multiple additional parcels if necessary

There is a trust associated with this property – Terms of the trust that is go to the order of their kids by age and then grandchildren. The Trust provides that if no family wants the property then it gets donated to the Clintonville historical society

Proposed detached building within 10 feet of the house (Primary cause of the variance). Not interested in splitting utilities between the structures.

Information on how to mail is based off of the Franklin County Auditors website (Marge Hilson -> West (559 and 567 n. Broadway)

**Commissioner Comments/Questions:**

N/A

**Public Comments/Questions:**

Resident lives to the west of the Fishers (Mr. Blanchard) -> No objections to the proposal per se; Initially unclear how the second story will help; also the need for the multiple garages (5 garage spaces total); Similar properties of size near this lot over 0.5 acres

**All 5 variances voted on together**

Council variance because it will be a second dwelling unit (Change in city code)

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8:15	<p><b>Resolutions Discussion - Chair David Vottero</b></p> <p>Request to put out the resolutions now and then will vote on them at the next meeting; Resolution will be put on the CAC website.</p> <p>Email commissioner Vottero individually to provide feedback (Due to Sunshine laws)</p>																									
	<p><b>Announcement of Next Meeting - The next meeting will be at 7pm on Thursday, October 5th, at Whetstone Library.</b></p>																									
8:35	<p><b>Public Comment</b></p> <p>Gary Allman (Melrose Ave) – Stated concern that Columbia Gas is trying to take houses via eminent domain -&gt; What can the commission and the city can do to prevent Columbia Gas from eminent domain (9 or 10 homes supposedly impacted Melrose/Weber)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Commission happy to follow up with Columbia Gas once receives documentation from the neighbor(s) who have concerns. Commission wants information or details about letters residents have received before engaging with Columbia Gas.</li> <li>○ Commissioner Leigh-Osborne also has been in contact with Joel Ronschke of 483 Melrose Ave. They have discussed letter he received from Columbia gas. Mr. Ronschke claimed it was eminent domain and stated he had an attorney and a realtor involved. Commissioner Leigh-Osborne requested to see details of letter from Columbia Gas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Still awaiting details of the actual letter.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>																									
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