

## Agenda – Clintonville Area Commission

October 5, 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	<b>Call to order, Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, Approval of Agenda</b> – Chair David Vottero
7:05	<b>District Updates</b> – all commissioners
7:20	<b>Approval of Past Meeting Minutes</b> – Secretary Peifer
	<b>Treasurer’s Report</b> – Treasurer White
7:35	<b>Update from City of Columbus</b> – Representatives from Department of Neighborhoods, City Council, Columbus Police Department, Columbus Fire Department and City Attorney’s Office may be in attendance
7:40	<b>Capital Updates from Department of Columbus Recreation and Parks</b> - Craig Murphy, Capital and Strategic Planning Administrator
8:00	<b>CAC Zoning &amp; Variance Committee</b> - Chair Stephen Hardwick <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. BZA23-106, 163 Piedmont Rd. To convert an existing three-season room into an office space, the applicant seeks a variance to reduce the minimum side yard from 5 feet to 3.7 feet along the east side.</li><li>2. 3157 Indianola Avenue - Demolition</li></ol>
8:15	<b>Consideration of Resolutions</b> - Chair Vottero
	<b>Announcement of Next Meeting</b> - The next meeting will be at 7pm on Thursday, November 2, at Whetstone Library.
8:45	<b>Public Comment</b>
8:55	<b>Adjourn</b>



## **Resolution 2023-02**

### ***Recommending a speed limit of 25 mph on North High Street***

#### Recitals

1. Whereas, North High Street is the core of the Clintonville commercial corridor, defines the civic space of the community and connects all of the districts within Clintonville.
2. Whereas, numerous schools, including preschools, private and parochial elementary, middle and high schools as well as daycares, are located on or adjacent to High Street, with considerable populations of students and parents walking and biking to and from those locations.
3. Whereas, High Street businesses are hampered by the existing 35 mile per hour speed limit, which makes on-street parking more difficult and less appealing.
4. Whereas, the 35 mile per hour limit speed limit and the detrimental effect upon the shopping and pedestrian experience make it harder for our community to compete with neighboring peer communities which provide a safer and more welcoming street presence.
5. Whereas, the City's own "Vision Zero" efforts substantiate the clear connection between vehicle speed and the severity of injury to pedestrians or cyclist.
6. Whereas, North High Street has been the location of numerous injury incidents including serious injuries and fatalities.
7. Whereas, the City of Columbus has determined for similar reasons to lower the speed limit within the downtown core to 25 miles per hour.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CLINTONVILLE AREA COMMISSION,

1. The Commission recommends that the City of Columbus lower the speed limit on North High Street to 25 miles per hour.
2. The Commission also recommends that the City of Columbus conduct a complete street study of High Street from Arcadia Avenue to Chase Road to examine current conditions and to make recommendations that will improve safety, traffic flow and parking while promoting walkability.

The resolution was adopted  
by the Clintonville Area Commission on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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David A. Vottero, Chairperson  
Clintonville Area Commission



## **Resolution 2023-03**

### ***Recommending items for the Capital Improvement Budget***

#### Recitals

1. Whereas, the Clintonville Area Commission has worked to obtain input from residents and has asked for consideration and study from the CAC Planning & Development Committee.
2. Whereas, input included an extensive public survey with over 800 unique participants which was produced over a period of 12 months, and included careful vetting and evaluation.
3. Whereas, the CAC and the Planning & Development Committee reviewed and coordinated previous planning projects, including the 2015 Clintonville Mobility Framework Plan.
4. Whereas, North High Street is the core of the Clintonville commercial corridor, defines the civic space of the community and connects all of the districts within Clintonville.
5. Whereas, numerous schools, including preschools, private and parochial elementary, middle and high schools as well as daycares, are located on or adjacent to High Street, with considerable populations of students and parents walking and biking to and from those locations.
6. Whereas, North High Street has been the location of numerous injury incidents including serious injuries and fatalities.
7. Whereas, the existing Whetstone Recreation Center was completed in 1956 with limited renovation in 2008, the center struggles to meet the needs of the community which have changed significantly since it was completed. Whetstone Recreation Center is the oldest Rec Center operated by Columbus Recreation & Parks.
8. Whereas, Whetstone Park is the center of much of our community's opportunity for social and recreational activity. Elements for the park including the shelter house no longer connect with the sensibilities of the community they serve. The shelter house, which was once a busy hive of activity, is typically vacant and seldom used.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CLINTONVILLE AREA COMMISSION,

1. The Commission requests that the City of Columbus replace the Whetstone Recreation Center with a modern facility which is meets the needs of the community, and is on par with the direction and programing of other recent CR&P recreation centers.
2. Furthermore, The Commission recommends that the City of Columbus establish a budget and a timeline to redevelop the Whetstone shelter house to reimagine how it can align with contemporary needs and aspirations of the community, and to develop operational partnerships to make redevelopment feasible.
3. The Commission also recommends that the City of Columbus conduct a complete street study of High Street from Arcadia Avenue to Chase Road to examine current conditions and to make recommendations that will improve safety, traffic flow and parking while promoting walkability.
4. The Commission requests that City of Columbus develop a shared use path to extend the existing Indianola bikeway north from Morse Road to Worthington and the Alum Creek connector
5. The Commission requests that the City of Columbus commit to an expanded cycle of maintenance and repair to area sidewalks and curbs, and to the completion of vital missing pieces for our pedestrian network as indicated in the Mobility Framework Plan.

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## **Resolution 2023-04**

***Recognizing the Columbus Metropolitan Library for their 150<sup>th</sup> years of service to the City of Columbus, and advising them on the needs of the community***

### Recitals

1. Whereas, the Clintonville Area Commission wishes to extend its thanks and appreciation to the Columbus Metropolitan Library for its ongoing service to Columbus and Clintonville in particular.
2. Whereas, the commission recognizes and is grateful for the support and hospitality extended to the commission in accommodating our monthly meetings and the activities of the Commission.
3. Whereas The Columbus Metropolitan Library is celebrating and commemorating its 150 years of service.
4. Whereas residents of Clintonville are enthusiastic patrons and friends of the library, enjoy its many services and actively use the library as a source of recreation, lifelong learning, and community.
5. Whereas, the Columbus Metropolitan Library is in the process of preparing for an upcoming library bond issue.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CLINTONVILLE AREA COMMISSION,

1. The Commission congratulates to the Columbus Metropolitan Library for its 150 years of service and looks forward to supporting the library as it continues forward as a defining part of the Clintonville community and the City of Columbus.
2. The Commissions also extends its sincere gratitude to the staff of the Whetstone Branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library for their presence in our community since 1985.
3. The Commission requests that the library include replacement of the Whetstone Library with a new facility in its next capital cycle, and that any upcoming bond package should include replacement of the library with expanded services and capacity on par with other recent CML Regional Branch projects.

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by the Clintonville Area Commission on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Clintonville Area Commission



## **Resolution 2023-05**

***Requesting the City to pursue a plan to solicit proposals for redevelopment of the City-owned property at 3500 and 3568-70 Indianola Avenue.***

### Recitals

1. Whereas, the Clintonville Area Commission wishes to see effective reinvestment and redevelopment especially along the existing mixed-use and commercial corridors, including Indianola Avenue.
2. Whereas, the commission is grateful for the work of the Department of Public Utilities, including the Division of Power and the Division of Water and appreciates their service to the city.
3. Whereas, the existing City facilities at 3500 and 3568 Indianola do not realize the full potential of the location, or the site.
4. Whereas, the Clintonville Neighborhood plan encourages multi-use development of appropriate density, consistent with the preferences of the community along corridors including Indianola Ave.
5. Whereas, The City's ownership of the property provides leverage to influence the quality, character and civic contribution of a possible redevelopment, but only if the City exercises that influence in an intentional manner.
6. Whereas, none of the existing buildings were purpose-built for the Divisions of Electricity or Water, but purchased second hand, with limited remodeling to accommodate their new uses.
7. Whereas, the availability of a combined parcel of 9.9 acres with 640 feet of frontage on Indianola Avenue can be expected to attract the interest of a broad range of development professionals.
8. Whereas, the competitive nature of a structured offering could encourage adjacent redevelopment either as combined, collateral or follow-on projects, acting as a catalytic project to realize the intent of the Clintonville Neighborhood Plan.



THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CLINTONVILLE AREA COMMISSION,

1. The Commission recommends that the City of Columbus relocate the Division of Electricity and the Division of Water from their current locations on Indianola Avenue, and offer those vacated properties for redevelopment offers within a framework includes a framework community input and which is consistent with the Clintonville Neighborhood Plan.
2. The Commission considers that the relocation of the offices and operations of the Division of Power and Water to other areas of Columbus will act to encourage redevelopment and stabilization in those areas which may be struggling to attract reinvestment.

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