

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.

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| 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> District 9 – BJ White</td></tr></table> <p>Absences – BJ White</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 checked="" 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 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">○ Attended planning and development meeting for September○ Continued engagement with Zone-In initiatives<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Four different workshops offered by the city of Columbus in October• District 2 – Brian Peifer<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Some interaction with developer, incoming commissioner for district 2, and residents for 201 N. Broadway• District 3 – Donna Leigh-Osborne<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Fielded phone calls and the amount of graffiti in District 3<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Would like to get it to be a project versus numerous individual requests• District 4 – Hugh Crowell<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Working with the fire station chief (Station 4) about annual open house<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Grounds Ready▪ Repainting the sign• District 5 – Brittany Boulton<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Fielded constituent call about deer○ Scheduled another meeting at the library for homelessness and housing task force○ December 14th annual hygiene kit drive○ Attended webinar on 614 beautiful grant program<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Would like to work with individuals if interested in applying for the grants (Applications due by 10/20/2023)○ October 21 at Weiland's<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ eCycling event (Electronics)○ Inquiry from Indianola parent about slowing down speed limit on Weber Rd to 25 mph• District 6 – Mark Moritz<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Attended neighborhood parties and October fests within the district○ Delawanda continues to ask about COTA lot.<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ COTA with LINKUS initiative might still need the lot (decision far off in the future)○ Will Koehler received an awarded from YAY! Bikes• District 7 – Mike Weinman<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Nothing to report• District 8 – Josh Hively | | | | | | | | | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continues to reach out to Chick-Fil-A representatives (No Response) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Visual progress is being made at the site and constructions appears to have resumed. ● District 9 – BJ White <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ N/A |
| 7:20 | <p>Approval of Past Meeting Minutes – Secretary Peifer</p> <p>Approved</p> |
| | <p>Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer White</p> <p>Nothing to report at this meeting</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>Representatives from Department of Neighborhoods – Katherine (Swid) Swidarski</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 614 Beautiful applications available until 10/20/2023 ● Public Service will be giving presentation on city action plan 2024 snow removal on 10/6 ● Awaiting to hear back from Public Service about Deer Removal discussion points from September 2023 meeting ● Department of Inspector General hosting a town hall including what this department does in October – DIG@columbus.gov ● Department of neighborhoods looking for feedback on trainings -> email Katherine Swidarski with comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Upcoming department of neighborhood offerings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Zoning offering 10/25 at 6pm ▪ General trainings will be better coordinated with city wide elections and standard onboarding time in January ● Commissioner Question (Weinman) 311 – request for left turn on Henderson Rd (Olentangy Blvd and Henderson Rd) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Twice it has been cancelled; Why are specific service requests are being cancelled -> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mike to share number with Katherine Swidarski and can look into the incident <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● End users might not have the same amount of access as city staff <p>City Council Liaison – Harrison Poku</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Public hearing on safety on October 10 at 4pm (City Hall) ● City council partnering with Columbus Public Schools, Columbus Dispatch for Gun Safety event 10/18 at 4pm at Columbus Main Library <p>Columbus Police Department – Officer Brown</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shooting at North High and Dodrige Rd. 10/4 (Road Rage) - 5 felony charges ● Crime states sent out to commissioners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Car thefts have increased (90% of thefts are Kia and Hyundai vehicles) ● Visited 4 homeless encampments -> All have been submitted for remediation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ File 311 complaint and they will go to community liaison officer and start remediation process ○ Portal park |

- Narcotics supervisor involved and reached out to the CRT(criminal response team)
-> Uniformed officers and hit target areas
- Ohio texting and driving law is now active

Columbus Fire Department – Captain Gutman

- Thanks to Hugh Crowell and Ryan Foshee for all their hard work and volunteer hours with the flowers and station sign.
- Over the next few weeks you will see our members in the community pumping water from hydrants. This is done to prevent freezing in the winter, and gives us the ability to utilize the hydrant in the event of a fire during freezing temperatures.
- Will also be conducting our annual fire alarm drills at schools in the Clintonville area. This is coordinated with our Fire Prevention Bureau, Fire Alarm Office, and local school officials to ensure that school fire alarms/systems are working properly.
- National Fire Prevention Week is October 8 through October 14th.
 - Open house for Station 19 is on Saturday, October 14, from 1-4pm

City Attorney's Office – N/A

7:40

Columbus City Schools – Keith Harris, Mike Defavo

- Came to meet the commission and want to offer ways to advocate for Columbus City Schools.

7:45

Capital Updates from Department of Columbus Recreation and Parks - Craig Murphy, Capital and Strategic Planning Administrator

- Presented on Columbus Recreation and Parks Master Plan (10-year plan) and Strategic Plan (3-5 year plan). Will be back to talk with the area commission in November 2023 as well as multiple times throughout 2024.

8:00

CAC Zoning & Variance Committee - Chair Stephen Hardwick

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.

Zoning and Variance vote was 6-0 in favor

- Commissioner Comments/Questions: N/A
- Public Comments/Questions: N/A

| Commissioner | Vote – Yes | Vote - No | Vote - Abstain | Absent |
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| District 1 - Vottero | | | X | |
| District 2 - Peifer | X | | | |
| District 3 – Leigh-Osborne | X | | | |
| District 4 – Crowell | X | | | |
| District 5 – Boulton | X | | | |

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| District 6 – Moritz | X | | | |
| District 7 – Weinman | X | | | |
| District 8 - Hively | X | | | |
| District 9 - White | | | | X |

2. 3157 Indianola Avenue – Demolition of Garage

- Citation by the city of Columbus. Garage is not needed for use and is non-compliance. Per Clintonville Area Commission bylaws, concurrence with Z&V chair, and district commissioner the CAC recommended waiving the 60-day waiting period for the garage.

8:15

Consideration of Resolutions - Chair Vottero

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”

- Will be discussed at the November 2023 Clintonville Area Commission meeting.

Resolution 2023-02 “Recommending a speed limit of 25 mph on North High Street”

Commission Discussion – In favor of 25 mph but is High Street enough (Indianola, Weber, North Broadway)?

- Hope that high St is a starting a point; Enforcement is easier if speed limit uniform.
- Group recommended to just go with focusing only on high street; Group willing to build on resolution for high street

| Commissioner | Vote – Yes | Vote - No | Vote - Abstain | Absent |
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| District 1 - Vottero | X | | | |
| District 2 - Peifer | X | | | |
| District 3 – Leigh-Osborne | X | | | |
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| District 9 - White | | | | X |

Resolution 2023-03 “Recommending items for the Capital Improvement Budget”

Commission Discussion –

- Chair Votterro - If the park were being designed today how would we envision it (How would we imagine the rose garden fits into that plan?)? Goal of this resolution is to think about how to use the resources in Clintonville.
- Special event space/Shelterhouse -> How can we improve the shelterhouse rental process?

Public Comment:

- Sandy Simbro – Freeway was a product of the Eisenhower era; Park of Roses Shelterhouse been used for years; Most rosarians know about the rose garden; The first two resolutions are not in agreement.

| Commissioner | Vote – Yes | Vote - No | Vote - Abstain | Absent |
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| District 1 - Votterro | X | | | |
| District 2 - Peifer | X | | | |
| District 3 – Leigh-Osborne | | X (Want it refined a little better) | | |
| District 4 – Crowell | X | | | |
| District 5 – Boulton | X | | | |
| District 6 – Moritz | X | | | |
| District 7 – Weinman | X | | | |
| District 8 - Hively | X | | | |
| District 9 - White | | | | X |

Resolution 2023-04 “Recognizing the Columbus Metropolitan Library for their 150th years of service to the City of Columbus, and advising them on the needs of the community”

Commission Discussion: N/A

Public Comment: N/A

| Commissioner | Vote – Yes | Vote - No | Vote - Abstain | Absent |
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| District 1 - Votterro | X | | | |
| District 2 - Peifer | X | | | |
| District 3 – Leigh-Osborne | X | | | |
| District 4 – Crowell | X | | | |

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| | District 5 – Boulton | X | | | | |
| | District 6 – Moritz | X | | | | |
| | District 7 – Weinman | X | | | | |
| | District 8 - Hively | X | | | | |
| | District 9 - White | | | | X | |
| | Announcement of Next Meeting - The next meeting will be at 7pm on Thursday, November 2, at Whetstone Library. | | | | | |
| 8:45 | Public Comment N/A | | | | | |
| 8:55 | Adjourn | | | | | |

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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,

**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.

David A. Vottero, Chairperson
Clintonville Area Commission

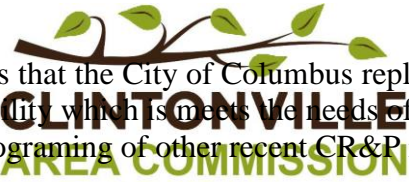
Resolution 2023-03

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 meets the needs of the community, and is on par with the direction and programming 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 150th 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.



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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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 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.



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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