

Agenda – Clintonville Area Commission

November 2, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 5 – Brittany Boulton</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 8 – Josh Hively</td></tr><tr><td><input 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 – Donna Leigh-Osborne</p> <p>Announcements – Consideration of Resolution 2023-05 – Tabled until 12/2023 meeting</p> <p>Approval of Agenda – Approved (Consideration of Resolution 2023-05 – Tabled until 12/2023 meeting)</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 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">○ Yellow springs brewery and taproom having soft opening in November• District 2 – Brian Peifer<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Nothing to report• District 3 – Donna Leigh-Osborne<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ N/A• District 4 – Hugh Crowell<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Nothing to report• District 5 – Brittany Boulton<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ November 28 task force on affordable housing and homelessness at library meeting room○ December 14th will host a hygiene kit drive• District 6 – Mark Moritz<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Contacted about resident concerning sidewalk (BP and ATT) with a gap in the sidewalk. 311 cases have been closed. Mark to follow up with city and BP gas station.• District 7 – Mike Weinman<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Unable to make it to the big table discussion○ Thank Creative Housing Incorporated -> Actually have executives information on website and able to address issue on Indian Springs• District 8 – Josh Hively<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Pleased to see some movement at corner Morse and High St. (Chick-Fil-A/Valvoline)• District 9 – BJ White<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The security lights at the Bishop Watterson athletic fields parking lot are causing issues for neighbors. This parking lot was granted a variance after they were issued code citations for redeveloping the tennis courts into a parking lot without first obtaining a permit. This was heard by the CAC in July of 2020. This is not in my district, but I heard the concerns of the neighboring residents and met with them as Chair of the CAC when District 7 was between									

	<p>Commissioners. I am following up on those concerns. They appear to be mounted higher than Municode allows. 3372.608 - Lighting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lighting Standards shall meet the standards of this zoning code, including the standards contained in the General Site Development Standards Chapter and those contained herein. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A. The height of any parking lot light pole/fixture shall not exceed 18 feet above grade. • B. When located within 25 feet of a residential district the height of a light fixture shall not exceed 14 feet above grade. ○ Attended the Big Table conversation facilitated by Chair Vottero which is part of a citywide effort organized by the Columbus Foundation. The discussion centered around venues and shared resources for visual arts, live music, and much more ○ Met with the business owner of Pawsome Pups located at the former Enterprise location at 5466 N High St concerning the impending code violations for diagonal parking spaces, location of the detached storage shed, and the dumpster screening. They are being asked to re-paint their parking spaces into perpendicular, screen their dumpster, and relocate their storage shed. I am working with them to seek a variance for the shed in the same way we approved the shed for Como Mower. I know that there have been diagonal parking spaces for the entire time that I have lived in the neighborhood (September 1999) and checking to see if they can get a variance application started. Lastly, I gave a report on dumpster screening where Municode was written to describe that if the dumpster was not serviced by the City of Columbus, it did NOT require screening. They had a Local Waste Services dumpster and were asked to screen it or remove it. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Details about what the municipal code states about dumpster screening can be found here: https://library.municode.com/oh/columbus/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TI33ZOCO_CH3321GESIDEST ○ Visited Kitty Bubble Café who works with Colony Cats to find forever homes. I adopted Miss Prana (Cat) and cannot say enough positive things about that experience. If you haven't been, please make time to go.
7:20	<p>Approval of Past Meeting Minutes – Secretary Peifer</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Commissioner White abstained due to absence</p>
	<p>Treasurer's Report – Treasurer White</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning Balance – \$2500 • Ending Balance – <p>Expenses – N/A</p> <p>Deferred to Katherine (Swid) Swidarski and details are in updates from "Representatives from department of neighborhoods"</p>
7:30	<p>Green Spot</p> <p>Public Meeting December 5 (will review past year work). Will discuss goals for 2024 (4 projects identified). Will also discuss the completed neighborhood plan</p> <p>Highlights from 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pollinator garden (Franklin Park nomination for community gardens) • Community day at Fire station 19 in September • Completed plantings at Ohio School for the Deaf over the summer • Developed strong relationships with FLOW

<p>7:35</p>	<p>Update from City of Columbus – <i>Representatives from Department of Neighborhoods, City Council, Columbus Police Department, Columbus Fire Department and City Attorney’s Office may be in attendance</i></p> <p>Representatives from Department of Neighborhoods – Katherine (Swid) Swidarski</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11/8 is neighborhood leaders dinner with the mayor (please RSVP via email invitation link sent to commissioners) • Final area commission training will be 11/29 at Front St (Downtown). The meeting be a planning meeting. Limited to two commissioners per area. • Appointment forms for Clintonville Area Commission for new commissioners has been completed on schedule. • Neighborhood best practices will be on 12/2. There is a QR code and instructions for registration. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Included is the 20 under 20 nominations for recognizing young people • Fiscal update (Julia Carter) – The only outstanding request is for reimbursement for the memory card for Clintonville Area Commission. Anything else is an email to Swid/BJ for now. • Katherine Swidarski will be leaving department of neighborhoods and moving to a different department -> David Hooie will be the contact for Clintonville concerns. <p>City Council – Harrison Poku</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A <p>Columbus Police Department – Officer Brown</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial burglaries in 3 precinct are on the rise (Appears to be by the same individual(s). • Residential burglaries are on the rise as well. Call from a member of a social media site. Sent to the photos and the CRT team. Driving a Blue or Black • Unhoused encampment is on Orchard Lane • 3 precinct officer recognized nationally for texting/driving law • Clinton Elementary • Indianola K-8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Similar to Dominion -> City of Columbus uses Next Door and will put out details about don’t be on the grounds during school hours <p>City Attorney’s Office - N/A</p> <p>Columbus Division of Fire – N/A</p>
<p>7:40</p>	<p>New Americans Initiative, Department of Neighborhoods - <i>Lindora Howard-Diawara, Coordinator for New Americans Initiative at Dept. of Neighborhoods</i></p> <p>Presented on the New American Initiative (NIA) program.</p> <p>The New American leadership Academy (NALA) – Community program that runs for 8 months and have a big family of NALA graduates – 19 people participated in the 2023 year (Over 100 alumni members)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NALA program is an 8 month program (Typically begin in March and ends in October/November) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Applications are due 11/17/2023 for 2024 offering <p>Clintonville was the first area commission given the opportunity to hear about this program.</p>

8:00

CAC Zoning & Variance Committee - Chair Stephen Hardwick

A. *BZA23-127. 3588 Indianola. In order to reorient parking within a parking lot after the termination of a mutual parking agreement, the applicant seeks variances to reduce the number of required ;*

a. *Parking spaces from 276 to 257, CC3312.49.*

Voted by Z&V 5-2 (No votes related to concern about tress)

Commissioner Comments:

- Moritz - Request if there could be more bike parking it will be used
- Hively – Mostly this project will be striping?
 - Requestor this project is mostly striping; there will be a few islands

Public Comments:

- What will be the trees that will be going in there?
 - Requestor will consult with landscape architect about what will go in each selected spot -> Ideally a bias for native trees

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			

- B. GC23-040, 4910 N. High St. The applicant seeks graphics variances to add a ground sign and menu board signs for a new fast food restaurant, specifically from:
- a. 3372.706(C)(1): That only one ground sign is permitted per development parcel. There will be three (3) total ground signs (A1, A2, and A3). A1 is an approved sign under Ordinance 3186-2021, and A2 is existing legal, non-conforming and may remain. ***This variance request is to have up to three (3) ground signs on the Property (A1, A2, and A3).***
 - b. 3372.706(C)(2): That only a monument type ground sign is permitted. ***This request for a variance is for two (2) existing ground signs (A1, A2) to be permitted, in addition to the new monument sign (A3) which is permitted as of legal right.*** A1 (approved) and A2 are existing legal, non-conforming and may remain. A3 is a new monument sign and complies with the Zoning Code, as to height and area.
 - c. 3372.706(C)(3): The sign base shall be integral to the overall sign design and compliment the design of the building and landscape. This variance is to clarify that only the new monument sign A3 will have the base that will be integral to the overall sign design and compliment the design of and principal materials of the building and landscape. ***The variance is for signs A1 and A2 as ground signs, that are not monument signs, are existing legal, non-conforming, but those signs will be re-faced.***
 - d. 3372.706(C)(4): The setback for a ground sign shall be a minimum of 15 feet. ***With the right of way takes along North High Street and along Morse Road, the ground signs A2 and A3 (monument sign) require a variance to (i) the A2 sign shall be setback 7.5 feet from the new right of way line of Morse Road, and (ii) the A3 sign shall be setback 5 feet from the right of way line of North High Street.***
 - e. 3372.706(C)(5): The height of a ground sign shall not exceed six (6) feet above grade. A3, as the monument sign meets this standard; however, the existing legal, non-conforming ground sign noted as A2 is 23'8" above grade. The height of sign A1 was approved as part of Ordinance 3186-2021. ***The variance is to permit a height of 23'8" for the A2 ground sign, as an existing condition.***
 - f. 3372.706(E)(2): That menu boards shall not be located between the building and street right of way line. ***The two menu board signs (H1 and H2) are located between the building and street right of way line.***

Z&V voted 6-0-1

Voted on area variances based upon "exhibit B" shared in the Clintonville Area Commission meeting. Commissioner Peifer to attach "exhibit B" to the SRF form sent to the city.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Weinman - Handicap Sign – Request to add the fine amount of \$500 which is to be on all handicap parking signs

Public Comments – N/A

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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			
District 9 - White	X			

8:15

Presentation from Columbus Park of Roses Foundation - Liz Cabot, Treasurer; Karen Martens, President

Presented on the [Columbus Park of Roses](#) and its history including the Columbus Rose Foundation which helps support the park

Public comment –

- Where do most people enter the park?
 - Recommend the east entrance is easier to park.
- If someone wanted to make a donation or honor someone how would they do that?
 - Call 614.645.3391
 - email rosefoundation@parkofroses.org.
 - Send directly to the Rose Foundation; made payable to the Park of Roses Foundation and mailed to: **Columbus Park of Roses Foundation P.O. Box 09576, Columbus, OH 43209**
 - Donations may also be made directly through the [Columbus Foundation’s Giving Store](#).

8:40 PM	<p>Consideration of 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 - <i>Chair Vottero</i></p> <p>Deferred until the 12/2023 CAC meeting</p>
	<p>Announcement of Next Meeting - <i>The next meeting will be at 7pm on Thursday, December 7, at Whetstone Library.</i></p>
8:45	<p>Public Comment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What sparked the Park of Roses conversation? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Based upon Clintonville Area Commission Resolution 2023-03 “Recommending items for the Capital Improvement Budget” during the October 2023 CAC meeting ○ Additional detail -> Revenue from the shelter house is over \$120,000 over the last year; 227 events at the shelter house • Zone-In initiative of public corridors is having active meetings as well as a survey to weigh in.
8:55	<p>Adjourn</p>

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