

# Meeting Minutes of the Clintonville Area Commission

January 4, 2024

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><b>Call to order, Welcome, Housekeeping, Approval of Agenda – Vice-chair Boulton</b></p> <p><b>Commissioners Present –</b></p> <table border="0"><tr><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 1 – Paul Lada</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 – Greg Nutter</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 – Drew Miller</td></tr></table> <p><b>Absences –</b> excused absence of Donna Leigh-Osborne</p> <p><b>Pledge of Allegiance –</b> Led by CPD Liaison officer John Brown</p> <p><b>Announcements –</b> None</p> <p><b>Approval of Agenda –</b> approved with minor changes.</p>  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 1 – Paul Lada   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 4 – Hugh Crowell | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 7- Mike Weinman | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 2 – Greg Nutter | <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 – Drew Miller |
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|  | <p><b>District Updates – all commissioners</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>District 1 – Paul Lada</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Met with outgoing commissioner Vottero.</li><li>○ Yellow Springs Brewery has opened.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>District 2 – Greg Nutter</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Rag-o-Rama has closed.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>District 3 – Donna Leigh-Osborne</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ NA</li></ul></li><li>• <b>District 4 – Hugh Crowell</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ No updates.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>District 5 – Brittany Boulton</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Volunteer event on housing 139 hygiene kits, Immaculate Conception middle-schoolers.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>District 6 – Mark Moritz</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Contact by a resident from Courtyard Estates about parking in the trailer park. I directed them to the city’s Department of Zoning.</li><li>○ Gate and fence at Whetstone Park near the fishing pond has been repaired.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>District 7 – Mike Weinman</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ No updates.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>District 8 – Josh Hively</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ No updates.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>District 9 – Drew Miller</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ BJ White has been very helpful with transition.</li><li>○ Construction of concrete paths at Broad Meadows Park.</li></ul></li></ul> |  |   |  |  |   |  |   |  |  |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Railroad ties pile appears to be shrinking.</li> <li>○ Litter at COTA stop at Meadowlark. Reached out to COTA.</li> <li>○ Graceland businesses updates.</li> </ul>  |
|  | <p><b>Approval of Past Meeting Minutes – Secretary Peifer / Moritz</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Minutes Approved</li> </ul>  |
|  | <p><b>Treasurer’s Report – Interim Treasurer Crowell</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Discussion of new temporary budget system because of compliance with state law.</li> <li>● Ordered business cards and name plates for incoming commissioners.</li> <li>● Zoom account closed because we can use YouTube for free.</li> <li>● Plan to keep web services.</li> <li>● PO box subscription until August 2024</li> </ul>  |
|  | <p><b>2023 Commissioner Farewells – Commissioners Boulton, Moritz, and Crowell</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Speeches of appreciation for service of outgoing commissioners Vottero, Peifer, and White.</li> </ul>  |
|  | <p><b>Update from City of Columbus –</b><br/> <b>Representative from Department of Neighborhoods – David Hooie</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Clarifications about budget and spending. Changes because of state laws. It is a temporary system.</li> <li>● Training for incoming commissioners coming up.</li> <li>● Need information from new commissioners about information on business cards.</li> <li>● Need bylaws about non-commissioners on sub-committees and whether they count towards quorum.</li> <li>● Question from commissioner Weinman about Henderson turn and whom to contact in Public Services.</li> </ul> <p><b>City Council – No representative present.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● NA</li> </ul> <p><b>Columbus Police Department – Officer Brown</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Crime report shows increase of commercial burglaries and car thefts.</li> <li>● Reminder to lock vehicles, hide valuables, do not leave your car warming unattended.</li> <li>● Question from commissioner Moritz about traffic crash report.</li> </ul> <p><b>City Attorney’s Office – Christopher Clark</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Received complaints about– homeless camp near Giant Eagle.</li> <li>● Office enforces city codes.</li> <li>● Question from commissioner Boulton about team that work with homeless people.</li> </ul> |
|  | <p><b>Election of 2024 CAC Officers – Commissioner Boulton</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Commissioner Moritz – secretary (all yes)</li> <li>● Commissioner Miller – treasurer (all yes)</li> <li>● Commissioner Crowell – vice chair (all yes)</li> <li>● Commissioner Boulton – chair (all yes)</li> </ul>   |
|  | <p><b>Appointment of Committee Chairs, Discussion of Committee Process for Interested Community Volunteers – Commissioner Boulton</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Zoning and Variance Committee – Stephen Hardwick (all yes)</li> <li>● Planning and Development Committee – Eliza Pendexter (7 yes, 1 no)</li> <li>● Green Spot Committee – Ryan Foshee and Annaliese Kern (7 yes, 1 no), <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Question from commissioner Weinman about the status of the committee as a standing CAC committee. This will be discussed in the future.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |

- Election Committee - Melissa Doll (all yes)
- Tech and PR committee – Ty Hulbert (all yes)
- Historical building committee exists on paper but is not active committee.
- **Discussion of changing bylaws** to describe the voting status of committee members that are not commissioners and changing clerical errors of dates. We have read and discussed the changes.
- **Promote committee membership early in December** so that there is enough time to recruit new members for the committees and send materials to the Clintonville Spotlight.
- **Discussion of timeline for nominating members of the zoning and variance committee** to make sure that there is enough time for committee chair to consult with the chair and vice-chair of the commission.

**CAC Zoning & Variance Committee** - Chair Stephen Hardwick  
 1. Demolition permit waiting period waiver, 3936 Indianola Ave.  
 Note: Without CAC approval, demolition can begin on February 24, 2024. With CAC approval, a demolition can issue as soon as the City receives notice of the CAC's decision.

- Applicant was not present at the commission meeting.
- Discussion of policies for waivers for residential buildings, garages, and commercial buildings.

| Commissioner               | Vote – Yes | Vote - No | Vote - Abstain | Absent |
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| District 1 – Lada          | X          |           |                |        |
| District 2 – Nutter        | 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 – Miller        | X          |           |                |        |

**Whetstone Light Installation** – Budget Request Proposal - Eric Wagner, NCIL

- Representative not present. No discussion.

**Consideration of Resolution 2024-01**, Requesting the City to pursue a plan to solicit proposals for redevelopment of the City-owned property at 3500 and 3568-70 Indianola Avenue – Commissioner Lada

- Discussion of the resolution by commissioners.
- Question from public about what redevelopment means.
- Vote: 1 yes, 1 abstain, 6 no.

**Presentation from Columbus Gas on Project Proposals at Weber and High, Weber and Dorris, and Tulane Eastbound** - Melissa Thompson, Director of Regulatory Policy, and Daniel Moody, Construction Inspector  
 Note: This is an opportunity for public engagement; NO VOTES will occur.

- Information about the pipeline and stations, get feedback about look of the station.
- More informational meetings:
  - West Weber Meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 16 from 6:30-7:00pm at Whetstone Library
  - East Weber Meeting: Thursday, Jan. 18 from 6:30-7:00pm at Whetstone Library

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|      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Question from commissioner Miller about what is federally required and what is not, what the feasibility is of replacing pipelines rather than new pipelines, what is the hardship for Columbia Gas in terms of variance, purpose of pipeline – service line or transportation.</li> <li>• Question from commissioner Moritz about location of the stations in the middle of residential areas.</li> <li>• Question from commissioner Lada about whether and how trees will be affected, echoes concern about stations in the middle of residential areas, comments about fences and landscaping.</li> <li>• Question from commissioner Boulton about displacement of residents and whether they will be able to continue to live in Clintonville.</li> <li>• Question from commissioner Nutter about displacement of residents and whether they will be able to still in Clintonville, other examples of regulator stations that we can see.</li> <li>• Question from commissioner Hively about non-flammable materials for fencing.</li> <li>• Questions from the public about setbacks and whether it is in line with residential housing, about pipeline on the School of the Deaf and whether it falls under the purview of the CAC, whether there will be an engineer / specialist present at the next meetings of Columbia Gas on 16 and 18 January, comment about default options are fine for suburbs and rural areas and do not match our urban setting, comment about the building and lighting fit with the wildlife in the area.</li> <li>• Stephen Hardwick, chair of the Zoning and Variance Committee, notes that Columbia Gas variances will be discussed in the next meeting of the Zoning and Variance Committee on Wednesday January 24, 2024 at 7 PM in the Clinton Heights Lutheran Church at 15 Clinton Heights Avenue.</li> </ul> |
|      | <p><b>Announcement of Next Meeting</b> - The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 1, 2024, at Whetstone Library.</p>   |
|      | <p><b>Public Comment:</b> no public comment</p>  |
| 8:55 | <p><b>Adjourn</b></p>  |