

## Meeting Minutes of the Clintonville Area Commission

March 7, 2024

Community Room at Whetstone Library Branch

3909 N. High Street, Columbus, OH 43214

*Thanks to Columbus Metropolitan Libraries for hosting this meeting.*

*A recording will be made available on [Channel Clintonville](#) on YouTube.*

7:00	<p><b>Call to order, Welcome, Housekeeping, Approval of Agenda – 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 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 – Drew Miller</td></tr></table> <p><b>Absences – none</b></p> <p><b>Pledge of Allegiance – led by commission</b></p> <p><b>Announcements – none</b></p> <p><b>Approval of Agenda –</b> Approved, with a minor addition of discussion of the letter of support for NCIL request of funding for lighting at baseball fields at Whetstone.</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 checked="" 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>○ There is interest by some neighbors in getting involved with the United Crestview Area Neighbors (UCAN), the local civic group.</li><li>○ Attended Columbus Gas meetings for both East and West Weber Rd. sites. Neighbor involvement has improved the Columbus Gas projects.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>District 2 – Greg Nutter</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The sign on the 3400 building at corner of North Broadway and High is up and running. It welcomes you to Clintonville along with providing you with the date, time, and weather. A great addition.</li><li>○ Attended the Columbia Gas presentation at the Women’s Club last night. The revised plan includes 2 enclosed buildings on E. Weber and 1 enclosed building on W. Weber. Looking forward to hear more with their final plans next month. There will be another meeting March 22, to present final plan at Whetstone Library at 6 pm.</li><li>○ It is great that Columbia Gas are listening to neighbors. I want to recognize those neighbors on Weber for getting together and coordinating their ideas for these substations to blend in with the neighborhoods. It’s shows that working together makes our neighborhoods better.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>District 3 – Donna Leigh-Osborne</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Attended ribbon cutting for Jenny’s Diner and Columbia Gas meeting.</li><li>○ Hosted annual Bingo fundraiser benefiting, NBSA, North Broadway Street Association’s Annual Luminary Display from railroad to river.</li><li>○ Received numerous neighbor comments regarding 73% reduction in parking variance approved last month for 3070 N High.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>District 4 – Hugh Crowell</b></li></ul>									

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Prairie burn late March, early April - city will be putting up signs soon saying ‘prairie will be burned within 90 days’</li> <li>○ By-laws for area commissions have been updated and published in the City Record</li> <li>○ Attended Walhalla public meeting. New living street layout and reduced headwall length seemed well received.</li> <li>○ Planning for ArborFest is proceeding, and I’ve been talking to the Greenspot committee and CRPD about how to obtain the event permit. This is the subject of a Resolution later in this meeting.</li> <li>● <b>District 5 – Brittany Boulton</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Attended the Jenny’s Diner grand opening, which received historic social media engagement on CAC’s Facebook page, and managed CAC social media and website activity with our Tech and PR Committee.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>District 6 – Mark Moritz</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Attended the Blueprint meeting about the Walhalla Ravine and learned about adjustments to the plans, noted that the concept of “woonerf”, a public space shared by pedestrians, cyclists, and low-speed motor vehicles that priorities quality of life, is Dutch, not Danish.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>District 7 – Mike Weinman</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nothing to report</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>District 8 – Josh Hively</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Participated in the ribbon cutting for the new Jenny’s Diner at 4768 N High St.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>District 9 – Drew Miller</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Residents are working on a grant application for pollinator garden</li> <li>○ Received questions about former CVS location</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<p><b>Approval of Past Meeting Minutes – Secretary Moritz</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Minutes approved.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Miller</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No report</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Update from City of Columbus</b>  Representatives from Department of Neighborhoods – Katherine Cull and Stacey Buttel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Update on fiscal process</li> <li>● Introduction of new liaison for the commission</li> </ul> <p>City Council – Harrison Poku-Yeboah</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Updates on activities of different council members</li> <li>● March 27<sup>th</sup> 6pm-7pm Academy Council Meeting. Topic: How to be a Vendor with the City of Columbus, Location: South High Library</li> <li>● Announcement of City Council Northside Community Meeting. April 27th 6pm-7.30pm at Northland High School. This is a great opportunity to meet with the council members and their staff. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Question from commissioners about budget allocated for Clintonville, about City Council meeting at the Northland High School meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<p><b>Zoning and Variance Agenda – Zoning and Variance Chair Hardwick</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Announcement of selection of Vice-Chair of Committee – Michael Haugh</li> <li>● Summary of committee rule changes – mostly changes of clarification, mission statement updated, rule changes need to be stated publicly in the prior meeting, listing the dates of meeting, added language from city attorney’s office about voting (see attached committee)</li> <li>● Discussion by commission about how committee members can ask questions when motions are on the table.</li> <li>● Discussion about the Commission and Zoning and Variance Committee developing general</li> </ul>

guidelines for variances, including garage and parking variances.

Vote of approval of committee rule change

Commissioner	Vote – Yes	Vote - No	Vote - Abstain	Absent
District 1 – Lada	1			
District 2 – Nutter	1			
District 3 – Leigh-Osborne	1			
District 4 – Crowell	1			
District 5 – Boulton	1			
District 6 – Moritz	1			
District 7 – Weinman	1			
District 8 – Hively	1			
District 9 – Miller	1			

**Approval of Committee Rosters – Chair Boulton**

- Voting on approval of committee rosters was tabled in February to include member bios:
  - Commissioner Weinman would like to see rules for the Planning and Development and Greenspot committees. Chair Boulton will ask the committee chairs for rules.
- Planning and Development Committee – approved, 8 yes, 1 no
  - Question from public about representation from districts
- Greenspot Committee – approved, 8 yes, 1 no
  - Discussion about the Greenspot committee, its contributions, its relation to the commission
- Tech and PR Committee – approved, all yes

**Columbus Recreation and Parks Department – Craig Murphy, Capital and Strategic Planning Administrator; Michelle Hilliard, Project Manager; Angela ...**

- Whetstone Community Center and Whetstone Park Facilities Plan Update (see attachment)
- Commissioner questions: about pressure washing, about NCIL lights, soccer fields drainage.
- Audience question and comments: suggestion of using clover for nitrogen fixing, presentation by players, coaches, and parents of the history Whetstone rangers soccer club and importance of the field.

**Letter of support for NCIL – Commissioner Leigh-Osborne**

- Letter of support for NCIL request (see attachment) – approved by all

**Resolution 2024-1: Agreement to collaborate with CRPD for Columbus ArborFest – Commissioner Crowell, CRPD and Greenspot Committee**

- The resolution is read publicly by Commissioner Crowell
- Ryan Foshee, co-chair of Greenspot Committee, statement about ArborFest
- Tina Mohn, Recreation and Park, statement about ArborFest collaboration
- The Commission will vote on adopting the resolution in next month’s meeting

**Announcement of Next Meeting** - The next meeting will be at 7 pm on Thursday, April 4, 2024, at Whetstone Library.

	<b>Public Comment:</b> None
8:50	<b>Adjourn</b>