

Meeting Minutes of the Clintonville Area Commission

June 5, 2025

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>Call to order, Welcome, Housekeeping, Approval of Agenda – Chair Boulton</p> <p>Commissioners Present</p> <table border="0"><tr><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 1 – Paul Lada</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 4 – Angela Sausser</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> District 7- Mike Weinman</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> District 2 – vacant</td><td><input 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>Absences – commissioners Leigh-Osborne, Boulton, and Weinman (all excused)</p> <p>Pledge of Allegiance – all</p> <p>Announcements – none</p> <p>Approval of Agenda – approved</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 1 – Paul Lada	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 4 – Angela Sausser	<input type="checkbox"/> District 7- Mike Weinman	<input type="checkbox"/> District 2 – vacant	<input 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>District Updates – all commissioners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• District 1 – Paul Lada<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Updates on Block Watch meeting and work Indianola Avenue.• District 2 – vacant seat<ul style="list-style-type: none">○• District 3 – Donna Leigh-Osborne<ul style="list-style-type: none">○• District 4 – Angela Sausser<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Received emails from residents about parking and Global Gallery.• District 5 – Brittany Boulton<ul style="list-style-type: none">○• District 6 – Mark Moritz<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Participated in Ride of Silence to commemorate the 27 cyclists who were killed on Ohio’s roads in 2024; participated in Ohio Traffic Safety Summit and learned that up to half of crashes involving cyclists and pedestrians are not reported; update on crashes on North High Street that have not been reported; received question from residents of Delawandia neighborhood about traffic situation.○ would like the post of community liaison for Clintonville be filled by Department of Public Safety.• District 7 – Mike Weinman<ul style="list-style-type: none">○• District 8 – Josh Hively<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Scored at Clintonville-wide garage sale.• District 9 – Drew Miller									

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thanked residents for creating and maintaining pollinator garden.
	<p>Approval of Past Meeting Minutes – Secretary Moritz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes approved.
	<p>Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Miller</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget update: we have \$699 available specifically for pop-up tents from the 2024 budget and we have \$2,394.05 available in the 2025 budget.
	<p>Update from City of Columbus Department of Neighborhoods – Stacey Buttel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offered letters of condolences for Commissioner Nutter who died earlier this year. <p>City Council – Suzan Mchao</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offered letters of condolences for Commissioner Nutter who died earlier this year; updates on Division of Housing Stability and hearing of Finance Committee; major announcement of a city-wide deer survey that was developed in response to discussions in the Clintonville Area Commission meetings. Link to survey: https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bmxXjYsL1U7ebPM?Q_CHL=qr
	<p>CAC Resolution regarding Arborfest 2025 – Commissioner Moritz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolution was read at May 2025 meeting – and approved unanimously (see attachment).
	<p>Election Report – Chair Doll</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the city-wide elections for area commissions, which will be held on August 23rd with early voting on August 19th. The election packages will be available June 9th in Whetstone Library. There will be regular elections for districts 3, 6, and 8 (three-year terms) and a special election for district 2 (one-year term). • Presentation of proposed changes to the election rules (see attachment).
	<p>Clintonville July 4th Celebration Committee – Cliff Wiltshire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on July 4th celebrations, organization and fund raising. If you want to get involved and/or contribute, email Clintonvillefourth@gmail.com or go to https://www.facebook.com/ClintonvilleJulyFourth/.
	<p>Clintonville 3 Blueprint Project Update – Leslie Westerfelt, RAMA Consulting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on Blueprint activities, including a public meeting to be held on June 26th at 6 pm at North Broadway United Methodist Church on; spray painting boundaries of proposed green spaces, construction scheduled to start summer 2026, the city is still seeking public input on the design. More information on website https://blueprintneighborhoods.com and https://columbus.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=f16b492055874c70a3260809c0a3d0d8.
	<p>Zoning and Variance Agenda – chair Hardwick</p> <p>Agenda: CV25-036, 26 W. Henderson. The applicant seeks the following variances: (1) CC3312.25, Maneuvering: Allow for 18.96’ maneuvering for the existing carport parking spaces in lieu of the required 20’; (2) CC3312.27, Parking setback line: To allow a reduced parking setback of 15.5 from a required 20’ parking setback line; (3) CC3332.035, R-3 residential district: Structure is being converted to a two unit dwelling on a single parcel whereas only a single-family home is permitted; (4) CC3332.26(B), Minimum side yard permitted: to allow for a minimum side yard of 4.67’ in lieu of the required 5’; and (5) CC3332.28,</p>

Side yard obstruction: To permit the existing two parking spaces to remain and to allow parking in the required side yard.

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

Update from Columbia Gas Project – Leah Lewis

- Brief update on the project, mentions that the project is almost done and that she is taking feedback to the project team.
- Comments from residents about how the work is affecting business, personal health and well-being, gardens, and homes; many observed and reported Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) violations by workers; unimaginable unprofessional behavior of workers; lack of any meaningful response from Columbia Gas; total lack of confidence in the project or the company; the project has been a complete wreck; and how there is no recourse for residents who suffered from the project.

Public Comment:

- None

Announcement of Next Meeting – The next meeting will be at 7 pm on Thursday July 10, 2025, at Whetstone Library.

- Voted to officially move the meeting to the 10th of July – unanimously in favor.

8:55

Adjourn



Resolution 2025-01

Agreement to collaborate with CRPD for Columbus ArborFest

Recitals

1. Whereas, Columbus ArborFest is a fall festival for tree and native plant lovers, where visitors can learn about nature and enjoy family-friendly activities and programs;
2. Whereas, the Clintonville Area Commission's Green Team Committee (CAC/Green Team Committee) is a duly approved Committee of the Commission;
3. Whereas, the CAC/Green Team Committee is a very active and innovative group committed to promoting environmental quality, improving and celebrating Clintonville's green spaces including its outstanding tree canopy, and educating the Clintonville community on issues of biological diversity and environmental quality;
4. Whereas, the CAC/Green Team Committee seeks to collaborate with Columbus Recreation and Parks Department (CRPD) and Green Columbus (501(c)(3) financial partner) to bring about Columbus ArborFest;
5. Whereas, CRPD requires a collaborative agreement with CAC in order to hold Columbus ArborFest on the grounds of Whetstone Park which should contain a delineation of responsibilities for the CAC/Green Team Committee, CRPD and Green Columbus;
6. Whereas, CRPD assumes responsibility for 1) reserving two open air shelters and one enclosed shelter house at Whetstone Park for the event; and 2) promoting the event through CRPD communication channels, including social media and newsletters;
7. Whereas, CRPD further agrees to maintain consistent and aligned marketing strategies to ensure that all communications resonate with CRPD's overarching goals and vision. Any marketing or media outreach initiatives shall require mutual agreement from both Parties, subject to CRPD's final approval, promoting a culture of open and transparent communication while respecting confidentiality boundaries. Collaboration within this partnership will be prioritized to achieve mutual support and shared objectives

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CLINTONVILLE AREA COMMISSION,

1. CAC/Green Team Committee shall apply for a Special Events permit for the event and comply with all permit requirements.
2. CAC/Green Team Committee shall provide at least one table for CRPD staff to promote department events, programs, and activities.
3. CAC/Green Team Committee shall provide space and support for CRPD Forestry to participate in the event, including Forestry vehicles.
4. CAC/Green Team Committee shall allow this event to serve as the CRPD's Urban Forestry Master Plan's "annual tree summit."
5. CAC/Green Team Committee shall collaborate with CRPD on the communications, marketing and outreach responsibilities in Recital 7.
6. CAC/Green Team Committee shall utilize the financial services of Green Columbus, the 501(c)(3) financial partner for the event, for handling all funds from donations, vendor fees and all other sources, and all expenditures related to Columbus ArborFest.

The Resolution was adopted by the Clintonville Area Commission on June 5, 2025.



Paul Lada, Vice Chairperson
Clintonville Area Commission

Clintonville Area Commission
 June 5, 2025 Meeting
 Election Rules – Proposed Changes

#	Section	Topic	
1.	III.B	Candidates	Following the orientation, any question from a potential candidate or certified candidate to the Committee must be submitted in writing or asked at a public meeting. The Committee will respond to questions in writing and will make the question and answer available to all candidates.
2.	IV.B(1)	Petition Validation	The Committee shall check the validity of the petition signatures for each potential candidate by attempting to contact a representative number of petition signers by telephone, email or text.
3.	IV.C(1)	Write-In Candidate Application	A person who does not submit a nominating petition pursuant to Section IV(A), as well as a person who submitted a petition pursuant to Section IV(A) that was not validated pursuant to Section IV(B), may qualify as a Write-In Candidate by submitting a completed candidate packet to the Committee no later than 5 p.m. the day after the regular August meeting of the CAC in the election year. If a candidate has submitted a valid petition under Section IV (B) above for the district at issue, then 25 valid signatures will be required for a Write-In Candidate for that district. Only 15 valid signatures will be required for a Write-In Candidate if no candidate submitted a valid petition under Section B. above for the district at issue.
4.	IV.C(3)	Write-In Candidate Application	A potential Write-In Candidate must submit a petition containing the following information for the applicable number of qualified voters (see Section IV(C)(1)) who reside in the potential Write-In Candidate’s district: (a) printed name; (b) valid signature;

			<p>(c) residence address; d) residence phone or email address; and (e) date signed</p> <p>A person seeking to be a Write-In Candidate who previously submitted a nominating petition pursuant to Section IV(A) that was not validated pursuant to Section IV(B) must obtain new signatures from the applicable number of qualified voters (see Section IV(C)(1)), however the signatures may be from the same voters. The signatures must be collected on the “Write-In Candidate Form” provided in the Candidate Petition Packet.</p>
5	IV.E	Write-In Candidate Application	<p>If there are no candidates for a single district, and only one Write-In Candidate for that district, the Commission shall declare the Write-In Candidate the winner of the election and cancel that portion of the election.</p>