

Meeting Minutes of the Clintonville Area Commission

February 5, 2026

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><tr><td>☒ District 1 – Paul Lada</td><td>☒ District 4 – Angela Sausser</td><td>☐ District 7- Mike Weinman</td></tr><tr><td>☒ District 2 – Brenda Arnold</td><td>☒ District 5 – Brittany Boulton</td><td>☐ District 8 – Josh Hively</td></tr><tr><td>☒ District 3 – Will Klatt</td><td>☒ District 6 – Mark Moritz</td><td>☒ District 9 – Drew Miller</td></tr></table> <p>Absences – Commissioner Hively</p> <p>Pledge of Allegiance – all</p> <p>Announcements – none</p> <p>Approval of Agenda – approved</p>	☒ District 1 – Paul Lada	☒ District 4 – Angela Sausser	☐ District 7- Mike Weinman	☒ District 2 – Brenda Arnold	☒ District 5 – Brittany Boulton	☐ District 8 – Josh Hively	☒ District 3 – Will Klatt	☒ District 6 – Mark Moritz	☒ District 9 – Drew Miller
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	<p>State Senator Bill DeMora</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updates on capital budget process, upcoming session, and ICE presence in Columbus.									
	<p>District Updates – all commissioners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• District 1 – Paul Lada<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Attended City Attorney training and meeting with Clintonville Rotary Club.• District 2 – Brenda Arnold<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Attended City Attorney training and shared concerns of residents about cleaning sidewalks from snow.• District 3 – Will Klatt<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Met with owners of Kings Lounge to discuss concerns of residents about disturbances and trash, attended an Evict Private Equity meeting at the Main Library, met with a coalition of commissioners from other area commissions to discuss reform of elections in the city.• District 4 – Angela Sausser<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Attended City Attorney training and meeting with Clintonville Rotary Club.• District 5 – Brittany Boulton<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Attended City Attorney training, Planning and Development meeting, meeting with Clintonville Rotary Club, worked with committee chairs to put together slate for committees.• District 6 – Mark Moritz<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Attended City Attorney training, meeting with Clintonville Rotary Club, and special meeting of the Planning and Development committee with presentation from Mark Dravillas and Christopher Lohr about the Columbus Growth Strategy. Shared update on concern from									

	<p>resident about sump pumps creating dangerous ice-patches on the road, and how Stacey Buttel got information from the Division of Water. Update on yet another crash on North High Street at the intersection with Deland Avenue that took out to city lights.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District 7 – Mike Weinman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nothing to report • District 8 – Josh Hively <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Absent • District 9 – Drew Miller <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attended City Attorney training ... housing study Lancaster ... regional ...will share with commissioners
	<p>Approval of Past Meeting Minutes – Secretary Moritz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of regular January meeting approved. • Minutes of the special meeting with the Clintonville Rotary Club approved (with commissioner Weinman abstention)
	<p>Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Miller</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The commission voted to spend no more than \$500 on a website domain and email addresses. • Discussion of hiring a professional web designer to “clean up” the CAC website. Chair Boulton will ask for scope of work and costs. The commission will vote on this in the next meeting.
	<p>Appointment of Green Team chair – chair Boulton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment of Ryan Foshee and Annaliese Kern as co-chairs of the Green Team committee
	<p>Appointment of committee members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zoning and Variance Committee (see attachment) – approved • Planning and Development Committee (see attachment) – approved • Election Committee (see attachment) – approved • Green Team (see attachment) – approved
	<p>Update from City of Columbus</p> <p>Representatives from Department of Neighborhoods – Stacey Buttel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to commissioners for attending City Attorney training. • Announcement of next Grounds for Conversation on February 20th in which Stacey and Suzan Mchao met with residents to hear concerns and answer questions. • Updates on winter warmers, snow warriors, senior programs, summer youth programs, Black History roundtable, Playbook Columbus Draft Plan is Ready! (https://www.playbookcolumbus.com) <p>City Council – Suzan Mchao</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on hearings including rental registry, operating budget, affordable housing bonds, community events, coffee and conversation about options for lowering utility costs, public input on how to invest fund from the housing bonds, and Black History month celebration. • And a “late Christmas gift”: the results of the deer survey are available on the internet (https://www.columbus.gov/Government/City-Council/News-Releases-Information/Programs-Initiatives/Deer-Survey) and there will be a community conversation on deer population management on February 18th at 6:30 pm in Whetstone Community Center. <p>City Attorney’s Office – Christopher Clark, Assistant City Attorney</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back from paternity leave • Communicated with owners of Kings Lounge about concerns from residents. • Save the date: May 6th for a community safety meeting with City Attorney Zach Klein. <p>Jeff Sheppard – Whetstone Community Center manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Whetstone Pond, North Fields, summer camps, and lights for baseball field.

	<p>Update from City of Columbus Zone-In – Mark Dravillas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Update on Zone-In: Columbus Growth Strategy has been adopted by the City Council, in the coming months, there will be meetings with commission chair and committee chairs, webinar for commissioners, draft code will be available in summer followed by public input, gallery in downtown and public meetings.Question from commissioner Klatt about getting access to survey data.																																																		
	<p>Columbus Division of Water – Representatives from the Division of Water – Kevin Knisley and Khalid Jalil</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Update about the Enhanced Meter Project in North Clintonville, the division will reach out to residents in the northern Clintonville and ask residents to schedule water meter replacement, replacement takes up to one hour and is relatively simple. Residents will get multiple reminders, first a flyer, than letters.Update Water and Power discount program for eligible residents, e.g., qualifying for assistance programs or households with income below 200% of the federal poverty level.																																																		
	<p>Franklin County Auditor – Hugo Barragan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Updates on the Board of Revision Mobile Filing events and ways to reduce your property taxes. The deadline for filing petitions is March 31st. Updates on mobile events that will be held across the city, affordable housing resource fair, and website with data on property values of houses in your neighborhood.Question about the impact of private equity investments on house prices.																																																		
	<p>Zoning and Variance Agenda – Zoning and Variance Committee Chair Hardwick Announcements:</p> <p>Agenda: 122 W. Henderson Rd., BZA25-161, Application: To construct a vehicle turnaround area in front of the dwelling, the applicant seeks a variance to allow maneuvering area between the street right-of-way line and the parking setback line.</p> <table><tr><td>Commissioner</td><td>Vote – Yes</td><td>Vote - No</td><td>Vote - Abstain</td><td>Absent</td></tr><tr><td>District 6 – Moritz</td><td>1</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>District 9 – Miller</td><td>1</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>District 4 – Sausser</td><td>1</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>District 8 – Hively</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>District 5 – Boulton</td><td>1</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>District 1 – Lada</td><td>1</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>District 2 – Arnold</td><td>1</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>District 3 – Klatt</td><td>1</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>District 7 – Weinman</td><td>1</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The commissioners agreed that there was hardship because traffic on West Henderson is dangerous.	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 – Arnold	1				District 3 – Klatt	1				District 7 – Weinman	1			
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	<p>Recap of CAC/Clintonville Rotary Club meeting on Saturday 31 January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Update on what was discussed (see minutes attached). On March 14th there will be another meeting with more community partners to work on traffic safety in Clintonville (and other issues).																																																		

	Traffic Safety – Clintonville resident Dennis Knepley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not discussed because resident had left
	Columbia Gas – Leah Lewis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on Morse property off the table. They are looking for another solution.
	Announcement of Next Meeting – The next meeting will be at 7 pm on Thursday, March 5, 2026, at Whetstone Library.
	Public Comment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Book recommendation from Commissioner Weinman: The Great Columbus Experiment of 1908: Waterworks that Changed the World Paperback by Conrade C. Hinds.
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