

Meeting Minutes of the Clintonville Area Commission

January 8, 2026

Community Room at Whetstone Library Branch

3909 N. High Street, Columbus, OH 43214

Thanks to Columbus Metropolitan Libraries for hosting this meeting.

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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 – none</p> <p>Pledge of Allegiance – all</p> <p>Announcements – none</p> <p>Approval of Agenda – approved, with one change: the Franklin County Auditor’s Office is not attending this meeting.</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>District Updates – all commissioners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• District 1 – Paul Lada<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ None• District 2 – Brenda Arnold<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Good neighbor shout-out to the kids for helping set up luminaries along North Broadway, which this year honored former commissioner Greg Nutter and his partner.• District 3 – Will Klatt<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Updates on concerns from residents about traffic situation on California Avenue in relation to variance request, new fees for utilities, and concerns from residents about Olentangy trail connection.• District 4 – Angela Sausser<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ None• District 5 – Brittany Boulton<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Prepared for the meeting.• District 6 – Mark Moritz<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Attended the appreciation event for the area commissions organized by city council with chair Stephen Hardwick and received a certificate of honor and appreciation from the city council for the CAC; update on Courtyard Estates, which has a new owner and the property management team has contacted the residents about payments of rents; responded to an email from resident at Delawanda about the terrible state of an alley that residents use to exit the neighborhood safely. Stacey Buttell found out that part of the alley was privately owned and submitted a 311 request to Code Enforcement on behalf of the residents.• District 7 – Mike Weinman									

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	<p>Approval of Past Meeting Minutes – Secretary Moritz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes approved, three abstentions (Sausser, Miller, Klatt).
	<p>Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Miller</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1422.07 remaining for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2026. Call to spend funds before the end of the fiscal year. • Every commission receives \$2,500 per year. There is a list of allowable expenses. The funds are from the Department of Neighborhood.
	<p>Election of 2026 CAC officers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasurer – Commissioner Miller (approved by all, one abstention). • Secretary – Commissioner Moritz (approved by all, one abstention). • Vice-chair – Commissioner Lada (approved by all, one abstention). • Chair – Commissioner Boulton (approved by all, one abstention). • Commissioner Klatt noted that he would abstain from voting during the meeting.
	<p>Appointment of Committee Chairs – Chair Boulton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee members will be appointed at the February CAC meeting. • Appointment of committee chairs by chair Boulton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Planning and Development Committee – Jacob Miller. ○ Zoning and Variance Committee – Stephen Hardwick. ○ Elections Committee – Melissa Doll. ○ Green Team Committee – no chair found yet. ○ Tech and PR Committee – reached out but not yet heard from current chair • Discussion of procedure for putting together the slate for the Zoning and Variance committee that was developed by the chair of the Zoning and Variance committee (see attachment). • The procedure slate for the Zoning and Variance committee was approved unanimously. It was recommended that the other committees use a similar procedure to put together the membership slate.
	<p>Update from City of Columbus</p> <p>Representatives from Department of Neighborhoods – Stacey Buttel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates about commission budgets, training schedule for commissioners, and Columbus Growth Strategy discussion in City Council. <p>City Council – Suzan Mchao</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates about new council member Ross, joint office hours (see flyer), upcoming public hearings of City Council, and small business award ceremony. • Commissioner Klatt shared concerns from his constituents about activities of council member Remy, timing of municipal fees, more accountability of City Council and City Government. • Audience member Mr. Wilkins asked question about how information about elections is shared with voters and accessibility of information from the city, in particular the blind. Another audience member shared resource for anyone who cannot read print because of a disability: https://voicecorps.org/about/.

Columbus Growth Strategy Update –

- Chair Boulton and Chair Hardwick are meeting with City Planning officials on Friday Jan. 9th and collect input from CAC Commissioners for the meeting.
- Proposal to vote against the Columbus Growth Strategy. Accepted (7 yes, 2 no votes).

Commissioner	Vote – Yes	Vote - No	Vote - Abstain	Absent
District 6 – Moritz		1		
District 9 – Miller	1			
District 4 – Sausser	1			
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District 3 – Klatt	1			
District 7 – Weinman	1			

3250 N. High St. Sidewalk Dining Lease Area –

- City of Columbus requires a Certificate of Appropriateness or a Letter of Support from the CAC. Presentation by the architect Brad Parish.
- Commission votes to provide a letter of support – all in favor (one abstention).

Zoning and Variance Agenda – Zoning and Variance Chair Hardwick**Agenda:**

- 5020 N. High, BZA25-157, N High. To renovate the existing building and site for a dispensary, the applicant seeks variances from: 1. E.20.080G, On-Site Parking – to allow an existing drive aisle between the principal building and North High Street to remain; and 2. G.20.040B, Screening – to allow a dumpster to be located between the principal building and Arbor Village Drive.

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- Discussion of 146 Walhalla CV25-112 variance request – and whether it should come back to the Zoning and Variance committee for review.
 - The commission votes in favor of the variance request to be reviewed by the Zoning and Variance committee again before it comes before the commission.
- Jeff Frontz, coordinator of the Walhalla Ravine Association, shared a resolution from the association about maintaining lot integrity under Restricted Rural Residential (RRR) zoning (see attachment).

	Announcement of Next Meeting – The next meeting will be at 7 pm on Thursday, February 5, 2026, at Whetstone Library.
	Public Comment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rick Tressler shared concerns about the safety of pedestrians and cyclists at the Olentangy trail connector crossing at North Broadway. • Mister Wilkins shared concerns about traffic safety and traffic fatalities in Columbus. • Commissioner Klatt shared information on strike at Starbucks on North High Street and asks all to not cross the picket line. • Molly Brinkman shared concerns about traffic situation on California Avenue in relation to 146 Walhalla CV25-112 variance request.
8:55	Adjourn

**Approved by the Clintonville Area Commission
January 8, 2026**

**Procedure for applying to serve on the CAC's Zoning and Variance
Committee from February 2026 through January 2027**

- Anyone interested in serving on the CAC's Zoning and Variance Committee from February 2026 through January 2027, including current members, must send an email to the Committee's Chair with a short bio and a statement of interest (why they want to serve and what they believe they will add to the committee) to hardwick.zoning@gmail.com by 11:59 p.m., Friday, January 23, 2026.
- Late applications will only be considered if eight people have not applied by the deadline.
- By January 26, 2024, the committee chair will consult with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission. By January 29, 2026, the Committee Chair will send a proposed slate of eight committee members (as well as information received from all applicants) to all CAC Commissioners. All applicants will receive notice of the Chair's recommendation by that day.
- The Commission will make the final decision at its meeting on February 5, 2026.



WRA: RRR lot integrity (v1.1 – adopted)

Walhalla Ravine Association

Resolution: Lot Integrity under Restricted Rural Residential (RRR) Zoning

WHEREAS, the Walhalla Ravine Association was formed in response to development pressures that threatened to fragment the Walhalla Ravine through repeated lot splits and the loss of significant green space; and

WHEREAS, as an early and foundational achievement, the Association successfully advocated for the rezoning of ravine properties as Restricted Rural Residential (RRR) in order to preserve open space and maintain the environmental and neighborhood character of the ravine; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the RRR zoning designation includes maintaining existing lot boundaries, setbacks, and surrounding green space as essential elements of that preservation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus has since adopted Accessory

Dwelling Unit (ADU) regulations that provide a means of adding residential capacity while preserving lot integrity and the purposes of RRR zoning;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Walhalla Ravine Association reaffirms its long-standing support for maintaining existing lot boundaries within the Walhalla Ravine area zoned Restricted Rural Residential; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Association shall oppose proposed lot splits within the RRR-zoned ravine area as a matter of standing policy, where such splits would reduce green space, alter established setbacks, or undermine the historic intent of the zoning; and

For clarity, the Association's opposition is limited to subdivisions that fragment existing lots into smaller parcels, and does not extend to lot consolidations or boundary reconfigurations in which portions of a lot are adjusted or attached to adjoining parcels in a manner that preserves overall lot integrity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an exception to this policy may be considered only upon an affirmative vote of the Association based on the specific circumstances of a given proposal.

Adoption

This resolution was **adopted by the Walhalla Ravine Association on 08 January 2026**, with **all (43) votes cast in favor and two abstentions**.

*Adopted Resolution, version 1.1
08 January 2026, Compiled by Jeff
Frontz*