

Meeting Minutes of the Clintonville Area Commission

May 7, 2026

Clinton Heights Lutheran Church

15 Clinton Heights Ave., Columbus, OH 43202

*Thanks to Clinton Heights Lutheran Church 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 Miller (excused)</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
☒ 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								
	<p>District Updates – all commissioners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• District 1 – Paul Lada<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Participated in South Clintonville Neighborhood Watch clean up; updates on Indianola repaving and Glen Echo clean up on Sunday 17 May; loss of trees in the neighborhood to make sidewalks accessible; Columbia Gas will be monitoring trees at Tulane for the next five years.• District 2 – Brenda Arnold<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Report on concerns from residents about speeding on North Broadway.• District 3 – Will Klatt<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Report on concerns from neighbors about property on 347 Clinton Heights; update on work on unionizing efforts with Cup of Joe and Stauff; updates on actions of City Council, including park in Franklinton and election reform efforts.• District 4 – Angela Sausser<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Update on food dumping; request to have bike path signs removed from Milton; concerns from residents about the brightness from signs at Wendy’s on North High Street.• District 5 – Brittany Boulton<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Update on email from resident that documents all the crashes on Cooke Road, including a fatality and a fire (see email attachment); update on meeting with the Rotary Club on Saturday 9 May; and update on the CAC website.• District 6 – Mark Moritz<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Update on the new soccer fields and the fishing pond in Whetstone Park, which are completed and used by the public; Fox in the Snow opened in the former Hot Chicken Take-Over; more crashes on North High Street, including one that took out a streetlight just south of Glenmont Avenue – the crash is not reported in the system; requested									

	<p>information on the number of streetlights that have been replaced by Department of Public Services on the stretch on North High Street near Deland Avenue.</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"> ○ Nothing to report. • District 9 – Drew Miller <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Absent.
	<p>Approval of Past Meeting Minutes – Secretary Moritz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes approved – commissioner Boulton abstained.
	<p>Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Miller</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report
	<p>CAC discussion about the website, and new domain and email accounts – chair Hardwick</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on purchase of a domain name for the CAC and discussion of how to use the 14 email addresses to facilitate the business of the CAC and ensure continuity across commissioners.
	<p>CAC Elections Committee Update – Chair Doll</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on upcoming CAC elections for districts 1, 2, and 9. There will be information meeting on August 1st from 6 to 8 pm in the Clinton Heights Lutheran Church, early voting on Tuesday 18 August and the election on Saturday 22 August.
	<p>Update from City of Columbus Representatives from Department of Neighborhoods – Stacey Buttel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on repaving of Indianola and Hollenback Road; upcoming AC trainings; Neighborhood Best Practices conference September 19th; Glen Echo project, including seeking public input on bird mural and ravine clean up on Saturday May 17th. <p>City Council – Suzan Mchao</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on change in council recess over the summer and second deer community conversation (see below).
	<p>Broadway/Olentangy Trail intersection and High St. Traffic Study – DPS Representative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did not show up
	<p>Update on North High Street traffic study – chair Miller</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on North High Street speed study and discussion of getting city council to adopt a resolution to designate North High Street as a business district • Commissioner Weinman note that ODOT did not receive the speed study or request to lower the speed from the city and that many crashes are not reported or documented. • Chair Hardwick notes that it is better to talk about crashes rather than accidents (i.e., use the C-word), to emphasize that most traffic collisions are preventable events, not unavoidable mishaps. • Resident Grant Sabatier notes that the cameras on North High Street capture a lot of crashes that are not reported and noted that businesses on the street are in favor of slowing down speeds and increasing safety for customers. • The next meeting of the Planning and Development committee meeting is on May 26th in the Clinton Heights Lutheran Church at 15 Clinton Heights Ave., Columbus, OH 43202.

	<p>Deer Community Conversation Update – Suzan Mchao</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Update on second deer community conversation that took place on Tuesday, May 5th at the Whetstone Branch Library. The city council proposes a no feeding ordinance to prevent intentional deer feeding, which will be a minor misdemeanor (\$150 fine) enforced by Columbus Police Department. The city council is considering a culling program, but it is unclear how this will be organized in terms of departments and it would entail hiring a wildlife manager. To move the culling program forward public pressure on the city council and the mayor is needed.																																																		
	<p>Webster Park food dumping update – Commissioner Sausser</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Update on food dumping at Webster Park; commissioner Sausser met with Jenny Doan from the Department of Recreation and Parks; food dumping (including fruit and vegetable) is a direct violation of city code (see notification attached); neighbors made their signs to warn others that food dumping is illegal, Jenny Doan shared a Good Neighbor Guide from the Department of Recreation and Parks with residents (see attachment).																																																		
	<p>Zoning and Variance Agenda – Chair Hardwick</p> <p>Agenda: Variance agenda: BZA26-039, 3838 Indianola Ave. (T Marzetti property) Application. In order to install a 7’ security fence and driveway gates and to maintain plant security and provide public safety from accidental ingress to the plan, the applicant seeks a variance from Section F.30.100 to increase the maximum height of this fence from 4’ to 7’.</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></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</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>1</td><td></td><td></td><td></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> <p>The commission voted in favor of approving the variance but would like to see native plants used for screening.</p>	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			
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																																																		
	<p>Announcement of Next Meeting – The next regular meeting will be at 7 pm on Thursday, June 4, 2026, location TBD. Our next special meeting with the Rotary Club of Clintonville will be from 8:30 to 9:30 am on Saturday 9 May at the Clintonville Beechwold Resources Center Annex, 3230 N. High Street, Columbus, OH 43214.</p>																																																		
	<p>Public Comment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">None.																																																		
8:15	<p>Adjourn</p>																																																		

From: Brittany Boulton brittanyforclintonville@gmail.com

Subject: Fwd: Request for Area Commission support on East Cooke Road traffic safetyRe: traffic/safety on East Cooke Road

Date: May 8, 2026 at 8:19 AM

To: Paul Lada cacdistrictone@gmail.com, Brenda Arnold cacdistrict2ba@gmail.com, Will Klatt will.b.klatt@gmail.com, Mark Moritz mark.moritz.cac@gmail.com, mikeweinmancac7 Mikeweinmancac7@gmail.com, Joshua Hively joshuahively@gmail.com, Drew Miller cacdistrict9@gmail.com, Buttel, Stacey J. SJButtel@columbus.gov, Jacob Miller miller.jacob782193@gmail.com, Stephen Hardwick hardwick.zoning@gmail.com, Mchao, Suzan Y. symchao@columbus.gov

BB

All,

This is the crash report from our Cooke road neighbor I mentioned last night. He reached out to us via Facebook and couldn't make the meeting so he shared this.

Stacey, we would really like to have DPS on June 4 if at all possible.

Thank you!

Brittany Boulton

Chair, Clintonville Area Commission

District 5 Representative

330-421-4210 (c)

[Follow me on Facebook for CAC-related updates.](#)

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Nick Forbess** <nforbess@yahoo.com>

Date: Wed, May 6, 2026 at 8:52 PM

Subject: Request for Area Commission support on East Cooke Road traffic safetyRe: traffic/safety on East Cooke Road

To: radorans@columbus.gov <radorans@columbus.gov>, abmcdonald@columbus.gov <abmcdonald@columbus.gov>, algarrett@columbus.gov <algarrett@columbus.gov>, commissioners@clintonvilleareacommission.org

<commissioners@clintonvilleareacommission.org>, brittanyforclintonville@gmail.com <brittanyforclintonville@gmail.com>

CC: H Bartlett <heatherkbartlett@gmail.com>, Kristy McCray <kristymccray@gmail.com>, Gynger Forbess <gyngerf@yahoo.com>, leongersing@gmail.com <leongersing@gmail.com>

Dear Council Member, President Pro Tem Dorans and Clintonville Area Commissioners,

We live at 349 and [359 E Cooke Road](#) where we have observed numerous accidents. We are writing, in addition to Kristy McCray's email below, to request your support in elevating traffic safety concerns on East Cooke Road.

Over the past roughly six months, we have personally documented five separate crashes directly outside or very near our homes using footage captured from our residential security cameras. These incidents have included rear-end collisions, loss-of-control crashes, a guardrail impact, and a fatal head-on collision involving fire. In addition to the crashes themselves, we have also captured numerous dangerous driving incidents, including wrong-way driving, aggressive speeding and swerving, unsafe passing in the opposing lane, vehicles stopping and reversing in the roadway, and drivers operating vehicles unsafely, such as with lift gates fully open.

Importantly, these are only the incidents we happened to witness, review on camera, or save footage for. We regularly hear screeching tires, honking, and other indications of near misses that were never formally documented. The frequency of dangerous behavior appears to be increasing, not decreasing.

As residents who live directly on this road, this no longer feels like an occasional traffic issue. It feels like an ongoing safety problem. We are increasingly concerned that it is only a matter of time before one of us is involved in a collision simply while entering or exiting our driveway. The combination of speeding, limited visibility from the hills, aggressive driving behavior, and the overall volume of traffic has created conditions that feel unsafe on a daily basis.

ACCIDENTS

May 4, 9:50AM - head-on/t-boned

April 15, 1:13PM - rear end, westbound

Feb 19 5:52PM - guardrail eastbound

Feb 18, 8:02PM - guardrail, eastbound

Feb 1, 10:03PM - snow bank, westbound

Nov 30 2025, 10:02PM - fatal, head-on collision, fire, both directions

DANGEROUS DRIVING

Dec 18 2025, 12:03PM - wrong-way driver

March 25 2026, 7:00PM - near miss, speeding, swerving

March 19 2026, 2:34PM - driver stopped, reversed

February 6 2026, 11:49AM - passing, driving in wrong lane

April 2 2026, 2:12PM - driving with lift gate open

Columbus 311 and Traffic Management have already been contacted prior as shown on the attachment with the previous 311 requests resulting in a referral to the Columbus Police for additional radar monitoring. We believe radar alone will not solve the underlying safety issue.

We understand East Cooke Road may have constraints due to snow-route priority, emergency access, narrow roadway width, limited shoulders, and limited pedestrian space but believe there must be precedents in Columbus or beyond to solve this situation and we are asking the City to identify what engineered alternatives are available and feasible.

Therefore, we are asking that the Area Commission to support and coordinate a formal request to Columbus Public Service / Traffic Management for:

1. Release of the East Cooke Road recent traffic-study data;
2. Columbus Public Service conduct a Vision Zero corridor safety review of East Cooke Road. This review should not be limited to a general speeding complaint or a referral for radar monitoring but evaluate East Cooke as a repeated-crash and nighttime-speeding corridor with known physical constraints, including narrow roadway width, limited pedestrian space, snow-route requirements, and emergency access needs. The requested review should include crash history, time-of-day crash patterns, nighttime speed data, 85th-percentile speeds, roadway classification, snow-route and emergency-route constraints, and a written evaluation of feasible engineering treatments. If speed humps or raised speed tables are not feasible, the City will evaluate non-vertical alternatives such as painted optical speed tables, transverse speed-reduction markings, optical lane narrowing, pavement legends, enhanced warning signage, permanent speed feedback signs with data logging, and a 90–180 day quick-build pilot with before-and-after speed measurements.

We understand there may be limitations because this is an emergency and snow route, but we hope the city recognizes that residents are documenting a clear and repeated pattern of dangerous roadway behavior that deserves serious attention. The goal is not to insist on one specific traffic-calming device. The goal is to get a feasible safety solution implemented before more serious crashes occur.

Thank you for your attention and support.

Sincerely,

Nick Forbess, Leon and Aly Gersing

2025-02-18

On Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 07:05:03 PM EDT, Kristy McCray <kristymccray@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Council Member and President Pro Tem Dorans,

I'm contacting you as a constituent, particularly as I live in Clintonville and you are the council member representing my district. I live at [377 E. Cooke Road](#) on the two-lane stretch between Indianola and High Street. As you likely know from living in this area, the speed limit is 25mph with no passing allowed. I have lived in Clintonville since 2014 and in this house since 2021 - but never before in my life have I seen the number of traffic and safety violations, plus (fatal) accidents, until living in this home.

This stretch of Cooke Road, with the narrow shoulders and limited sightlines due to the hills, experiences extreme speeding and dangerous driving. I have witnessed vehicles crossing over the lines to pass people driving the speed limit - clearly passing without vision/safety as the hills make it impossible to see what is coming. I've had to swerve into my neighbor's driveway to avoid being rear-ended as I wait to turn into my own driveway - because people doing well over the 25mph speed limit do not realize I am stopped as they're approaching. I can hear people screaming while joyriding, as well as see them hang out of their windows and sunroofs while obviously going over the speed limit. When it snows, before it's cleared, I have watched cars get stuck and others (again, not able to see over the hills and not going the speed limit) skid/barely stop in time before hitting them. Once, in February 2024, my wife and I witnessed 4 multi-car accidents on our road while it was snowing, in addition to an EMS vehicle(!!!) that hit a utility pole.

Though it is rare to actually witness accident, I often hear or 'feel' them - the impact shaking my home. When this happens, if we are home, my wife and I often run down our driveway to the road - on multiple occasions, we were the first on the scene. My wife is a physician, so she will do her best to tend to folks, while I call 911 and/or try to direct traffic until emergency services arrives. In December 2025, my wife was trying to help a man trapped in his burning vehicle until EMS arrived - he ultimately died. (You may remember [the news story](#).) Though this was the first fatality we experienced, you can imagine how traumatizing it is to witness such events happen repeatedly. Of course, we could stay inside our home and ignore it - but we're not that kind of people and we will always do what we can to help when we can.

I know that my neighbor, Nick Forbess, has repeatedly reached out to the city to request help with speeding and traffic control on our street. I'm hopeful that by chiming in, someone can take his requests more seriously. (I've cc'ed Nick here, as well as my wife, Heather Bartlett.) Nick has been gracious in sharing his 311 communications - including his suggestions and ideas - with me. They are attached to this email. I'm not a traffic expert or city planner. But I wholeheartedly agree with Nick that *something* needs to be done - whether it's his suggestions or otherwise - because the safety concerns on this road are untenable AND can be fixed.

Please let me know who else I should contact or how else I can share my concerns with the right people in the city to ensure the safety of folks driving - and living! - on Cooke Road.

Thank you,
Kristy
310-698-2446

Kristy McCray, PhD
Professor, Otterbein University
Fair Play: Sexual Violence Prevention for Athletes
kristymccrayphd.com
she/her/hers

**311 Request ID CAS-2965263-
J1SOT3_06062026.docx**
1.9 MB



RECREATION AND PARKS
DEPARTMENT

March 17, 2026

Re: Reminder of No Dumping

Current Resident
Address Line 1
Address Line 2

Dear Neighbor of Webster Park,

Recent inspection was conducted of the City of Columbus nature preserve known as Webster Park, Franklin County Auditor Parcel ID#010-251571-00. The inspection revealed dumping of fruit and vegetables, most recently noted grapefruits. Please be advised that this is considered dumping and is in direct violation of City Code 919.16.

This notification is being sent to every directly adjacent neighbor to Webster Park. If you have been dumping food scraps within Webster Park, we please ask that you stop immediately.

Dumping of trash, even those considered “natural or biodegradable” like grapefruit peels and squashes can negatively impact the environment. Fruit and vegetables can introduce non-native seeds into the area and food dumped into the woods take longer to decompose than you may expect, like an orange or banana peel may take up to two years to decompose.

If you are interested in composting, Columbus Department of Public Service has multiple free food scrap drop off locations throughout the city.

The free food scraps drop-off collection sites for Columbus residents' use are accessible 24 hours a day and located at:

- Bill McDonald Athletic Complex, 4990 Olentangy River Rd., 43214
- Dodge Park and Community Center, 667 Sullivant Ave., 43215
- Scioto Southland Park, 3901 Parsons Ave., 43207
- Beatty Park Community Recreation Center, 247 N. Ohio Ave., 43203
- Northeast Park and Howard Recreation Center, 2505 Cassady Ave., 43219
- Linden Park Community Center, 1350 Briarwood Ave., 43211
- Carriage Place Park Community Center, 4900 Sawmill Rd., 43235

Both Waste and Reuse Convenience Centers accept food scraps. They are located at 2100 Alum Creek Dr., 43207 and 1550 Georgesville Rd., 43228 and are open Tuesday-Saturday between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Please contact us at Conservation@columbus.gov if you would like to discuss this further.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Jenny Doan
Environmental Planner II



COLUMBUS RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT GOOD NEIGHBOR GUIDE

Columbus Recreation and Parks Department's mission is to connect the people of our community through the power of nature, wellness, creativity and community. The department owns and manages over 450 parks across central Ohio, spanning over 15,000 acres.

There are thousands of neighbors living adjacent to Columbus Recreation and Parks Department's properties, and some people might not even know it! The goal of this Good Neighbor Guide is to share important resources and to spread awareness of the impacts neighbors can have on parklands. As a neighbor to Columbus Recreation and Parks Department's parkland, it is important to be attentive to and knowledgeable of property boundaries. Having awareness of your property boundary ensures that any improvements to your property remain within your legal limits and helps protect our public parklands.

Encroachments onto Columbus Recreation and Parks Department's property may damage valuable natural resources and interfere with the community's overall use and enjoyment of public parklands. An encroachment is defined as the unauthorized use of Columbus Recreation and Parks Department's property. Specific types of encroachments are outlined and can be found in [Columbus City Code 919](#).

We encourage you to review the placement of any structures that you have to ensure they are not encroaching onto Columbus Recreation and Parks Department's property. These include, but are not limited to:

- Fences
- Play equipment
- Sheds/storage facilities
- Landscaping, hardscaping and paving
- Garden beds
- Trails, corridors and unauthorized access points
- Vehicle and material storage

For more information about proper disposal of materials generated at your residence, visit <https://www.columbus.gov/Services/Trash-Recycling-Bulk-Collection>.

Neighbors play an important role in the preservation of Columbus Recreation and Parks Department's public parklands, by avoiding and/or removing encroachments and reviewing your property boundaries. Property boundary information can be found in your deed (metes and bounds) and legally surveyed descriptions of your property. The Franklin County Auditor's Website (<https://www.franklincountyauditor.com/home>) can also be used as a resource. If residing outside of Franklin County, visit your local county's auditor's website.

If you are a neighbor to a Columbus Recreation and Parks Department property and have questions regarding this guide, please contact the Conservation Section at 614-724-2874 or at Conservation@Columbus.gov.

Maps of Columbus Recreation and Parks Department's properties are available at <https://opendata.columbus.gov/datasets/park-property-boundaries/about>.

