

Meeting Minutes of the Clintonville Area Commission

August 1, 2024

Community Room at Whetstone Library Branch

3909 N. High Street, Columbus, OH 43214

Thanks to Columbus Metropolitan Libraries for hosting this meeting.

A live stream and 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 – 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 type="checkbox"/> District 9 – Drew Miller</td></tr></table> <p>Absences – Drew Miller</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 – 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 type="checkbox"/> District 9 – Drew Miller
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	<p>Greenspot committee – Ryan Foshee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update on ArborFest.									
	<p>District Updates – all commissioners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• District 1 – Paul Lada<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Update on CrestFest; pedestrian light has changed on Olentangy Street and North High Street to an advanced green signal for pedestrians; would like traffic lights in Clintonville be changed so that there are no longer “beg buttons” for pedestrians and that pedestrian signals come on automatically.• District 2 – Greg Nutter<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Update on West Weber property of Columbia Gas zoning and variance has been approved by City Council; Olentangy Trail construction update; deer problems; vandalism and graffiti in the district; recognition of Harvest Pizza and Lavash for being good neighbors.• District 3 – Donna Leigh-Osborne<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Update on spraying for West Nile Virus; needles found in homeless camp behind AT&T building at E. Dunedin and Indianola; communicated with Department of Recreation and Parks about updates in Whetstone Park; survey from Department of Recreation and Parks about park uses and needs to help development of its next 10-year Master Plan: https://www.playbookcolumbus.com/.• District 4 – Hugh Crowell<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Update on deer management in neighboring municipalities in Dublin and Worthington, looks for an update from the city and where they stand on deer management ordinance.• District 5 – Brittany Boulton									

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update on deer management; work in Whetstone Park from Department of Recreation and Parks, including the fish pond. ○ Received a response from representative of the city council about our capital budget requests: “CRPD Response to Request #3: Please refer request to Dept of Public Service; DPS Response to Request #2: We will refresh the crosswalks at Indianola/Weber, Indianola/N Broadway, Calumet/N Broadway, and Milton/N Broadway. Our traffic maintenance team has an expedited work order (WO#: 24-069706) for this. DPS Response to Request #1 - There’s not an active corridor study for this portion of High Street. DPS Response to Request #4: There are three active studies/projects that impact these intersections: 1. West North Broadway and Olentangy River Road are part of the LinkUS Northwest Corridor study. 2. East North Broadway and Indianola will be resurfaced, and bike lanes will be added in 2026. 3. North Broadway east of I-71 is being evaluated for potential bike lanes”. ● District 6 – Mark Moritz <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update on deer management in neighboring municipalities in Dublin and Worthington, looks for an update from the city and where they stand on deer management ordinance. ● 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.
	<p>Treasurer’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No updates.
	<p>Update from City of Columbus – Representatives from Department of Neighborhoods – Stacey Buttel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Updates about emails – please resend your emails; Summer Networking Session for commissioners; Neighborhood Best Practices conference on September 14, 2004. <p>Columbus Police Department – Officer Brown</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Updates on criminal activity in the area, including felonious assaults, AirBnB complaints, homeless camps, announcement of enforcement of parking restrictions around Bishop Waterson High School, person responsible for increase in graffiti has been identified. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Question from commissioner about rules for golf carts on the road. ○ Question from audience about pedestrian fatality at Olentangy Street and North High Street and enforcement of traffic rules; Officer Brown encourages residents to submit complaints about speeding to 311.
	<p>Zoning and Variance Agenda – Zoning and Variance Chair Hardwick</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There were no variance requests or zoning and variance updates for consideration
	<p>Election Committee – Chair Melissa Doll</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Update on elections: three candidates have been certified – one for each district, no write-in candidates yet.

	<p>Cat Welfare Association – Amy Blank and Jay Matthew</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Cat Welfare Association and its activities including the spray/neuter program and volunteer program (https://www.facebook.com/catwelfareassoc/). The association will seek Zoning and Variance in next month’s meeting for new location on East North Broadway. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commissioner questions about opening hours, cat capacity, and minimal age for volunteers.
	<p>Update on LinkUS Plan – Andrew Neutzling (COTA), Shelby Oldroyd (MORPC), Jasmine Ayers (LinkUS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on LinkUS initiative: more COTA, more sidewalks, more opportunities – that is on the November 2024 ballot (https://linkuscolumbus.com); see attachment below for more information. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Questions from commissioners about who is responsible for building sidewalks, who is responsible for maintenance of COTA bus stops, public comment on plans for bikeways and sidewalks, request for meeting with North Broadway Street Association; and frequency of service of 2 and 4 bus lines. ○ Questions from audience about LinkUS projects in Clintonville, about alignment of Zone-In and LinkUS initiatives, rules for electric bikes and scooters, improvement of bus service, and GPS technology on busses.
	<p>Trulieve Columbus Dispensary High Street – Andrew Bauer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on cannabis dispensaries in general and the Trulieve Dispensary on Crestview Road and North High Street in particular. The dispensary will seek Zoning and Variance in next month’s meeting for new location on East North Broadway. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Questions from commissioners about parking and security.
	<p>Announcement of Next Meeting – The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 5, 2024, at Whetstone Library.</p>
	<p>Public Comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update from Columbia Gas about activities in Clintonville, including properties on East and West Weber.
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