

# Meeting Minutes of the Clintonville Area Commission

September 5, 2024

Community Room at Whetstone Library Branch

3909 N. High Street, Columbus, OH 43214

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| 7:00   | <p><b>Call to order, Welcome, Housekeeping, Approval of Agenda</b> – Chair Boulton</p> <p><b>Commissioners Present</b></p> <table border="0"><tr><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 1 – Paul Lada</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> District 4 – Hugh Crowell</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 7- Mike Weinman</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> District 2 – Greg Nutter</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 5 – Brittany Boulton</td><td><input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 9 – Drew Miller</td></tr></table> <p><b>Absences</b> – Nutter, Crowell, Hively</p> <p><b>Pledge of Allegiance</b> – all</p> <p><b>Announcements</b> – none</p> <p><b>Approval of Agenda</b> – approved</p>   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 1 – Paul Lada   | <input type="checkbox"/> District 4 – Hugh Crowell | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 7- Mike Weinman | <input type="checkbox"/> District 2 – Greg Nutter | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District 5 – Brittany Boulton | <input type="checkbox"/> District 8 – Josh Hively | <input checked="" 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><b>District Updates</b> – all commissioners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>District 1 – Paul Lada</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ CrestFest was a success; attended ArborFest; resident concerns about speed on High Street.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>District 2 – Greg Nutter</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Updates read by commissioner Boulton: Participated in the Area Commission Summer Networking Session in the Columbus Museum of Art; reported two abandoned cars parked on W. Tulane to 311.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>District 3 – Donna Leigh-Osborne</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Participated in the Area Commission Summer Networking Session in the Columbus Museum of Art; contacted 311 about car parked too long – car was towed.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>District 4 – Hugh Crowell</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Updates read by commissioner Boulton: Volunteered at ArborFest; reported problems with city lights in Northmoor area; shout out to ArborFest organizers; participated in BikePlus open house.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>District 5 – Brittany Boulton</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Updates on concerns of residents about deer.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>District 6 – Mark Moritz</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Participated in the Area Commission Summer Networking Session in the Columbus Museum of Art; participated in meetings of Transit Columbus; participated in BikePlus open house; attended ArborFest.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>District 7 – Mike Weinman</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ No updates.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>District 8 – Josh Hively</b></li></ul> |  |  |  |   |   |   |  |  |  |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No updates, not present.</li> <li>● <b>District 9 – Drew Miller</b></li> <li>○ No updates.</li> </ul>  |
|  | <p><b>Approval of Past Meeting Minutes</b> – Secretary Moritz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Minutes approved.</li> </ul>   |
|  | <p><b>Treasurer’s Report</b> – Treasurer Miller</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Nothing to report.</li> </ul>  |
|  | <p><b>Update from City of Columbus</b><br/> Representatives from Department of Neighborhoods – Stacey Buttel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Residents can sign up for Experian Credit Monitoring - We strongly recommend all Columbus residents and non-residents whose personal information was shared with the city or municipal court are now able to sign up for two years of free Experian Credit Monitoring, which includes \$1 million of protection against fraud and identity theft. To sign up, individuals can go to <a href="http://www.columbus.gov/cyber">www.columbus.gov/cyber</a> or call 1-833-918-5161 with the code B219832 by November 29th. Service begins upon enrollment.</li> <li>● Play Book Columbus – Department of Recreation and Parks are developing their 10-year vision plan, and they are asking for the public’s help as they create this road map. Your input will guide their work and determine the future of programs, facilities, parks, trails, and more. Visit <a href="https://www.playbookcolumbus.com">https://www.playbookcolumbus.com</a>.</li> <li>● Join us for the Neighborhoods Best Practices Conference on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 9-12 pm at Columbus State Community College in the Workforce Development building. Donte Woods-Spikes, Columbus community advocate, is the keynote speaker. Other breakout session topics include – the next phase of Zone-In, trauma responsive communication, LinkUs, presentation from the Property Action Team, public art and more. The deadline to register is this Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at noon. <a href="https://www.columbus.gov/Government/Mayors-Office/Office-of-Diversity-and-Inclusion/ODI-Events/Neighborhood-Best-Practices-Conference">https://www.columbus.gov/Government/Mayors-Office/Office-of-Diversity-and-Inclusion/ODI-Events/Neighborhood-Best-Practices-Conference</a></li> </ul> <p>City Council – Suzan Mchao</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Introduction of new representative of City Council: Suzan Mchao; Council will be back in session next week; updates on activities of the city council; visit the website for more in formation</li> </ul> <p>Columbus Fire Department – Captain R. Paxton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Introduction of new Captain R. Paxton</li> <li>● Question from commissioner about maximum occupancy at local business on High Street.</li> <li>● Question from public about illegal parking near a fire hydrant.</li> </ul> <p>Columbus Police Department – Officer John Brown</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Report of break-ins, fight, and robbery in the area.</li> </ul> <p>City Attorney’s Office – Christopher Clark, Assistant City Attorney</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No updates.</li> <li>● Questions from commissioners about accessible parking and deer.</li> </ul> |
|  | <p><b>Election Committee</b> – Chair Melissa Doll</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Announcement of new commissioners: Hanna VanKuiken (District 4), Brittany Boulton (District 5), Michael Weinman (District 7).</li> </ul>   |
|  | <p><b>Greenspot Committee</b> – Co-chair Ryan Foshee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Report on the first Columbus ArborFest, August 24, 2024. More than 2,000 attendees, 85+ volunteers, 77 local businesses and organizations, event surveys indicate that participants and exhibitors were positive about the event; the committee is looking forward to organizing next year’s ArborFest.</li> </ul>  |

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

**Demolition agenda:**

1. 480 E. Weber 2. 204 W. Weber 3. 476 E. Weber
  - To waive 60-day waiting period.

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

**Variance agenda:**

1. BZA24-090, 2950 N. High. Harvest of Ohio requests a special permit for a nonmedical marijuana dispensary. CC3389.151
  - Comment from commissioner about employees taking a break in idling car and customers blocking alley.
  - Comments and questions from audience about what the variance is about and whether the vote is needed, concern about the traffic and parking on Crestview, about property crimes, and trash.
  - Suggestion from commissioner Leigh-Osborne for Trulieve becoming a good neighbor and working with neighbors to address their concerns about traffic, parking, and potential illegal activities of customers.

Proposal to table the vote on the variance request was approved.

| Commissioner               | Vote – Yes | Vote - No | Vote - Abstain | Absent |
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2. CV24-099, 625 E North Broadway. To permit a cat shelter in an Institutional Zone. CC3353.05(F).

- Questions and comments from the audience about Cat Welfare switching locations with Trulieve to solve traffic and parking problems; note of appreciation of Cat Welfare being a valued community member since 1945!

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| Commissioner               | Vote – Yes  | Vote - No    | Vote - Abstain | Absent    |                |        |                     |   |  |  |  |                     |   |  |  |  |                      |  |  |  |   |                     |  |  |  |   |                      |   |  |  |  |                   |   |  |  |  |                     |  |  |  |   |                            |   |  |  |  |                      |   |  |  |  |
| District 6 – Moritz        | 1   |              |                |           |                |        |                     |   |  |  |  |                     |   |  |  |  |                      |  |  |  |   |                     |  |  |  |   |                      |   |  |  |  |                   |   |  |  |  |                     |  |  |  |   |                            |   |  |  |  |                      |   |  |  |  |
| District 9 – Miller        | 1   |              |                |           |                |        |                     |   |  |  |  |                     |   |  |  |  |                      |  |  |  |   |                     |  |  |  |   |                      |   |  |  |  |                   |   |  |  |  |                     |  |  |  |   |                            |   |  |  |  |                      |   |  |  |  |
| District 4 – Crowell       |   |              |                | 1         |                |        |                     |   |  |  |  |                     |   |  |  |  |                      |  |  |  |   |                     |  |  |  |   |                      |   |  |  |  |                   |   |  |  |  |                     |  |  |  |   |                            |   |  |  |  |                      |   |  |  |  |
| District 8 – Hively        |   |              |                | 1         |                |        |                     |   |  |  |  |                     |   |  |  |  |                      |  |  |  |   |                     |  |  |  |   |                      |   |  |  |  |                   |   |  |  |  |                     |  |  |  |   |                            |   |  |  |  |                      |   |  |  |  |
| District 5 – Boulton       | 1   |              |                |           |                |        |                     |   |  |  |  |                     |   |  |  |  |                      |  |  |  |   |                     |  |  |  |   |                      |   |  |  |  |                   |   |  |  |  |                     |  |  |  |   |                            |   |  |  |  |                      |   |  |  |  |
| District 1 – Lada          | 1   |              |                |           |                |        |                     |   |  |  |  |                     |   |  |  |  |                      |  |  |  |   |                     |  |  |  |   |                      |   |  |  |  |                   |   |  |  |  |                     |  |  |  |   |                            |   |  |  |  |                      |   |  |  |  |
| District 2 – Nutter        |   |              |                | 1         |                |        |                     |   |  |  |  |                     |   |  |  |  |                      |  |  |  |   |                     |  |  |  |   |                      |   |  |  |  |                   |   |  |  |  |                     |  |  |  |   |                            |   |  |  |  |                      |   |  |  |  |
| District 3 – Leigh-Osborne | 1   |              |                |           |                |        |                     |   |  |  |  |                     |   |  |  |  |                      |  |  |  |   |                     |  |  |  |   |                      |   |  |  |  |                   |   |  |  |  |                     |  |  |  |   |                            |   |  |  |  |                      |   |  |  |  |
| District 7 – Weinman       | 1   |              |                |           |                |        |                     |   |  |  |  |                     |   |  |  |  |                      |  |  |  |   |                     |  |  |  |   |                      |   |  |  |  |                   |   |  |  |  |                     |  |  |  |   |                            |   |  |  |  |                      |   |  |  |  |
|                            | <p><b>Columbia Gas</b> – representative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on traffic changes due to construction on Crestview Road later this month.</li> <li>Question from commissioner about how long construction will last and access to driveways for residents during construction.</li> </ul>  |              |                |           |                |        |                     |   |  |  |  |                     |   |  |  |  |                      |  |  |  |   |                     |  |  |  |   |                      |   |  |  |  |                   |   |  |  |  |                     |  |  |  |   |                            |   |  |  |  |                      |   |  |  |  |
|                            | <p><b>Safety on High Street</b> – Commissioner Leigh-Osborne</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There have been multiple accidents and fatalities on North High Street this year and this is a major concern for Clintonville residents; proposal to ask the city for interventions that make it safer for pedestrians, in particular a pedestrian activated crosswalk with flashing lights near the location of the farmer’s market</li> </ul>   |              |                |           |                |        |                     |   |  |  |  |                     |   |  |  |  |                      |  |  |  |   |                     |  |  |  |   |                      |   |  |  |  |                   |   |  |  |  |                     |  |  |  |   |                            |   |  |  |  |                      |   |  |  |  |
|                            | <p><b>Announcement of Next Meeting</b> – The next meeting will be at 7 pm on Thursday, October 3, 2024, at Whetstone Library.</p>   |              |                |           |                |        |                     |   |  |  |  |                     |   |  |  |  |                      |  |  |  |   |                     |  |  |  |   |                      |   |  |  |  |                   |   |  |  |  |                     |  |  |  |   |                            |   |  |  |  |                      |   |  |  |  |
|                            | <p><b>Public Comment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None.</li> </ul>   |              |                |           |                |        |                     |   |  |  |  |                     |   |  |  |  |                      |  |  |  |   |                     |  |  |  |   |                      |   |  |  |  |                   |   |  |  |  |                     |  |  |  |   |                            |   |  |  |  |                      |   |  |  |  |
| 8:30                       | <p><b>Adjourn</b></p>   |              |                |           |                |        |                     |   |  |  |  |                     |   |  |  |  |                      |  |  |  |   |                     |  |  |  |   |                      |   |  |  |  |                   |   |  |  |  |                     |  |  |  |   |                            |   |  |  |  |                      |   |  |  |  |