



# northwest CIVIC ASSOCIATION

## Minutes

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

Zoning Hearing 6:00 PM & Annual Meeting 7:00PM

Northwest Church of the Nazarene (5707 Olentangy River Road) *and* Zoom

### Zoning Hearing

- 5925 Sawmill Rd.(Z23-021) – Request rezoning to CPD to permit C-5 uses of property to include a car wash or fast food drive-through.
  - Marilyn made a Motion to recommend disapproval of application ZA23-021 for address 5925 Sawmill Rd. Sam seconded. The Motion passed 5-1.
  - Reasons for disapproval include needing to know the intended use, opposition to another car wash as there are enough car washes in the vicinity, a car wash offering no possibility for social interaction by community members, and wanting a use which will encourage community activity and interaction.
  
- 2897/2899 Cranston Rd (BZA23-039) – Request a variance to retain an existing fence in its current configuration.
  - Monica made a Motion to recommend disapproval of application BZA23-039 for address 2897/2899 Cranston Rd. Marilyn seconded. The Motion passed 4-2.
  - Reasons for disapproval include the fence being in violation of Code and the appearance of the fence not being appropriate for a residential area.

### Annual Meeting

#### Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve April minutes made by Monica, seconded by Roy, and approved unanimously.

#### Treasurer’s Report presented by Steve

Motion to accept Report made by Marilyn, seconded by Monica, and approved unanimously.

New/Renewing Members		
David Eberhart	Carla Edlefson	Catherine Logsdon

### City Reports

*Police Department Liaison:* Officer Timothy Montgomery ([TMontgomery@columbuspolice.org](mailto:TMontgomery@columbuspolice.org), 614-645-1417) *Not present*

*Fire Department:* Lt. Jared Wadsworth, ([JRWadsworth@columbus.gov](mailto:JRWadsworth@columbus.gov)) reminded those present to stay hydrated during the summer. Ambulances will be diesel-powered for the foreseeable future.

*Neighborhood Liaison:* Rebecca Deeds ([rededeeds@columbus.gov](mailto:rededeeds@columbus.gov))

- The Department of Neighborhoods is partnering with the Columbus CARE Coalition to host a training on Trauma Response Tools on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. via WebEx.
- Department of Neighborhoods Initiatives will be reviewed at an event on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 from 6:00 to 7:30. Announcement of this event has not yet gone out.
- New schedules for weekly recycling and yard waste pickup begin June 14<sup>th</sup>. Recycling will be collected every Wednesday (except when delayed by a holiday), and, beginning June 21<sup>st</sup>, yard waste will be collected every other Wednesday. Trash collection days remain the same.

*Columbus City Council Liaison:* Harrison Poku-Yeboah ([HAPoku-Yeboah@columbus.gov](mailto:HAPoku-Yeboah@columbus.gov))

- The last Community Engagement event and Capital Budget meeting are being held.
- Applications for beautification grants are available.
- On the job training in energy efficiency is being offered.
- Columbus Stonewall held a special rainbow illumination of Columbus City Hall on June 5th in honor of LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

### **Old Business**

- It was announced that we will not be organizing a National Night Out event this year but hope to host one again in 2024. National Night Out is always the first Tuesday in August.

### **New Business**

- President Cheryl Grossman welcomed those assembled and delivered a brief overview of NWCA 's accomplishments and activities this past year. Attached please find her NWCA Annual Report 2022-2023.
- Assistant City Attorney Sarah Pomeroy was awarded the prestigious Government in Action Award from the Ohio Women's Bar Association for her continued work to improve the quality of life in Columbus by focusing on problem properties, nuisance bars and other businesses that attract crime and threaten public safety.
- At the end of this year, Assistant City Attorney Christopher Clark will replace Sarah Pomeroy as the liaison to NWCA.
- Elections – Paid up members who were at the meeting in person voted for:
  - Trustees
  - A Dues Increase to Individual \$20/Associate \$40.

### ***Town Hall***

NWCA members shared what neighborhood issues concern them, their opinions on whether NWCA should hold events, and their opinions, hopes and concerns regarding the present and future of the NWCA area. See attached list of topics.

The results of the election were announced:

- All trustees on the ballot were re-elected: Steve Donnell, Marilyn Goodman, Sam Simoes, Stacey Wentworth, and Roy Wentzel
- The Dues Increase to Individual \$20/Associate \$40 was approved.

**Adjourned:** 9:15 pm

## ATTACHMENT

# NWCA Annual Report 2022-2023

## Guest Speakers

**Justin Goodman, LinkUS** - Update on routing, stop locations, station elements and other Northwest Corridor design elements. Your input will shape tomorrow's transit.

**Shiloh Todorov, Development Director, Move to PROSPER** - Move to PROSPER gives single moms the chance to access higher-resourced Central Ohio neighborhoods. It's a three year program that provides rent support that bridges the gap between the lower-resourced neighborhoods where they can afford the rent, and the higher-resourced neighborhoods. During those three years, they get coaching and programs that help them achieve and attain economic stability. In July 2022, we graduate our 10 pilot families, a pilot done in partnership with OSU's City & Regional Planning school, where the families saw their incomes rise by 58% on average.

**Chloe Siens-Nunez, Mayor Ginther's office** -- will take a few minutes to explain Columbus bond issues that will appear on the November ballot. (Note: Mayor Ginther came to talk about the bond and charter issues and took questions.)

**Zoning Code Update Team** – update on the progress of the Zoning Code Review (Note: Anthony Celebrezze presented the update)

**Nancy Day-Achauer** – candidate for Columbus City Council (brief introduction)

**Idin Pirasteh and Principal Erica Walters** -- will introduce Mater Academy (located at the former Burgess & Niple building on Reed Rd.) to the community.

**Katherine "Swid" Swidarski, PhD, Climate Action Plan Implementation Manager** -- will discuss the current status and future of the *Columbus Climate Action Plan*.

**Deputy Chief of Police, Elrico Alli** -- will introduce himself, talk about upcoming police programs, and answer questions.

**Staff from Zone In Columbus** -- will update us about the effort to modernize our zoning code to make development smarter and more equitable. There will be opportunities for residents, property owners, and business owners to weigh in.

**Bradley Westall from the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department** --will tell us about the status of the West Case Road Park (AKA The Sheep Farm).

## Zoning Hearings

**2733 W. Dublin-Granville Rd (Z22-045)** - Rezone existing property from R (Rural) to C2 (Commercial Offices). No change to usage.

**4559 Knightsbridge Blvd.** Continental Tennis (zoning and graphics)

- (Z22-047) Change in site plan to incorporate pickleball courts which may necessitate removing a building for additional courts and a seasonal dome.
- (GC22-022) Adding wall signage on north (590 sq ft.), east (1620 sq. ft.), and south (350 sq ft.) elevations to reflect rebranding of facility.

**5811 Olentangy River Rd. (CV22-072)** – Update CV13-036 to provide for a boarding house and additional construction of an additional boarding house unit.

**1288-1332 Bethel Road (BZA22-151)** -- Variance to revise parking lot to add required ADA parking.

**2908-94 Hayden Rd. (BZA22-163)** -- Variance to reduce the minimum number of parking spaces from 11 to 0 in shopping center.

**2510 Bethel Rd (Z21-062)** -- Rezone from current Commercial Planned Development (CPD) which doesn't permit an automatic car wash to a new CPD text which would allow the car wash use only.

**4747 Sawmill Rd. (GC23-006)** -- Giant Eagle/Market District signage change to go with rebranding.

**1041-1101 Bethel Rd. (ZA23-001 (amending Z08-040A))** Bethel-Kenny Center wants to amend its existing site plan to add 1) a 1,540 square foot restaurant patio; an 8'x12' walk in freezer; and 3) a 10'x10' walk-in freezer.

## Other

NWCA organized, in conjunction with and hosted by the Northwest Church of the Nazarene, a National Night Out event on August 2, 2022 which was very successful and entirely funded by contributions by a variety of other donors. (For the full list of contributions and activities, see the 2022 National Night Out program.)

NWCA Trustees reviewed our Code of Regulations and presented a package of updates that reflected the changing environment and needs of the organization. The package of changes was voted upon and passed during the December 2022 meeting.

NWCA members reelected incumbent Trustees: Steve Donnell, Marilyn Goodman, Sam Simoes, Stacey Swanson, and Roy Wenzel and elected first time Trustee Kyle Marcum at the June Annual Meeting.

At the Annual Meeting, members also approved an increase in dues from \$15 to \$20 per year for individual members and from \$30 to \$40 per year for associate members.