



# northwest CIVIC ASSOCIATION

## Minutes

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 – 7:00 PM

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

Call to Order: 7:04

Pledge

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the February meeting minutes made by Marilyn, seconded by Roy, and approved unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report presented by Steve

Motion to accept Report made by Roy, seconded by Kyle, and approved unanimously.

Memberships Enrolled in March 2024

Joe Carter Friendship Village of Dublin (Associate Member) June Hinkle Roger Jerome	Michelle Keiter Larry Miller Mary Jo Napoli Petra Schmalbrock	Dan Schneider Sheila Seifert Samuel Simoes Stacey Swanson
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### Community Mic

A regular meeting segment invites community members to tell us what is on their minds and bring forward ideas for community enhancement

### City Reports

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

Fire Department: Captain Bryan Coffman, ([BJCoffman@columbus.gov](mailto:BJCoffman@columbus.gov)), or Lt. Michael Fetch ([FetchM@columbus.gov](mailto:FetchM@columbus.gov)) – Not present

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

- The final design of the park on West Case is in progress. Construction begins in Spring 2025.
- Adding sidewalks to Reed Road between Bethel and Henderson has been considered but did not move forward and is not planned at this time. Given that the Mater Academy on Reed Road is planning to have K-5 students beginning in Fall 2024, the request for sidewalks could be resubmitted to City Council.

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

- The Council Academy is hosting a presentation on how to be a vendor in Columbus on March 27, 2024.
- The City will have a Women’s History Month event on March 28, 2024.

Columbus City Attorney's Office Zone Attorney Christopher Clark ([ccclark@columbus.gov](mailto:ccclark@columbus.gov), 614-645-5670) – Not present

**Guest:** Jon Heider, Senior Planner, 614-233-4168

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)

MORPC is a regional council of 85 local governments and community partners. Utilizing data analysis, community resources and long-range planning, it developed the draft 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The MTP identifies priority transportation infrastructure needed in the central Ohio region for the next 25 years. The central Ohio region includes Franklin and Delaware counties, and parts of Licking, Fairfield, and Union counties. The infrastructure will address pedestrian, bicycle, and transit needs.

As part of the MTP's development process, MORPC staff are giving presentations at community meetings. The PowerPoint presentation is posted on our web site at [www.northwestcivic.org](http://www.northwestcivic.org) under Meetings & Events. The public is invited to review the proposed projects on an interactive map: (<https://www.morpc.org/2024-2050-metropolitan-transportation-plan/>) so they can identify locations with safety, congestion or connectivity issues, and suggest their own ideas and projects. Feedback collected through these meetings, sent via webmap comment, or sent directly to MORPC staff through March 31<sup>st</sup> will be incorporated into the final document before its scheduled adoption in May 2024.

On a related topic, MORPC is one of the sponsors of LinkUS, a collaborative initiative also sponsored by the City of Columbus, COTA (Central Ohio Transit Authority), and the Franklin County Board of Commissioners. A proposed additional .5% COTA sales tax will be on the November ballot. It would be used for implementation of LinkUS in the COTA service area - Franklin County, a small part of Licking County, and the Polaris area in Delaware County. If passed, this .5% sales tax would be in addition to the existing permanent .5% sales tax. According to the COTA web site, the resulting 1% total sales tax will help the region secure at least \$650 million in additional federal funding, and allow COTA to implement five new rapid transit corridors and increase service hours by 45%.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Zoning Committee** (Chair Monica Tuttle)

Zoning/Variances – None this month

Update on Zoning Application(s) if any

- **5925 Sawmill Rd** (Z23-021) – this Rezoning Application to permit a car wash/fast food has not yet gone to City Council.
- **743 Bethel Rd** (GC23-051) – this graphics Variance Application to add a third illuminated sign for Coco's within Olentangy Plaza was disapproved at last month's NWCA meeting. The graphics commission was not in favor of Coco's graphics request. It was tabled at applicant's request so they could try to come up with a new graphics plan.

### **Code Enforcement, Streets, and Safety Committee** (Chair Kyle Marcum)

- The Committee did not meet in the last month so has no report.
- The Committee is committed to achieving safer neighborhoods in our area.

### **Recreation and Parks Committee** (Chair Roy Wentzel)

- Rebecca Deeds' report above includes the status of the park on West Case Road.

## **Old Business – None**

## **New Business**

- The nomination form for [The Anna Mildred Henderson Award](#) is on the NWCA website at [www.northwestcivic.org](http://www.northwestcivic.org). The deadline is May 1, 2024. If a nominee is selected, the award will be awarded in June at the Annual Meeting.
- Trustee Elections are in June. An NWCA Trustee is a volunteer and serves a two-year term. This information sheet describes [Trustee Responsibilities](#). If you are interested in joining the Board of Trustees, please complete [this online Trustee Interest Form](#) or return this [paper form](#).

**Adjourned: 8:21**