



# northwest CIVIC ASSOCIATION

## Minutes

Wednesday, September 6, 2023 – 7:00 PM

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

Call to Order: 7:01 pm

Pledge

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the July meeting minutes made by Roy, seconded by Steve, and approved unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report presented by Steve

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

Membership:

New/Renew	New/Renew	New/Renew
Charles Eyen & Sherry Crawford-Eyen	Mel Marrah	Bill Owen

## City Reports

Police Department Liaison: Officer Timothy Montgomery ([TMontgomery@columbuspolice.org](mailto:TMontgomery@columbuspolice.org), 614-645-1417)

- Both thefts of and from vehicles have been very high, but have gone way down the last two weeks. Stolen vehicles are usually Kias, Hyundais and those used for Uber Eats. Most vehicles are stolen by young men for joy riding until they run out of gas.

Fire Department: Lt. Jared Wadsworth is no longer at Station 11. Station Captain Brian J. Coffman ([bjcoffman@columbus.gov](mailto:bjcoffman@columbus.gov)) will now be NWCA’s Fire Department Liaison along with Lt. Fetch.

Neighborhood Liaison: Rebecca Deeds ([rededeeds@columbus.gov](mailto:rededeeds@columbus.gov)) Devin Deal is substituting for Rebecca at this meeting.

- The Department of Neighborhoods is holding a WebEx training on September 27<sup>th</sup> from 6-8PM for civic association board members and Area Commissioners. The training will be on Building & Zoning Services and Code Enforcement.

Columbus City Attorney’s Office Zone Attorney Sarah Pomeroy ([scpomeroy@columbus.gov](mailto:scpomeroy@columbus.gov), 614-645-8619)

- Her replacement, Zone Attorney Christopher Clark, will be starting in November or December.
- She encouraged anyone having issues with an establishment that has a liquor permit to let her know as soon as possible as Liquor Permit Renewal occurs at the end of the year and a list of permits to be discontinued is being compiled now.

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

- To promote sickle cell awareness, City Council Member Bankston is having a blood donation event on September 14<sup>th</sup> from 10AM – 4PM at 995 E. Broad Street.
- A Snack & Learn about the new City Council districting and how it was finalized will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Main Library on September 27<sup>th</sup> from 6-7PM.

## Guest Speakers

Amy Densborn from SWACO was not able to come this evening.

Ray Leard, Chief Composter at The Compost Exchange – Compost, Mulches & Specialty Soils

- Composting decomposes organic materials such as food scraps and lawn and garden debris with microorganisms, and transforms them into a dark, humus-like substance which is an ideal soil amendment for growing quality fruits and vegetables, flowers, shrubs, and trees without the need for harmful chemicals.
- Central Ohio has eight drop-off locations and neighborhood groups may have curbside pickup for a fee.
- For more information, go to [www.thecompostexchange.com](http://www.thecompostexchange.com) or call 740-249-5427.

## Zoning Committee Report

- MORPC Metro Transportation Plan and SURVEY (<https://www.morpc.org/2024-2050-metropolitan-transportation-plan/>) - Monica encouraged everyone to complete this survey.
- City of Columbus Bike Plus Plan and SURVEY (<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/fa0d7f19855a46f5a67ad741da665439?cover=false&header=false>) - Monica also encouraged everyone to complete this survey. Kyle said it takes less than 10 minutes.
- Development Tracker (<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/39172d7e3b49461e80affb3e639dfc0b>)  
Monica shared that this **Tracker** enables anyone to quickly view basic information about zonings. The web page states “This map is intended to enhance public access to information about proposed zoning, council variance, and board of zoning adjustment activities. Users should be aware that the information available on this application may not reflect the final position of the zoning staff or the City Council decision.”
- Citizen Access Portal (<https://portal.columbus.gov/Permits/Default.aspx>).  
The Portal home page states “Public Records - Search the address or parcel in the appropriate section.” A YouTube playlist of tutorial videos that cover some aspects of the Citizen Access Portal is available on this page.
- Updates
  - 6016 Buffalo Head Trail – This variance request (NWCA recommended disapproval) has not yet had a BZA hearing. The associated case pending with the City Attorney’s Office is on hold pending the outcome on the variance application.
  - 5925 Sawmill – Application was approved by Development Commission on 10 August 2023. It is not City Council's agenda yet.
  - 3535 Olentangy River Rd – This application is outside NWCA and has no neighborhood group. Application by Riverside Hospital for a 180 foot tall hospital tower and a 180 foot tall parking garage was approved by BZA on 22 August 2023.

## **Zoning Committee Hearings**

- **919 Old Henderson Rd.** – requesting **Rezoning (Z23-049)** from CPD to AR-1 to build 69 apartment units & **Council Variance (CV23-088)** to reduce setbacks and screening requirements
  - Motion to recommend approval of the Rezoning request, application Z23-049, for 919 Old Henderson Road, Columbus, OH 43220 to rezone the parcel from CPD to AR-1 made by Monica and seconded by Kyle. Motion passed 5-1.
  - Motion to recommend approval of the Council Variance request, application CV23-088, for 919 Old Henderson Road, Columbus, OH 43220, to reduce the minimum building line, reduce the perimeter yard, reduce parking setbacks, and reduce the length of 15 parking spaces with the additional language that natural gas flames not be permitted as part of the signage made by Monica and seconded by Kyle. Motion passed 5-1.
  
- **980 Old Henderson Rd.** – These Rezoning and Council Variance requests were tabled to be voted on at the next Meeting.
  
- **5335 Harvest St.** – requesting **Variance (BZA23-076)** to reduce front building setback by 13'
  - Motion to recommend approval of the Variance request, application BZA23-076, for 5335 Harvest St, Dublin, OH 43017, to reduce the building line to 27.8 feet made by Monica and seconded by Kyle. Motion passed 6-0.

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

None

**Adjourned:** 9:24 pm