

City of Columbus Greater Hilltop Area Commission

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G.H.A.C. Regular Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2019 – 7:00pm

Hilltop Library – 511 S. Hague Ave. – Columbus, Ohio 43204

2018 – 2019
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I	7:00	<p>Call to Order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pledge of Allegiance • Roll Call – All Commissioners present • Motion to Approve February Minutes by Com. Huffman; 2nd by Com. Weaver – Minutes approved
II	7:05	<p>Treasurer’s Report – Mr. Riley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to Approve January Report by Com. Huffman; 2nd by Com. Josh Maddox – January Treasurer’s Report approved • Motion to Approve February Report by Com. Huffman; 2nd by Com. Josh Maddox – February Treasurer’s Report approved
		<p>Commander Highland – Chief Transition (Interim Chief Tom Quilin)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shot spotter working as advertised • Chief will be talking about innovative ways to deal with prostitution
III	7:07	<p>Zoning – Shawn Maddox</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Known Zoning • Update on 4053 W. Broad St. <p>NEXT ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING: March 19, 7:00 PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2201 Sullivant Ave - GC19-008 - update to LED Signage • 3720 W Broad (old Target) - Z19-010 - LC4 to M - Convert to Manufacture • Bronder: Community Mtg w/rep from Thornton’s gas station (Georgesville-Broad corner) to discuss compromise of zoning application – no compromise reached since Thornton’s needs the truck station for it to make sense & that is what the community opposes
IV	7:22	<p>Announcements – (Please limit to a <u>maximum</u> of 2 minutes) Commissioners, City Staff, Audience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Com. McCallister: Keep Columbus Beautiful initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bulk services suspended at 3 locations • Com. Huffman: Sheriff’s office asking for help organizing Operation Street Smart – Franklin Heights High School for the event • Erin Gibbons (City Council Community Engagement): Women’s Community Meeting, 3/9/19, 10am-11:30am, Columbus State Community College Center for Workforce Development • Zachary Gwinn (City Zoning Attorney)– Hearing for 102 Midland Ave. scheduled for Fri. • Melissa Green (West Side Liaison): Finalizing another date for 2nd meeting to discuss City Code Chapter 3109 changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community Safety Quarterly Mtg: 3/23/19, 10am-11:30am, CPD Substation 10, 4215 Clime Rd. ○ Zoning Training: 3/23/19, 9am-11am, Coleman Center, 111 S. Front St. ○ End of April: Citywide Week of Walk-ins – pop-up hubs in each corner of the city to help provide services for people with addictions • Susan Daniels – Slow Streets Hilltop outreach events to discuss ways to help improve traffic safety and walkability by discouraging speeding: 3/30/19, 1pm-3pm, Glenwood & 4/3/19, 3:30pm-5:30pm, Hilltop Library

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Esther Flores (1 Divine Line 2 Health) requesting letter of support for drop-in center • Legal Aid Society of Columbus @ Hilltop Library 1st Thursdays 11am-1pm • Betty Jaynes: Go online to find out more about Hilltop Library expansion • Highland West Civic Association Meeting 3/7/19, 7pm, Glenwood
V	7:32	Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susan Keeny (Columbus Landmarks) – Free Clinic 3/21/19 - 3/22/19, Hogue Mem. Presby. Church – sign up online • G. Colin Caniglia (Ascent Microfinance) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Non-profit ran by OSU students targeting Hilltop, Franklinton, Linden as neighborhoods that have been left behind in Columbus’ economic growth ○ Target clients are small bus owners who would traditionally go to other institutions; short underwriting process ○ Advisory team uses OSU as a resource by pairing students with needed expertise with businesses ○ Partner with other organizations to provide financial education ○ Need help getting the word out
VI	7:57	Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Known Old Business
VII	7:58	New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Barnacle – Columbus Crew planning to build soccer field at Eakin Elementary
VIII	7:59	Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:59 Purcell - Government and Legislation – Next Meeting 3/27/19, 7pm, 1186 W. Broad (Neighborhoods Center) to discuss bylaws <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Elections @ Bean Dinner, Library, & 3rd location, 6/29/19 – packets available online by 4/1/19; deadline to turn in petitions is 5/24/19; candidates to speak at June GHAC meeting; 4 elected seats & 1 appointed seat ○ Betty Jaynes asked whether we could include a short bio in the candidate packets • 8:04 McCallister - Public Safety – Next Meeting 3/20/19, 7:30 PM, Ding Ho’s, 120 Philippi Rd. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sergeant will be at April meeting • 8:06 Josh Maddox – Community Relations • 8:11 Bronder – Recreation and Parks – Next Meeting 3/13/19, 7pm, Hilltop Library <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attended Parks Commission meeting last month; During 2/21/19 Committee meeting, continued process of evaluating Hilltop parks in comparison to recommendations (21 goals; identified 5 to possibly be funded by upcoming bond issue) • 8:16 Stockman/Groves – Planning and Economic Development – Next Meeting 3/18/19, 7pm, Josie’s Hilltop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Highland West Civic Assoc. & Westgate Neighbors have been very active in Committee ○ Ongoing discussions on how best to advocate what Committee wants to see in Hilltop Plan ○ Met with City Dept. of Dev. & Dept. of Neighborhoods advocating for more technology investment • 8:17 Madison – Human Services and Education • 8:18 Huffman – Liquor Permit • 8:19 McCallister – Chairman’s Report
IX	8:21	Adjourn Meeting - Commissioners Please Help Put Chairs and Tables Away <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library Closes Promptly a 9:00 PM

This agenda may be changed at the discretion of the chairman

NEXT GHAC Meeting April 2, 2019 - 7:00pm – Hilltop Library

Audience members are encouraged to participate in GHAC meetings.
Please Wait to be recognized - Please stand and state your name, address and any pertinent affiliation(s)
for the record.

Please set mobile devices to silent/vibrate prior to the beginning of the meeting.

GHAC Attendance as of 3/5/19

	<u>4/3/18</u>	<u>5/1/18</u>	<u>6/5/18</u>	<u>7/3/18</u>	<u>8/14/18</u>	<u>9/4/18</u>	<u>10/2/18</u>	<u>11/13/18</u>	<u>12/4/18</u>	<u>1/8/19</u>	<u>2/5/19</u>	<u>3/5/19</u>
Zerqa Abid						Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Neal Bronder	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Daniel Fagan										Present	Present	Present
James Groves	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Bill Huffman	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present
Josh Maddox	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Shawn Maddox	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Nikol Madison	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Judy Manley	Absent	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present
Jay McCallister	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Geoffrey Phillips						Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Mike Purcell	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Rich Riley	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Scott Stockman	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Pam Weaver						Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present

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Recreation and Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2019 York Steak House, W. Broad St.

Present:

Neal Bronder-GHAC; Joe Argiro; Betty James; Michelle Phillips; Shawn Maddox; Pam Weaver; Anna Siriano

Call to Order

Old Business

N. Bronder presented a list of the Hilltop Parks with the designation of Neighborhood Park, Community Park, or Regional Park along with the size of each park (see attached). The committee reviewed a map of the Hilltop with the location of all the parks and a radius of one half mile drawn around all parks. The goal of "The Greater Hilltop Plan" developed in 2001 was to have a neighborhood park within a half mile of all residents and a community park within two miles of all residents. Since the Hilltop is only five miles wide at its widest all residents are within two miles of a community park. We fall short of every resident being within a half mile of a neighborhood park. Our map shows that most residents are within a half mile of some type of park whether a neighborhood, community, or regional park. The radii on the map indicate a need for a park south of Broad Street between Franklin Heights High School, Westgate Park, and Hauntz Park. According to the Hilltop Plan the Recreation and Parks Commission's standard is 5.5 acres of parkland per 1,000 people. The Hilltop meets that standard due to the size of Big Run Park at 241 acres. Big Run Park located in the far western section of the Hilltop is one of the least used parks. If we were to pull the acreage of Big Run Park out of the total we would be short of the recommended acreage per 1,000 residents.

New Business

Neal Bronder attended the Parks Commission meeting on February 13th at the Far Eastside Community Center. Neal reported on the Department's "Center for Opportunity" initiative. The pilot program has started in Linden. Glenwood Community Center is one of four designated future Centers for Opportunity. Neal also reported on the Recreation and Parks Department's APPS (Application for Purpose, Pride and Success) program to reduce crime and violence by increasing protective factors in the lives of youth.

The committee discussed the list of possible future goals for the Hilltop Parks (see attached list). It was decided that five goals on the list should be presented to the Mayor as possible projects to be funded by the upcoming bond issue:

1. Develop a new neighborhood park south of Broad Street between Franklin Heights High School, Westgate Park and Hauntz Park. Ballpark estimated cost-\$2,500,000.
2. Add a second athletic field in Wilson Road Park. Move little league activities from Westgate Park to Wilson Road Park. Ballpark estimated cost-\$900,000.
3. Provide pedestrian crossing on S. Wilson Road at Wicklow Road for children to cross over to Wilson Road Park. Ballpark estimated cost- \$1,200,000.
4. Provide bicycle access to Big Run Park Athletic Center from the Hunting Ridge neighborhood. Ballpark estimated cost-\$1,200,000.
5. Build a new swimming pool in the western part of the Hilltop. Ballpark estimated cost-\$7,000,000.

The other goals on the list will be refined at the next GHAC Recreation and Parks meeting for presentation to the Recreation and Parks Department, City Council, and City Committees working on land use plans for the Hilltop.

Next Meeting

Our next public/committee meeting will be Wednesday March 13th 7:00 pm at the Hilltop Library 511 S.Hague Avenue.

Greater Hilltop Area City Parks

Alkire Woods Park 15.7 AC 3695 Alkire Lakes Dr

Big Run Park and Athletic Complex, Shelter House 241.7 AC 4201 Clime Rd

Glenview Park 3.71 AC 1 Glenview Blvd

Glenwood Park and Recreation Center, Pool 15.67 AC 1888 Fairmont Ave

Georgian Heights Park 10.7 AC 784 Georgian Dr

Hauntz Park 5.67 AC 480 Columbian Ave

Hilltonia Park 11.5 AC 2345 W. Mound St

Holton Park and Recreation Center 11.5 AC 303 N. Eureka Ave

Lindbergh Park 8.8 AC 2634 Briggs Rd

Rhodes Park (leased from state) 51.4 AC 1900 W. Broad St

› Riverbend Park 4.5 AC 1609 Bluhman Rd

› Stephen Drive Park 0.9 AC 915 W. Stephen Dr

Westgate Park & Recreation Center, Shelter House 46.3 AC 455 S. Westgate

› Westmoor Park 17 AC 3015 Valleyview Dr

Wilson Road Park – Camp Chase Bike Trail 47 AC 275 S. Wilson Rd

Wrexham Park 2.1 AC 160 Wreham Ave

neighborhood Park – minimum 5 AC, within ½ mile of all residents

community Park – minimum 20 AC, within 2 mile of all residents

regional Park – serve entire Central Ohio area, should be easily accessible by public transportation, pedestrians, & bicyclists

Possible Future Goals for the Hilltop Parks

1. Conduct a campaign to organize “Friends of Groups” for the various parks in the Hilltop.
2. Compile a list of improvements for the Hilltop parks and recruit “Corporate Partners” to adopt specific improvement projects and implement the project.
3. Make use of Urban Redevelopment Funds to improve Hilltop Parks in the original 1950 City of Columbus boundaries.
4. Build a new swimming pool in the western part of the Hilltop.
5. Restore the lower section of Glenwood Park to “park like” conditions with lawns and picnic tables. Clear brush, cut trees, remove invasive species, and add walking trails.
6. Develop a naturalist program in Big Run Park for children and adults
7. Provide transportation for children in Wedgewood to the Community Centers and Athletic Complexes.
8. Develop a Center of Opportunity Program for Glenwood Community Center.
9. Extend the Porta John Service in Wilson Road Park one month in the Fall and one month in the Spring.
10. Add a second athletic field in Wilson Road Park. Move little league activities from Westgate Park to Wilson Road Park.
11. Provide access to Big Run Park from the Hunting Ridge Neighborhood by adding a bike path from the neighborhood to the Athletic Center.
12. Develop a new neighborhood park south of Broad Street between Franklin Heights High School, Westgate Park and Hauntz Park.
13. Provide pedestrian crossing of Wilson Road at Wicklow Road
14. Provide bicycle access from the Camp Chase Bike Trail into the various city parks that are close by.
15. Install solar lights on the Wilson Road overpass along the Camp Chase Bike Trail.
16. Connect the Camp Chase Bike Trail to Big Run Park. Provide bike trails through Big Run Park including BMX Trails.
17. Provide bike lanes south of Broad Street.
18. Install more picnic tables and charcoal grilles in parks.
19. Provide pedestrian bridge over Broad Street to Glenwood Park.
20. Provide training to volunteers groups in landscape maintenance and tree trimming. Provide chippers to chip up tree branches.
21. Address the community on fees charged in the city parks and community centers. Speak to the possibility of future fee increases and means of relief from fees for children in need.