



Columbus Advisory Committee on Disability Issues

Minutes of Meeting January 26, 2017

Attendees: Karen Kostelac – Chair
Tricia Kovacs – Vice Chair
Deb Wood - guest
Paul Walker – member
Elizabeth Sammonds – member
Geri Cooper – guest
David Cameron – guest
Tiffany Pannell – guest
Nancy Pryor Sully – city council representative
Nicholas Popa – Public Service representative
Rajai Saleah - guest

Call to Order: Karen Kostelac, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1 pm.

Guest Speaker:

Michael Johnson – East Columbus Civic Association president
Nicholas Popa – City of Columbus Public Service

Nick Popa is our new representative from the Department of Public Service since Jim Christian has moved to drainage and resurfacing projects. Nick is responsible for sidewalks, bikeways and ADA issues, including curb ramps.

Nick shared the sidewalk projects planned for 2016 and 2017. City council needs to pass the 2017 budget so that all the projects are funded. The city spends approximately \$4M per year on sidewalks, \$2M per year on bikeways and \$1M per year on curb ramps. Sidewalk projects are prioritized based on development projects and input from the health department, such as proximity to schools and areas with residents with disabilities.

Nick said that the GIS maps are being updated to include more information on sidewalks and curb ramps.

The sidewalk projects are attached to these minutes.

Michael Johnson is the president of the East Columbus Civic Association, located west of the airport and bounded by 670 to the north and west, Stelzer Rd to the east and Bexley to the south. The area includes Krumm Park and recreation center. Michael is a lifelong Columbus resident who is a nursing home

administrator. Tricia Kovacs has worked with Michael on advocating for multi-use trail access to the Alum Creek Trail from the Cassady Rd/Johnstown Rd area.

East Columbus developed a neighborhood plan in 2012 which is guiding the development of the area. The city received a grant from the Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund to implement some of the plan. This included streetlights, curbs and curb cuts around East Columbus elementary school. The area also had resurfacing of Cassady Ave between Johnstown Rd and 5th Ave.

East Columbus includes the new Columbus Africentric Early College located southwest of 5th Ave and Stelzer Ave.

Michael shared that there are Health Advisory Committees in Columbus which meet regularly. There are committees in each area of Columbus; the 2017 meeting schedule is attached.

Michael also shared a webinar series called Disability - Competent Care which will be offered by the Center for Medicaid/Medicare Services beginning February 8 through March 22.

https://www.resourcesforintegratedcare.com/DisabilityCompetentCare/2017_DCC_Webinar_Series/Series_Overview

Comments and questions from the committee:

Rajai Saleah asked that Columbus add additional sidewalks, particularly in areas with apartments.

Approval of October/December minutes: We did not have a quorum to approve the October or December meeting minutes. Tricia will post draft minutes on the website.

New Business:

Scott Lissner had developed a website which shows the accessibility of venues around the OSU campus.

<https://ada.osu.edu/ADAVenues/venueslist.html>

We discussed the problem of loss of senior housing, such as Bollinger towers and the senior and disability housing in East Franklinton. This is not a city issue, but one for HUD and the Department of Aging. We should contact Fran Ryan, and the Senior Service Roundtable or MORPC, which also has an Age-Friendly initiative.

<https://www.facebook.com/SeniorRTColumbus/>

<http://agefriendlycolumbus.org/>

Nancy Sully shared that city council will be reviewing the 2017 budget amendment on January 30 and 31.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g5qIGWPDd50>

Nancy also shared that there is a Columbus Foundation grant program for community gardens.

<http://columbusfoundation.org/nonprofit-center/grant-opportunities/columbus-foundation-grants/columbus-and-franklin-county-garden-grants>

We are looking for a speaker for our March meeting. Please contact Karen if you have any ideas. We talked about meeting locations such as the Art Museum or library branches. We are currently scheduled for the State Library of Ohio through June.

Tricia is contacting Human Resources Director Nichole Brandon regarding the ADA Coordinator position. She will notify the CACDI committee when she is informed that the job position is posted.

Deb Wood is concerned that the secondary audio channel of channel 4 runs Emergency Alert System (EAS) weather alerts for long periods of time. This interrupts the audio description service available for many programs.

Individual concerns:

Karen Kostelac is concerned about construction parking on Main St which is blocking bus stops. Nick recommended submitting 311 for this issue.

Elizabeth Sammons sends out her Ability Front to our committee. She recommends that we use this email list to send out other events of interest to our committee, such as the upcoming Smart Columbus and NextGen open houses.

We discussed the status of membership in our committee. Tricia has created a list of current members which she will share. We would like to add members, many of us have expired terms which are eligible for reinstatement.

Next Meeting:

February 23 location State Library of Ohio, 274 E 1st St.
Speaker: Zach Klein, Columbus city council

The meeting adjourned at 2:43 pm.

2017 Public Service Projects with Pedestrian Accessibility

1. Poindexter Village Roadways Phase 2

Description: Roadway improvements to support the new development including the addition of sidewalks where needed. Hawthorne Avenue, Phale D. Hale Drive and Mt. Vernon Avenue improvements will occur between Ohio Avenue and Champion Avenue. Ohio Avenue and Champion Avenue improvements will occur between Long Street and Mt. Vernon Avenue.

Construction Start: 8/15/16

Construction End: 10/6/17

2. Parsons Avenue Sidewalks

Description: The project installs sidewalk on both sides of Parsons Avenue from Obetz Road to Dering Avenue. In addition sidewalk will be installed on portions of Stockbridge Road, Hillock Road, Lee Ellen Place, and Obetz Road connecting to Parsons Avenue. Buckeye Middle and Parsons Avenue Elementary Schools are in the project limits. *2 miles*

Construction Start: 1 1/16/16

Construction End: 8/1/17

3. Gender Road at Refugee Road

Description: This project will widen, for additional through and/or turn lanes, Gender Road from approximately 0.3 miles south of its intersection with Refugee Road to approximately 0.3 miles north of said intersection and widen Refugee Road from approximately 0.2 miles west of its intersection with Gender Road to approximately 0.2 miles east of the intersection. In addition to the Gender at Refugee intersection the following intersections within the above-described project limits will be improved: Gender Road at Upperridge Drive, Countryview Drive/Stirling Bridge at Refugee Road, and Long Road at Refugee Road. The project includes sidewalk, bike lanes on both sides of Gender Road and shared use path along the south side of Refugee Road.

Construction Start: 4/6/16

Construction End: 6/4/17

4. Hamilton Road Phase B

Description: A new N. Hamilton Road corridor will be created from a point along the existing corridor approximately 500' north of Menerey Lane/Preserve Boulevard to E. Dublin-Granville Road such that it aligns with existing N. Hamilton Road from E. Dublin-Granville to SR-161. The project is being constructed to support new development. N. Hamilton Road will consist of two through lanes in each direction with a raised center

median, sidewalk, shared use path, curb, street trees, street lighting, storm sewer, waterline and new intersections where roadways or access points are planned.

Construction Start: 4/26/16 Construction End: 5/1/17

Joyce Avenue Phase 3

Description: The project will fully reconstruct Joyce Avenue from 0.2 miles north of 17th Avenue to Kenmore Road. The project includes the installation of shared use path and sidewalk along Joyce Avenue.

Construction Start: 8/10/16

Construction End: 8/4/17

6. Grandview Yard - Third Avenue Railroad Bridge

Description: Widening/replacement of the existing railroad overpass at Third Avenue. In addition the project includes widening to four 11-foot traffic lanes, concrete median and curb and gutter. A sidewalk will be added under the bridge on the north side of Third Avenue and a shared use pedestrian and bike path will be added on the south side — both of which will connect to existing sidewalks on either side of the bridge.

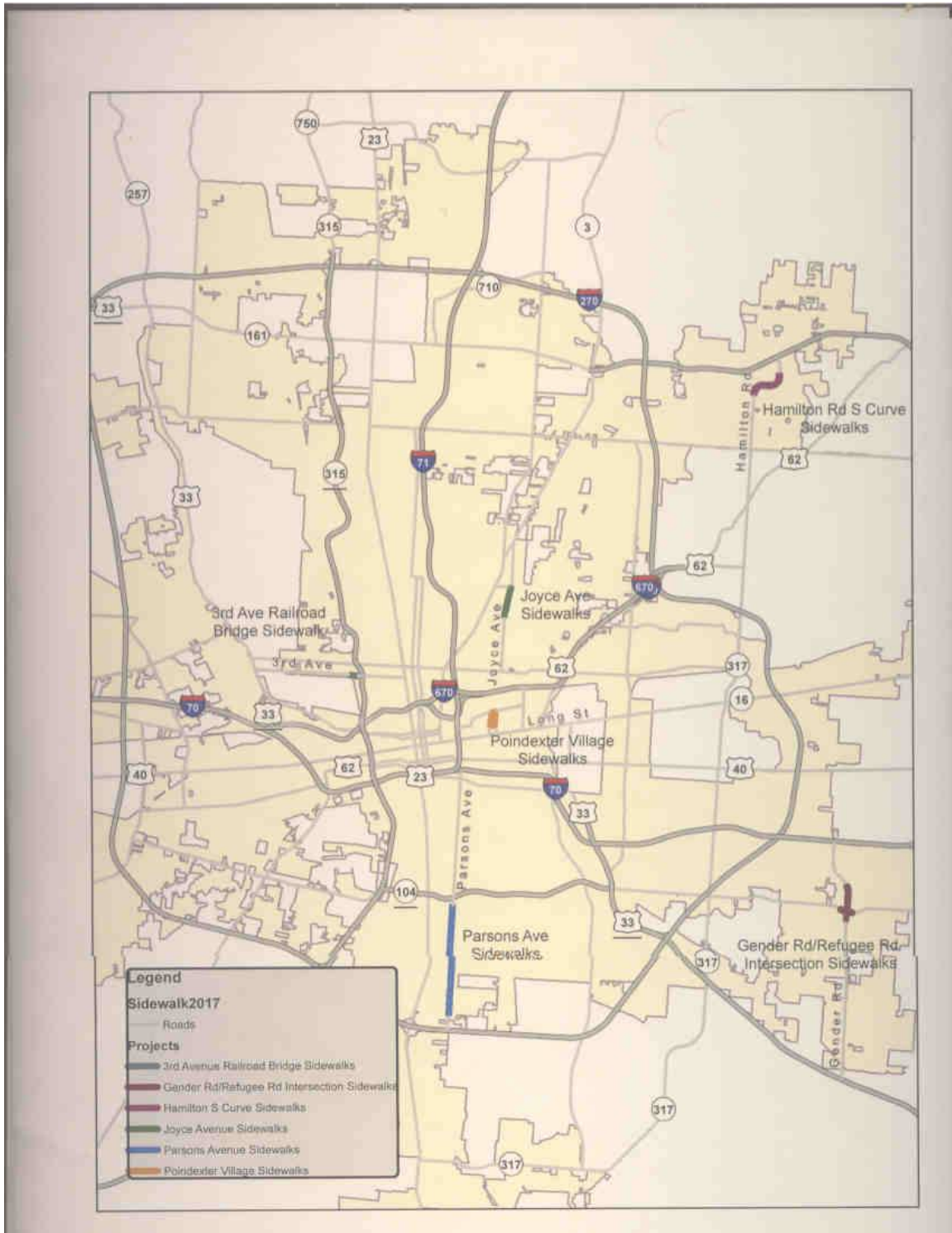
Construction Start: 1 1/18/16

Construction End: 1 1/3/17

More information on these and other Public Service projects can be found at:

<https://www.columbus.gov/publicservice/Design-and-Construction/document-library/ProjectInformation>

2017 Pedestrian Accessibility Project Map



Columbus Health Advisory Committees 2017 Meeting Schedule

Westside Community Health Advisory Committee (WCHAC)

2017 WCHAC meeting schedule/location remains unscheduled at this time due to chairperson(s) yet to be identified. TBD

North Side Health Advisory Committee (NSHAC)

6:30 pm, Location: Community Room (upstairs), Kroger, 1745 Morse Road, 43229

Thursday, January 26	Thursday, June 22	Thursday, November 30
Thursday, February 23	Thursday, July 27	Thursday, December 28 (NO MEETING)
Thursday, March 23	Thursday, August 24	
Thursday, April 27	Thursday, September 28	Thursday, May 25
Thursday, October 26		

South Side Health Advisory Committee (SSHAC)

6:00 pm, Church for All People, 946 Parsons Avenue

Thursday, January 19	Thursday, June 15	Thursday, November 16
Thursday, February 16	Thursday, July 20	Thursday, December 21 (NO MEETING)
Thursday, March 16	Thursday, August 17	(NO MEETING) Thursday, April 20
Thursday, May 18	Thursday, September 21	
	Thursday, October 19	

Near East Health Advisory Committee (NEHAC)

2:00 pm, The Neighborhood House, 1000 Atcheson Street (Will rotate to other NE locations.)

Wednesday, January 11	Wednesday, May 10	Wednesday, September 13
Wednesday, February 8	Wednesday, June 14	Wednesday, October 11
Wednesday, March 8	Wednesday, July 12	Wednesday, November 8
Wednesday, April 12	Wednesday, August 9	Wednesday, December 13

Central Health Advisory Committee (CHAC)

5:30 pm, Point of Pride Building, 1st Floor Conference Room 1401 Cleveland Avenue

Tuesday, January 17	Tuesday, May 16	Tuesday, September 19	Tuesday, March 21	Tuesday, July 18	Tuesday, November 21
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HAC Chairs Meetings

9:30am, Columbus Public Health, 240 Parsons Avenue Room 119 B

Friday, February 10

Friday, July 14

Friday, April 14

Friday, October 13

Glossary:

WCHAC = Westside Community Health Advisory
Committee
NSHAC = North Side Health Advisory
Committee

SSHAC = South Side Health Advisory
Committee

NEHAC = Near East Health
Advisory Committee

CHAC = Central Health Advisory Committee