

MEETING SUMMARY
ZONE IN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Michael B. Coleman Center
111 N. Front Street
Columbus, OH 43215

January 4, 2023, | 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

The members of the Zone In Advisory Committee, a group convened by the City of Columbus (the City) to advise the City on the Columbus zoning code update, met on January 4, 2023. The committee is composed of representatives from Columbus Area Commissions, businesses, community organizations, developers, and others. The committee is scheduled to meet monthly during the zoning code update process. More information is available at www.columbus.gov/zoningcodeupdate or by emailing zoningupdate@columbus.gov.

The next ZAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 1, 2023, 4:00 – 5:30 pm.

Welcome & Introductions

Maria Mone, facilitator from RAMA Consulting, welcomed the group and introduced Erin Prosser.

Columbus Housing Strategy, Erin Prosser – View Presentation [HERE](#)

Erin Prosser, Assistant Director of Housing Strategy at the City of Columbus, provided the group with a presentation on the Columbus Housing Strategy and the current state of the housing market. In her presentation Erin highlighted the following:

Issue: Central Ohio has a housing shortage because we are not building the housing infrastructure needed to support our growing community. In central Ohio, we added 2.5 jobs for every house we built. Ideally, this would be 1.5 jobs to 1 home regionally.

We are currently adding about 12,00 units a year, we need to build between 16,000 and 19,000 units per year to meet adequate infrastructure

Impact: the housing shortage compounds racial and economic disparities and negative impacts are acutely felt by our most vulnerable residents.

City of Columbus Housing Strategy:

Build – Double the number of units built over the next 15 years

Preserve – Ensure residents are stably housed

Invest – Fund new affordable housing and support for households that make less than \$50,000/ year

Include – Ensure all our neighborhoods are economically diverse and everyone has access to opportunities.

Goal: Housing is affordable in Central Ohio

Addressing the region's housing needs will require many partners and tools. Zonings' role in housing includes how the city is mapped, what the code allows, and how accessible the development process is.

Public Engagement Update, Jennifer Fening

Undesign the Redline will continue for three weeks in January. The exhibit will head to Franklin Park, Linden Rec Center, and Reeb Community Center. Committee members were encouraged to spread the word and share with community groups. The exhibit will continue to tour into 2023 and will be hosted by other organizations in Central Ohio.

Wrap up & Next Steps, Kevin Wheeler

The next Zoning Advisory Committee meeting will be held on February 1, 2023. This meeting will focus on corridors.