



Minutes – Italian Village Society Monthly Meeting

Date: August 13, 2013

Location: Short Shop Youth Center

Board Members Present: Christopher Vidoni, Vice President; Stephanie Harris, Treasurer ; Raymond Schwab, Secretary.

1. Opening and Introductions:

Treasurer, Stephanie Harris conducted the meeting in Larry's absence. Stephanie called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

2. Approval of minutes:

June and July minutes were approved by the Society.

3. Block Watch Report:

Amelia Costnzo reported that she still needed two volunteers to pass out "Don't Get Towed" fliers. Amelia reported that National Night Out was well attended by IVS members. Two local police officers on bicycle took a moment to say hello. She has posted some pictures of the event on Italian Village Facebook page. Amelia mentioned that lately bicycle thefts are on the rise. There has also been an increase in car break-ins with the perpetrators recording the key fob's frequency and using said frequency to enter cars from the passenger's side. Not a lot of information on this type of break in at the moment.

4. Membership Report :

Chris Vidioni reported 62 current memberships.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Stephanie Harris shared the monthly treasurer's report. See exhibit A.

6. Italian Village Commission Report:

This meeting will be newly elected Joshua Lapp's first meeting. We were told that there is a full agenda again. Eight new applications, Three holdovers and two conceptual. The next commissioner's meeting is scheduled for August 20 @ 6:30PM 109 N. Front Street.

7. Permit Parking Working group Status :

Stephanie Harris provided the group with an update from the Permit Parking Working Group:

- Working Group proposed a moratorium on new permits (those issued after September 16) for up to a year. Permits issued before September 16th will be approved. City Council will vote on recommendation in September. Recommendation includes all of Short North area.
- View the proposal on the city's website.

- Working group conducted a survey to get responses from residents and business to the parking issues. Survey results are on the IVS website.
- Randy Bowman wants the Working Group to make a recommendation on idea of businesses being able to park some of their vehicles in I Zone in the evening. Work Group's recommendation is that there is not enough room considering the number of permits that have been issued and the number of available parking spaces.
- City has started making parking changes on 4th and Summit. There will be no restricted parking on either street.
- Check the City's website at <http://publicservice.columbus.gov/content.aspx?id=54566> for meeting minutes and other pertinent information.

Stephanie mentioned that she had a meeting with developer Mark Wood to discuss possible assistance with the next phase of the Italian Village Park. Society member Diana Lessner voiced her concerns about proposed building near the park. She mentioned the building has received conditional approval by the commission on condition that Parks & Recreation approves. A letter from Italian Village Society to Parks and Recreation is needed immediately. A motion was made: "Members of Italian Village Society propose to have the Society write a letter to Columbus Parks & Recreation expressing their concern about proposed development on west edge of park that may be in conflict with current and future plans for park development and current uses of the park" Motioned by Andy Klein, Second by Diana Lessner, passed unanimous with one abstain.

8. Announcements:

Parking and Traffic meeting to be held August 29th 5:30PM Short Stop Youth Center. Will be discussing redesign of 5th Avenue.

Park Clean up is scheduled for August 28th 6:30 to 8:30. See Josh Lapp for more information.

"Pick Up The Neighborhood" is scheduled for Saturday, Sept 7th.

Seventh Sons Brewery donated \$1000.00 to Italian Village Society.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:46PM

Respectively submitted,

Italian Village Society Secretary, Raymond Schwab