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Italian Village Society Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2012

Short Stop Youth Center

1066 North High Street

7:30 PM

Welcome and Introduction of Members and Guests

There were 11 members and 5 guest(s) present at the meeting, for a total of 16 people.

Opening Comments

President Jared Wilson welcomed all members and guests. All board members were present. Attendees stated their name and affiliation with Italian Village. Sylvia Totzke announced that the Short North Gala will be held at the Greek Orthodox Church on Sunday April 29th from 6pm till 10pm. She also gave background information of the event.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The February and March meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. One notation concerning the time capsule at Goodale Park was mentioned, it will not be opened during the Northwest Gate restoration.

Friends of Goodale Park-Stan Sells

An update on Goodale Park was given by Mr. Sells, mostly concerning the new fountain and issues of refilling the pond. In October 2010 the Goodale Park pond was drained for the installation of a new fountain. Spring 2011 proved wet and caused some delays. The refilling of the pond proved challenging due to water leaking. The clay bottom was sealed with Aqua Block - Bentonite paid for by the City. Testing of the seal is presently taking place. A fountain dedication is planned for July 15. The work day in the park is April 14th. Planting day is May 14th from 9am – Noon.

The United Commercial Travelers Monument is back in the park on its original foundation. GCAC has awarded the FOGP a grant to rehabilitate the Dennison and Buttles Gate. When completed a dedication is planned for October. There was a question for Mr. Sells concerning the lighting of the fountain and he assured that it is all secure and operational. He also noted that the facing directions of the elephants are for visitors in the park not for automobile traffic.

Italian Village Park Update – Steve Hurtt

The Italian Village Society is applying for a grant to supplement future maintenance and beautification projects. A resident asked for the utility meters at the park have more visual coverage.

IV Commission Report –Jill Clark

Commission meeting are held at 109 N Front St at 6:15pm the third Tuesday of the month.

The Jeffery Mining Site will still have special meeting to not bog down the docket. The meetings originally scheduled for an afternoon time slot are being reevaluated. Some proposals to the site are Office Space and broad concepts including: bicycle thoroughfares, dense apartment numbers and modern design. The developer and commission want community dialogue to be an important aspect in these early stages of development. The process of which community concerns and issues are dealt with have an informal and formal process.

In other aspects of this large infill urban infill project include: Traffic calming on North Fourth Street, Parking of residents, the aesthetics of the project, No single family homes planned for the development, use of the current street grid and community center with pool.

In other commission news, the proposed commercial space on Brickel has reverted to residential. The Fireproof project is on hold until the certificate is approved for the massing. Napa Auto Parts wants to locate next to the State Library on East First Avenue. Ben Goodman will serve on the Commission. The sky bridge at the Hubbard and High Complex will be located on the top floor so as to be used by residents.

Block Watch & Crime Report –Amelia Constanzo

The Italian Village neighborhood “clean up” is scheduled for April 28th. Interested parties should meet at the IV Park where supplies will be distributed. Recycling information is forthcoming concerning the clean up. The Martha Walker Garden Club is donating some annual plants to participants. City street sweeping in May and the “Don’t get Towed” message will be distributed. A proposed campaign to get businesses involved in the block watch was mentioned to possibly promote and fund certain neighborhood activities. A trash receptacle issue on Mt Pleasant Avenue should be forwarded to the City’s 311 call center. According to the City website the neighborhood should receive recycling implementation infrastructure and kick off in early December. Graffiti has surfaced with Twitter codes in the neighborhood.

Membership Report – Mike Renner

Mike reported there was no change in membership leaving a total of 62 members. (If you have not yet, you can join online, it is quick and easy. <http://italianvillage.org/JoinNow.html>)

Treasurer's Report – Stephanie Harris

The Treasurer report for April showed an opening and closing balance of \$3,625.24 and the Park Fund Account had an Opening Balance of \$1,160.43 with interest of a nickel and an expense of \$722 for Estate Landscaping Service leaving a closing balance of 438.48.

Announcements

- The Short North Yard Sale will be Saturday June 2nd.
- Italian Village T-shirts and Sweatshirts are available for sale at *What the Rock?! And PM Gallery*.
- Chet Ridenour is the new administrator for the Short North Civic Association. He made an appearance at the April meeting.
- The Italian Village Traffic and Parking Committee will meet on April 16th and the Permit Parking aspect is being volleyed towards residents.
- Meeting minutes, complete with hyperlinks, can be viewed online at (<http://www.italianvillage.org/MeetingInformation>).

Respectfully Submitted,

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Italian Village Society Secretary