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Meeting Minutes November 8, 2011

Short Stop Youth Center

1066 North High Street

7:30 PM

Welcome and Introduction of Members and Guests

There were 12 members and 2 guests present at the meeting, for a total of 14 people. All Board Members were present.

Opening Comments

President Jared Wilson welcomed all members and guests. The standard who you are and your affiliation with Italian Village went around to each guest and member. Opening announcement stated the board received a thank you card from Emily Noble for condolence basket due to her recent loss.

Investment 101

Special Guests Dave Weibel with Edward Jones Investments

Dave gave an informative presentation on investing and ways to spend and save. His office is located at 850 North High St and he welcomed members with questions to come see him. Some of the points he touched on where; difference between Loan and Own: Loan- CD's, Mutual Funds (Group Investing) and Bonds. Own- Real Estate, Art, Stocks and Mutual Funds. He stated younger investors typically chose loans while older investors chose the stocks and bonds.

He went through a presentation about the key steps to Financial Success which include: Situation, Goals, How to get there and can I get there and staying on track. Developing a strategy and diversification are integral. Pulling with others is a good way to achieve success. He spoke of 401K's as a good way to invest, Quality stocks, Realistic Expectations and Looking for Opportunities.

Questions from attendees included: Penny stocks and what they offer, Retirement, Budgeting and Fees for Investment services. He concluded his presentation and mentioned his upcoming role as grandfather in the very near future.

Board Nominations-Larry Totske

Larry asked if any of the current members present wished to nominate or would like to be nominated. The current board will be next years board. Larry offered the motion for the board to serve next year. Motion passed.

Italian Village Potluck

The Potluck will be held at either the Free Will Baptist Church or the St Joseph Montessori School on December 13th at 6:30pm. The Committee Chair for the Potluck is Christopher Vidoni. President Wilson advised to check the upcoming December e-newsletter for and update on the finalized location.

IV Commission Report – Per Jill Clark

Jill mention the Pizutti Hotel has a height variance with the Parking Garage. At the next Commission meeting a conceptual review of a new development of the Fireproof building at 2nd and High will be presented. Also on the slate: The Hubbard development, Auto detailing garage behind the post office and the former Wonderland development.

Mr Kevin Lykens of the Wonderbread development is proposing 1 bedroom apartment/condos, a performance venue and restaurant with 71 parking spaces.

Two new builds are being planned for Punta Alley. She also mentioned the new code enforcer is very good at her job and anyone with concerns should contact the city's 311 line. It was also mentioned that the Goody Boy sign was not restored but redone. "Drive In" now reads "Diner."

Italian Village Park Update– Steve Hurtt

Contact Steve about the park clean up.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes will be subject to approval at a future meeting.

Block Watch Report- Amelia Costanzo & Crime Report- Steve Smith

Neighborhood captains have been chosen for the Short North Block Watch and Amelia is the Italian Village representative. Check security setting if accessing through Facebook. The Street Light Survey is being held November 9th meeting at Say and 3rd Avenues. Use the City's 311 for city street lights out or contact AEP if on private property. Raymond Schwab requested to see if last years vrs this years report shows any improvement.

Officer Smith said Crime stats were off due to "no activity" north of 2nd avenue. Random assaults were reported near the UDF at First and High. Immigrants were the victims and perpetrators which has been deduced as an intra cultural acts. The classical music seems to be working otherwise in deterring crime.

Membership Report – Mike Renner

There were 53 members.

Treasurer's Report – Stephanie Harris

The report was presented and read.

Announcements and Information

- Facebook site for the Martha Walker Garden club is a great place to get information on Italian Village parks.
- Meeting minutes, complete with hyperlinks, can be viewed online at (<http://www.italianvillage.org/MeetingInformation>).
- There will be another public meeting in February for the Pearl Alley Rebricking. Rick Miller with the city can be contacted with any questions. ramiller@columbus.gov
- Italian Village Shirts are available at What the Rock on High St.
- Chip from the Short Stop will be selling roasted Chestnuts at the North Market on Saturdays from 10am till 2pm on the 3rd, 10th and 17th of December.
- Christmas Tree and Wreath sales benefiting the food pantry at the short stop will be going on in December. Contact the Short Stop at 614-299-5541.
- December 7th – The Friends of Goodale Park will be having their Holiday Gala at 148 Buttles. Andy also mentioned the Fountain has some electrical issues and the Pond is still leaking. Dedication of the new fountain will hopefully be Spring 2012.
- Tim Wagner of SID is stepping down after years of service and a celebration is being held in his honor. Questions ask Society president Jared Wilson.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher L. Vidoni, Secretary