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**Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2011**

### **Welcome and Introduction of Members and Guests**

There were 14 members and 2 guests present at the meeting, for a total of 16 people. All Board Members were present.

### **President's Comments**

President Jared Wilson welcomed all members and guests, and thanked previous board members for their assistance during the transition and their ideas of how the society can improve. President Wilson introduced the new board members. He also thanked Christie Nohle and Janet Dugas for the involvement and planning of the Holiday Pot luck. All present introduced themselves and their affiliation with the village. Dennis Conley brought sweets for the attendees.

### **CPD Redistricting**

Jared started with the redistricting issue of the Columbus Police Department. An invitation has been extended to Deputy Chief Kimberly Jacobs (in charge of zones 2, 3, & 5 and an author of the precinct redistricting) and Deputy Chief Timothy Becker (in charge of zones 1 & 4). Patrol zone of the northern portion of the village is Zone 4 –north of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Zone 5 is south of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Planning is for Deputy Chief Jacobs to field questions at the April or May Society meeting. Questions/concerns should be emailed to the society board. These will be compiled by the board and should be productive in their nature to give a streamlined question and answer session with Deputy Chief Jacobs. Invitations have/will be sent to the SNBA, Italian Village Commission, SNCA and Harrison West members. Andy Klein mentioned that Weinland Park group should also be invited. President Jared mentioned that questions should be submitted by the end of the month.

Officer Smith also commented that issues the CPD says they are having relate to computer software issues. Concerns for residents should include: why new boundaries, net gain/loss of manpower, total calls made to the new district near Polaris and population density.

### **IV Commission Report – Per Jill Clark**

Jill spoke of 'movement' at the Goody Boy location which is 'guttled' and owned by Jimmy V's restaurants. Haiku has come in for conceptual review of the north wing and 'hardscape' issues. The Pizutti boutique hotel project is having a special meeting January 23<sup>rd</sup> at six in the evening at 109 North Front St. The IV Commission and Short North Civic Association hear Pizutti's dialogue separately as they do not vote jointly. The 130 plus room hotel would have the parking facility in Victorian Village; the demolition of the UTC building is somewhat of a concern. The traffic study submitted for the area seemed to lack an overview of all hours and days. Jaywalking, pedestrian traffic and vehicular traffic could become an issue.

St Johns the Baptist Catholic church has submitted for conceptual review for items/upgrades and improvements including heated sidewalks and new entry. Concerns were made aware: the Midnight Hooka on Mt Pleasant, they have been addressed by the owners who met with the Commission. The Hubbard Grille sign was a short topic with concerns of brightness level and size.

There are also two positions open at the City Historic Preservation office.

Steve Hurtt made the motion to renew the positions of two commissioners to the IVC. The notion was approved and passed. Jared will write a letter to the mayor recommending Jill Cark and David Cooke to the Italian Village Commission. An architect and attorney must be on the commission and bylaws of the Commission where changed with regard to the societies involvement in this process (the IVS position of recommending renewal)

Steve Hurtt, who serves on the committee, made of Italian Village and Victorian Village, announced that the Short North Guidelines are close to finalization.

### **Block Watch Report Schedule – Nick Wawrzyniak**

Nick gave a total result from the *Don't Get Towed!* efforts: 59 tickets issued and 19 tows. This is a great reduction since the programs inception. Next street sweeping is in May, the North and East sides of neighborhood streets are on Tuesday and the opposites are on Wednesday. He also mentioned that the street lighting info survey conducted by members of the neighborhood have been closed by the 311. Other lightning issues were discussed about the street lights that are owned by American Electric Power – property owners more than likely will have to become involved.

### **Crime Report – Officer Steve Smith**

Officer Steve reported that action has been taken on some long standing violations at 66 E 4<sup>th</sup> Ave; there is a request to have residents vacate the premises. He also noted stolen bicycles on property.

Conversation returned to Deputy Chief Jacobs and the upcoming Q&A. Crime stats should be compiled. Treasurer Stephanie Harris asked about the crime numbers for past reports before the boundary change reflective of crime numbers now. The boundary change occurred on July 11<sup>th</sup> 2010.

### **Italian Village Park Update – Steve Hurtt**

Steve reported that there is nothing to report on the Park. Steve has mentioned credit card parking meters are going up around the park and in the Skully's Lot as other locations throughout the area. A member had a question on the village entry signage: Per Steve the signs are still being worked on by Fortin Iron Works and should be ready when the brackets are finished.

## Membership Report – Mike Renner

Vice President Mike Renner noted there were 5 new memberships and a total of 88 members.  
(If you have not yet, you can join online, it is quick and easy.

<http://italianvillage.org/JoinNow.html>)

## Approval of November and December Minutes

The Minutes from November and December 2010 meetings were reviewed and approved.

## Treasurer's Report – Stephanie Harris

As of Jan. 7, 2011

**Checking Opening Balance:        \$6,938.27**

**Income:**

                    Membership  
                    Fees                        \$ 155.00

**Total Income                                \$ 155.00**

**Expenses:**

**Total Expenses                                \$ -**

**Closing Balance                                \$7,093.27**

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**Park Fund Opening Balance:        \$1,402.86**

**Income:**

Interest                                        \$ 0.15

**Total Income                                \$ 0.15**

**Expenses**

                    Estate  
                    Landscape                        \$ 195.00

**Total Expenses                                \$ 195.00**

**Closing Balance:                                \$1,208.01**

## Announcements

- Short North Civic Association Annual Gathering will be on January 20<sup>th</sup> 2011 at the Hubbard Grille from 6pm to 8pm. All residents are welcome and appetizers and cash bar will be provided.
- Short North Business Association Annual meeting will be on February 9<sup>th</sup> 2011 at the Hubbard Grille. Complimentary appetizers and a cash bar will be provided. To attend RSVP to Diesha Condon at [diesha@shortnorth.org](mailto:diesha@shortnorth.org)
- Italian Village information pamphlets will be distributed in the coming months, weather permitting.
- Italian Village Sweatshirts are available at *What the Rock?* T-shirts will also be available soon.
- Thank you to Camelot Cellars for the use of their facilities for Board and other meetings.
- Kyle Klein, IV resident, was appointed to Columbus City Council.
- Meeting minutes, complete with hyperlinks, can be viewed online at (<http://www.italianvillage.org/MeetingInformation>).

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Vidoni, Secretary