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Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2010

Welcome and Introduction of Members and Guests

There were 15 members and 1 guest present at the meeting, for a total of 16 people. Three Board Members were present; not present was Stephanie Harris, Treasurer.

President's Comments

President Larry Totzke welcomed all members and guests, and thanked everyone for coming out on this nice September evening. All present introduced themselves.

Nominating Committee for Society Board Members

Larry noted that the IVS bylaws state that the President is to establish a nominating committee in order to slate the nominees running for the Board. The nominees are to be announced at the November meeting, with voting held at the December Holiday Potluck. Christie Nohle, Emily Noble, Larry Totzke and Andy Klein and Christopher Vidoni volunteered to serve on the nominating committee.

Italian Festival Volunteer Sign-up, Oct. 8, 9, 10

Every year, the Italian Village Society hosts a booth at the Italian Festival. This year we will sell t-shirts, share our newly designed IVS brochure, and we will be distributing a neighborhood historic district brochure. Also, Heather Ziegler of "What the Rock?" will sell Italian Village specific wares on Saturday. If you have any fun ideas for the booth (that will draw interest), we welcome them. Sign up to volunteer through Larry (larrytotzke@mac.com). When you volunteer, you get into the festival for free all weekend, you get to enjoy a parade, you may see the Festival's attempt to break the Guinness world record for the largest meatball, and you have the opportunity to enjoy meeting some of your neighbors.

Other Volunteer Opportunities – Holiday Party Coordinator(s)

Every year, the Second Tuesday in December, we hold our annual Holiday Party. Larry suggested it would be nice to have a coordinator for the event. Christie Nohle and Janet Dugas both volunteered and will share the duties. The party will be held at St. Joseph's Montessori School.

IV Commission Report – Per Jill Clark

Jill noted that the tents have been approved for the Italian Festival. Also, code enforcement is aware of the issues with Haiku's exterior add-on structure and their hardscape wall collapse. Other issues involve some concrete paving on 2nd Avenue without prior approval, and the

church at 3rd & Mount Pleasant has applied for window and door replacements. One item of concern is the Goody Boy. They have approvals but no movement on renovations. There are now people loitering on the premises, often drinking beer. Larry agreed to send the owner of the building a letter of concern on our behalf.

The subcommittee (made of Italian Village and Victorian Village) for the Short North Guidelines plan to have the Guidelines complete by December.

The next Ibiza joint committee meeting will be held September 23rd, 6:00 p.m., at 109 N. Front St. The same concerns still exist: massing, the parking garage exact number of spaces, what is considered a public parking space? Demolition is a concern. Also, the art collection is private and they have no plans for set public viewing times. The link to the renderings is now inactive. There are questions about demolition vs. what are we getting in return. A resident who attended the last joint meeting noted that while the hotel seems 'softer' it seems we may still have a net loss of parking, including the on-street parking in front of the proposed hotel.

Block Watch Report Schedule – Jared Wilson

Jared noted that last month prior to streets sweeping that he, Dennis and Raymond placed fliers on cars, placed yard signs, and with the texting campaign, the result was a reduction in the number of tickets and tows. Next month, Tuesday October 19th, the Block Watch will meet in the park, hold a short meeting, and then walk the streets documents lighting issues, which will be reported to 311. Those issues will be uploaded to the website for viewing. You can also submit issues yourself at <http://www.311.columbus.gov/>. More lighting ensures more safety. A member noted that each light pole has on it a coordinate that makes it easy for the City to find the light. Jared also noted that for the February 2011 meeting, they are trying to rally the Short North neighborhoods and invite the CPD and Firefighters for an appreciation night. Finally, there is now an online survey to gather info, suggestions, and questions from area residents.

Objections to Renewal of Liquor Permits

Last month we authorized President Totzke to send a letter to the City Attorney regarding the Saveway Mart. This objective has been met, and Larry received an email confirmation that his letter was indeed received.

Italian Village Park Update – Steve Hurtt

Steve was not present, but Christie Nohle noted that the bi-weekly weedings are still happening. She will send out email reminders.

Membership Report – Raymond Schwab

Vice President Raymond Schwab noted that there is nothing to report. (If you have not yet, you can join online, it is quick and easy. <http://italianvillage.org/JoinNow.html>)

Approval of August Minutes

The Minutes from August 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved (with one change.)

Treasurer's Report – Stephanie Harris

No Treasurer's report this month.

Announcements

- October 2nd is the Shot Stop annual Painting of The Doors event – in the parking lot of the Fireproof Building.
- October 3rd is the Goodale Park “Pull the Plug” event, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., at the Goodale Park pond.
- This weekend is the Short North Home and Garden Tour. See <http://www.shorthnorthcivic.org/>.
- Meeting minutes, complete with hyperlinks, can be viewed online at (<http://www.italianvillage.org/MeetingInformation>).

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Noble, Secretary