



www.italianvillage.org

P.O. Box 8001, Columbus, Ohio 43201

Italian Village Society Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2012

Short Stop Youth Center

1066 North High Street

7:30 PM

Welcome and Introduction of Members and Guests

There were 10 members and 3 guest(s) present at the meeting, for a total of 13 people.

Opening Comments

President Jared Wilson welcomed all members and guests. Attendees stated their name and affiliation with Italian Village. Mike Tynan from Columbus Housing Network announced that he will be retiring at the end of June. He has enjoyed the partnership with the residents and business owners in Italian Village. Someone else from CHN will begin coming to the IVS meetings.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The April meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Jeffrey Site Update – Wagenbrenner Company

An update on the Jeffrey Site was given by Mark Wagenbrenner and Rob Harris of the Wagenbrenner Company. He reported that they are in the early stage of site planning for the property. There will be approximately 900 residential units on site. This is larger than the Harrison West development. Phase I will include three large buildings with commercial on the ground floors and apartments above. One of these buildings, planned to be constructed at the corner of 1st Avenue and 4th Street, will include a recreation center with an outdoor pool, both of which will be made available to all residents of Italian Village. There will also be a 4-story parking garage. Construction of Phase I is expected to begin in early 2013.

The other phases are expected to include a residential portion on the middle of the site, including owner-occupied townhomes, offices to the south near I-670, and a central open space area.

Larry Totzke asked about traffic considerations such as converting 4th Street to a 2-way traffic flow. Wagenbrenner Co. referenced the intensive study and cost to converting a street to 2-way traffic flow, but they are investigating traffic calming options and other ideas. Mike Renner asked about public parking amenities. All on-street parking will be public, but the garages will likely be private.

IV Commission Report –Jill Clark

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

Special meetings will now be held during the day, with a recapitulation and public comment at the regular Italian Village Commission meetings.

The next agenda will be heavy, including the following projects:

Mount Pleasant Hookah Bar – some exterior changes

Exile – the owner is buying Sunset Lounge’s property, including the property with a vacant house on it between Sunset Lounge and Exile’s current building. Exile is coming in to see what land uses would be permitted for the residential building.

21 E. Fifth – proposing to hide mechanicals and Verizon cellular towers

Columbus Metropolitan Housing (CMH) property 5th and High Street — many small improvements

799 Hamlet Street – a new single-family home is proposed here

Havana – proposal to restore façade to include a large “store-front” style window

Ben Goodman will officially sit on the IVC beginning in June.

Block Watch & Crime Report –Amelia Constanzo

The Italian Village neighborhood “clean up” was held on April 28th. Despite the rain, over 12 bags of litter were cleaned from the streets, sidewalks, and alleyways of Italian Village. With the warmer weather has come several break-ins in the Summit Street/1st Avenue and 3rd Avenue vicinity. Annual seasonal street sweeping begins on May 15 and 16. Volunteers will distribute Don’t Get Towed flyers on windshields on Sunday, May 13, reminder text messages will be sent during the week, and yard signs will be erected to help reduce the number of tickets issued and vehicles towed.

Traffic & Parking Committee – Mike Renner

Members discussed suggested traffic and parking recommendations to be considered.

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.

Other Discussion

Jared Wilson shared the dates of the Goodale Park Music Series events. The IVS Board and members discussed donating \$500 to the GP Music Series, but decided it is not fiscally possible this year.

Jared Wilson brought up the need to replace and potentially relocate the “Welcome to Italian Village” sign that was hit by a vehicle on N. Fourth Street at I-670.

Announcements

- The Short North Yard Sale will be Saturday June 2nd.
- The next IVS meeting will be the annual picnic/potluck on June 12th
- Italian Village T-shirts and Sweatshirts are available for sale at *What the Rock?! And PM Gallery*.
- Meeting minutes, complete with hyperlinks, can be viewed online at (<http://www.italianvillage.org/MeetingInformation>).

Respectfully Submitted,

Amelia Costanzo, Short North Block Watch Coordinator
on behalf of
Chris Vidoni, Italian Village Society Secretary