

Minutes – Italian Village Society Monthly Meeting

Date: April 04, 2013

Location: Junior Achievement Center

Board Members Present: Larry Totzke, President; Christopher Vidoni, Vice President; Stephanie Harris, Treasurer ; Raymond Schwab, Secretary.

1. Opening and Introductions:

Board President, Larry Totzke, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. He introduced Mike Davis of Junior Achievement of Central Ohio. President Totzke asked all present to introduce themselves and to state their connection with Italian Village. Mike Davis gave a few members a tour of the former Second Avenue Elementary School prior to the meeting.

2. Junior Achievement – Mike Davis:

Mike shared the mission and goals of Junior Achievement in Central Ohio. Junior Achievement serves L – 12 students by providing inspiration and understanding of how personal finance and business works. See Exhibit 1.

3. Columbus Education commission update-Michael Sexton, Director of Community Affairs for Mayor Michael B. Coleman:

Mr. Sexton shared the Columbus Education Commission goals and objectives. He discussed the forums that have been held with the various inner neighborhoods. They are expecting recommendations at the end of April to go to the Mayor. He promised to report back to the society on the findings. See Exhibit 2.

4. Car2Go – Josh Moskowitz, Business Development Manager

Mr. Moskowitz shared a new concept that is being presented around Columbus in car sharing/renting for short errands. He's been asked to give his proposal to the Mayor. He mentioned that he is meeting with several inner neighborhoods this week. This is being targeted for the end of the year. They are asking Italian Village Society on our thoughts of the concept. For more information on how this works, visit www.car2go.com

5. IVS Traffic and Parking committee Report

Andy wasn't able to make the Society meeting. It was shared that the next meeting will be held at the Goodale Park Shelter House 04/11/13 @ 4:00PM. Randy Bowman will discuss the City's report on what they're doing.

6. IV Commission Report –

David Cooke reported the Commission minutes in Jill's absence. He reported that the new parking garage at Hubbard is on track to open mid June. There should be 250 parking spaces with 72 of those spaces reserved for residents. The Commission reviewed 14 new applications at their last meeting. A new team has been appointed for Code Enforcement in the neighborhoods. See Exhibit 3. 19 abandoned properties have been identified by City. The city will work with the Commission to identify possible owners. They will also decide if the houses should remain standing. *(need help with this statement please)*

7. Italian Village Park Update –

Steve Hurtt Said Earth Day Volunteers are needed for 04/20/13 9:00AM. Sign up via Facebook under Friends of Goodale Park. Discussion was held for a IVS Park and a name that could be used for Facebook. IVP Amici was mentioned. There was some concern expressed over the last year's upkeep on the parks.

8. Larry introduced Rick Mitchell as our new Communications Coordinator. His role will be to update the IVS website, start a Twitter account and update our Facebook page.

9. Block Watch Report

Amelia Costanzo reported uptick in car break-ins within the neighborhood, probably due to the weather becoming warmer. May is street cleaning. Volunteers are needed for May 12 to flag cars.

10. Minutes for March were approved.

11. Stephanie gave the Treasurer's report.

12. Announcements

Sylvia Totzke announced her and Larry have room at their table for the Short North Gala. April 21st 6-10PM Downtown Hilton. Please see either of them if interested in sitting with them. \$100 per person

Larry shared that the Columbus Early Center closed 04/04/13 due to rising costs and lost funding with United Way.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Italian Village Society Secretary, Raymond Schwab