



Minutes – Italian Village Society Monthly Meeting

Date: September 09, 2013

Location: Short Stop Youth Center

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

1. Opening and Introductions:

President Larry Totzke called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM and made introductions..

2. Highball Halloween:

John Angelo presented the annual Highball event to the society. The event will be two days this year from October 25th through 26th. Friday will be from 6:00 PM to 1:00 AM in front of the Ohio Convention Center. Saturday will be from 12:00 PM to 1:00 AM in front of the Ohio Convention Center. A fund raiser is new to the event this year. It will consist of a 5K Costume Fun Run Friday evening. The event is expected to raise \$100,000.00 for the Short North Business Alliance. John is hoping to recruit two IVS volunteers to serve on the development committee and would like as many volunteers as possible to assist with the run. He said that IV can have 10% of the profits for partnering with the SNA. To register for volunteering, go to www.HighballHalloween.com/Volunteer.

3. COTA Update:

Belinda Taylor, Community Relations Manager of COTA, was kind enough to visit our society meeting to share the proposed Downtown Bus Circulator. Right now it is in its conceptual stage. The buses would run North bound on High St and south bound on Front Street from Buttles Avenue to the Brewery District. The tentative start date could be as soon as May 2014. The hours of the circulator would be from 8:00 AM to 10:00PM running 7 to 10 minutes apart. More to follow as this develops. This would be a COTA and City partnership.

4. Italian Festival :

Larry Totzke reported this year's festival is scheduled for October 11, 12 and 13th. Volunteers are needed to man the Italian Village Society's booth. A sign up sheet was passed around. This year Larry would like to enlarge photos of Italian Village, past and present, to decorate the booth with.

5. Italian Village Commission Report:

No representatives were present at this meeting.. The next commissioner's meeting is scheduled for September 17th @ 6:30PM 109 N. Front Street.

6. Treasurer's Report:

Stephanie Harris was unable to bring the report this month. She will email an electronic version to Larry.

7. Approval of Minutes:

August minutes were approved by the Society.

8. Block Watch Report:

Amelia Costanzo reported the handing out of the street cleaning flyers was a success. Clean up in Italian Village is scheduled for Saturday Sept. 7th. Please see Amelia if interested in volunteering.

10. Short North Tour of Homes:

Angel Gondek was not able to attend our meeting.

11. Permit Parking Working Group:

Larry Totzke shared that a moratorium has been put into place for no permit request for one year. Information and the minutes of their meeting can be located at: <http://publicservice.columbus.gov/content.aspx?id=54566>

13. Announcements:

Andy Klien handed out Italian Village Society Parking and Traffic Committee minutes from July 25. See Exhibit 1. We had 13 people attend the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM.

**Respectively submitted,
Italian Village Society Secretary, Raymond Schwab**