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**Meeting Minutes – October 12, 2010**

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

There were 17 members and 4 guests present at the meeting, for a total of 21 people. Three Board Members were present; not present was Larry Totzke, President.

### **Vice President's Comments**

Vice President Raymond Schwab welcomed all members and guests, and thanked everyone for coming out on this nice evening. All present introduced themselves and said one thing that they enjoyed about Italian Village.

### **Italian Festival Summary**

Raymond thanked all who volunteered. It was a busy weekend, especially Saturday night, and we had over \$900 in t-shirt/sweat shirt sales. There were requests for ball caps, more red shirts, and more medium shirts. We would like to thank Heather Ziegler for helping out on Saturday. Her wares were very cool. You can see some at What the Rock?.

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

Jill noted it has been another quiet month. There was a conceptual review for a back patio for the Happy Greek. Still no news on the Goody Boy. Haiku appears to have been doing some work.

The Short North Guidelines continue to move forward, about 1/3 the way through the process. Some interesting small issues have come about 'sandwich signs' – do they impede pedestrian traffic, also, awnings, comparing differences East vs. West of High St., and comparing the Short North with other historic districts. One stumbling block is new build building heights. New buildings to have a zero lot line set back – for a better pedestrian experience (I.e. the Ibiza lot stops foot traffic. Member proposed we write letter to Arms property to discuss a better façade.). The next committee meeting is October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Next Pizzutti meeting is October 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Nominating Committee for Society Board Members**

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. The Committee has a list of 12 members who have shown interest. We would like to have more than one person running for each spot this year.

## **Italian Village Park Update**

Christie Nohle noted that the bi-weekly Wednesday weedings are still happening, now at 5:30pm. She will send out email reminders.

## **Block Watch/Crime Report– Nick Wawrzyniak**

There has been a spike in crime lately; mainly garage break-ins, and a man going door to door trying to exchange a laptop for cash. Call the police if you see anything suspicious. Keep alert and pay attention to your surroundings. Members noted we need to talk to Officer Smith about the spike in crime and the lack of police cruiser attendance.

## **Approval of August Minutes**

The Minutes from September 2010 were not available for review.

## **Treasurer's Report – Stephanie Harris**

The Italian Village Society Checking Account:

Opening Balance = \$6,640.98

Income = \$35.00 (Memberships)

Expenses = \$50.00 (Memorial – Pat Jentes), \$258.00 (RDesign - Letterhead), \$570 (Brochure Redesign), and \$505.60 (Sweatshirt Embroidery)

Closing Balance = \$5,291.66

The Italian Village Park Savings Account:

Opening Balance = \$1,590.58

Income = \$0.00, interest of \$0.14

Expenses = \$188.00 (Estate Landscaping)

Closing Balance = \$1,402.72

## **Announcements**

- Meeting minutes, complete with hyperlinks, can be viewed online at (<http://www.italianvillage.org/MeetingInformation>).
- Friends of Goodale Park reported there have been problems in the park lately; a broken urn and a fire on the porch of the shelter house, which caused damage to the roof. Also, after the last Screen on the Green, there was a knife fight between a couple of the overnight guests. There has been a very low police presence, some of the volunteers feel unsafe, homeless have taken up living in the shelter by the playground, and the Giant Eagle has apparently not stopped selling 40 ouncers. It was suggested it is time to invite the police to one of our next meetings, along with the Mayor's liaison, the homeless Social Services liaison, Erika Clark Jones, and we should invite the other neighborhood groups and block watch groups. In other park news; the plug has been pulled, and construction can begin next month on the new fountain, with completion set for early next year. Finally, the Southgate (re)construction is underway.

- The Holiday Potluck (organized by Christie Nohle and Janet Dugas) will be Tuesday December 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at St. Joseph's Montessori School. The delicious turkey will be provided once again by Stephanie Harris. St. Joseph's will provide nonalcoholic drinks, ice, and breads. This year, Christie and Janet propose hanging door hangers in November to announce both the November (board nominations) meeting and the December Holiday Potluck (motions was made, seconded and approved for the Italian Village Society to cover the costs of the door hangers and other event specific items.)
- A guest voiced concern about the spike in crime in the area (car break-ins, decorations stolen, etc.). Conversation pointed out that crime appears to be worse around the zone boundaries, and much worse now than before the precinct dissolution. This discussion affirmed our need to meet with the police and neighborhood orgs.
- The North Side Columbus Early Learning Center was awarded a \$650,000 grant, with matching funds totaling \$845,000, for site renovation. It will include interior and exterior improvements and better access for children with special needs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Noble, Secretary