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P.O. Box 8001, Columbus, Ohio 43201
Meeting Minutes – November 9, 2010

Welcome and Introduction of Members and Guests

There were 24 members and 6 guest present at the meeting, for a total of 30 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 evening. Larry noted that this will be the last official meeting of his presidential term. He then took a few moments to thank all the many people who have volunteered over the past year for the Italian Village Society, including the Block Watch, Web Committee & The Italian Village Commission. All present introduced themselves and mentioned in what part of Italian Village they or their business resides, and their IVS affiliations.

Short North Business Association presentation – Diesha Condon, Senior Director

Larry thanked Diesha for coming to our meeting; the SNBA is integral to the neighborhood. Diesha introduced herself and spoke of her love for Columbus. She started as the Membership Director for the SNBA and has been in her current role for 8 months. She has been working on enhancing membership benefits based on member comments and needs. They have had some recent 'membership mixers' and the most recent event, the HighBall Halloween was wildly successful. You can view photos of SNBA events in the storefront windows at the southwest corner of 5th and High St. The SNBA is now turning it's focus to the Holidays, mainly the Holiday Hop! They are currently looking for a Santa to hire and are working closely with their sponsor, Time Warner Cable. After the Holiday Hop, will be the 'Holiday Shop'.

An Italian Village member asked if parking permits have been mentioned as a recent issue? Diesha said this has not been brought up yet. Another member asked about advertising affiliated with the SNBA. Diesha said a lot of advertising is purchased by business members, and that there are a lot of in-kind trades. A member asked if the SNBA is trying to recruit new businesses. Diesha said they are always recruiting. There was a question about Ibiza, to which she responded, yes, it is a dead zone, and they try to put a musician there during gallery hops, and that something may happen in Spring (likely apartments). There was a question about event sound levels and is there any sort of rule they follow. Diesha said that they monitor Gallery Hop events using a decibel meter. Member inquired if the same rules apply for HighBall Halloween. Discussion ensued regarding the lateness/loudness of the event, and how it affects the neighborhood. Diesha said she will have the sound levels check, and that the sound can be lower next year. She said 'I will not begin working through details of HighBall logistics until next summer, therefore I do not know what the target decibel levels will be. When I have the information, I will forward it to all the neighborhood societies.'

Nominating Committee for Society Board Members – Andy Klein

Andy Klein 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, Christopher Vidoni and Andy Klein to serve on the nominating committee. One goal for this year was outreach: to get people involved in the Italian Village Society even if they are not elected. Consequently, we have 5 people willing to serve, and they are: Stephanie Harris, Christopher Vidoni, Jared Wilson, Beth Simonetti, and Mike Renner. Andy made a motion that these 6 be our slate for the Italian Village Board of Trustees for 2011. Andy asked if there was any discussion? There was not, and the motion passed.

We have fact sheets on each of the nominees for distribution after the meeting, and they will be published on our website.

Holiday Party News – Christie Nohle and Janet Dugas

Tuesday December 14th, 6:30 P.M. the potluck will be held at St. Joseph's Montessori school at 933 Hamlet St. Janet and Christie hung flyers on doors throughout the Village, you may have received one. The Society will provide the turkey, potatoes, dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce, and wine. St. Joe's will provide bread and other drinks. Guests are invited to bring a favorite dish or dessert to share. The plan is to eat and drink first, hold a short business meeting, eat and drink some more, sell shirts, hold games, vote, count ballots, announce the new board, have door prizes, and have fun! Show up early to help set up, and stay late to clean if you are interested.

IV Commission Report – Per Jill Clark

Jill noted that at the last Pizzuti meeting, things appear to be 'winding down'. The Victorian Village side is warming up to the ideas. There will be a community meeting Thursday, November 18th, 7:00 P.M., at the Goodale Park shelter house. This development will change the face of the Short North. Please plan to attend. The next IVC/VVC Joint Commission Meeting for review of the proposed UCT/Pizzuti development is scheduled for December 8th, 2010 at 109 N. Front St. beginning at 6:00 P.M.

The next IV Commission meeting will be November 16th. The slowness of the Goody Boy project is heard to be because of economic hardship. The Concrete Jungle building received a Certificate of Appropriateness for painting, but not for the work done on the patio. There is no name for the business yet.

There is a long-term issue involving the I parking permit. There is currently a petition to extend the permit zone to Kerr St. North of Hubbard. Randy Bowman is the point of contact with the City. You can call him at 645-2464, or email him at rjbowman@columbus.gov.

Finally, the Short North Guidelines are 'wrapping up'. Area groups will be invited to a meeting for an overview.

Member voiced concern about the Goody Boy economic hardship inviting crime into our neighborhood. Per Officer Smith, call code enforcement at 645-7292. Per President Totzke, he will contact Code Enforcement voicing our concerns.

Block Watch Report– Nicholas Wawrzyniak

The Kroger remodeling is under way, they have broken ground. Parking will be in the back. The last meeting resulted in finding 19 private lighting issues, and 49 public lighting issues. 90% of these have been logged to the 311 site. Street sweeping is next week. Text alerts have doubled. 'Don't get towed' flier now talks about how to get more involved in the Block Watch. The Block Watch members will be invited to the Holiday Potluck.

Crime Report – Officer Steve Smith

Officer Smith noted that some of the local criminals have been caught. Some of the youth casing cars/yards have been trailed to 969 N. 4th. If you see anything, call the police and give 'exact incidents' and good descriptions. The problem in the area is not just one group of kids. Keep your eyes out and call the police with any suspicious activity.

There will be a post redistricting community meeting on Dec. 2nd at 6:00 P.M. at the Thompson Recreation Center at 1189 Dennison Avenue.

Italian Village Park Update – Steve Hurtt

Steve indicated that the park clean-ups are finished for the year, and that the park has been 'put to sleep' for the winter.

Membership Report – Raymond Schwab

Raymond noted that we had 3 more memberships this month bringing our total to 71, as compared to 44 last year.

Approval of September and October Minutes

The Minutes from September and October 2010 meetings were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report – Stephanie Harris

The Italian Village Society Checking Account:

Opening Balance = \$5,291.66

Income = \$469.33 (Memberships), \$1,430.00 (Italian Festival)

Expenses = \$200.00 (Italian Festival Change), \$52.72 (Italian Festival Decorations)

Closing Balance = \$6,938.27

The Italian Village Park Savings Account:

Opening Balance = \$1,402.72

Income = \$0.14 (Interest)

Expenses = \$0.00

Closing Balance = \$1,402.86

Announcements

- Meeting Minutes, complete with hyperlinks, can be viewed online at (<http://www.italianvillage.org/MeetingInformation>).
- Street Sweeping – November 16th & 17th.
- The next Pizzuti Boutique Hotel project community meeting will be held at the Goodale Park Shelter House on Thursday, November 18th at 7pm. Please plan to attend and to get all the updates, renderings, and Q&A.
- Friends of Goodale Park Holiday Gala – Once again, the holiday season commences with the Friends of Goodale Park Annual Holiday Gala. This year's celebration is on Wednesday, December 1st from 6-9pm. It is being hosted by Herb Asher in Parkview Condominiums at 34 West Poplar Ave. A minimum donation of \$40 is requested, 100% of which goes toward enhancements to the park.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Noble, Secretary