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Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2011

Welcome and Introduction of Members and Guests

There were 12 members and 8 guests present at the meeting, for a total of 20 people. All Board Members were present.

Opening Comments

President Jared Wilson welcomed all members and guests, and thanked attendees for coming out in the cold weather.

Friends of Goodale Park-Fountain/Sculpture Presentation

Andy Klein and Stan Sells were welcomed to the Society meeting and were given the floor for a presentation on Goodale Park.

Park and People

Andy Klein has been on the *Friends of Goodale Park* board since 2004 and is a resident of Italian Village. It was noted that the Gazebo was completed 20 years ago. *The Columbus Foundation* is a major contributor to the park. There are 13 trustees that are from the surrounding neighborhoods. Comfest works in conjunction with the FGP. Julie Hallan is the volunteer coordinator, overseeing 400 plus volunteers with over 1000 hours in the park. The Southeast entrance to the park has been restored with the monies allocated during the I-670 expansion. The stone columns and gate from 1870 will be dedicated in May. The Peace sculpture behind the UCT building will be relocated to the park by Pizzuti. Phillips Masonry will complete this project.

Lake and Fountain

The Fountain was designed by Malcolm Cochran who was chosen out of four finalists. Over \$250,000 has been raised for the project. A fountain consultant has been hired, and the Victorian Village Commission and Arts Commission approved the project.

Stan Sells presented the 'Lighting of the Fountain' fund raising effort. There will be submerged lighting shining on bronze elephants at the top of the wedding cake design. Noted the Sells Circus and the Elephants from the Circus were very prominent in the early formation of the city. June completion of the project is expected.

Donations from other organizations and individuals for the project include: SNBA \$7,000, Comfest \$20,000, Anonymous \$10,000, Paul Cianelli \$50,000. Donations of \$1000 to the fountain project would include a bronze plaque.

Larry Totzke raised a motion for a \$1,000 donation for the project from the Society. Jared Wilson mentioned that Andy Klein agreed to match a \$500 donation. Jill Clark seconded Larry's motion and the motion passed. Andy Klein added \$500.

Passing of the motion made the total donation in the Italian Village Society's name for the Fountain in Goodale Lake \$1,500.

IV Commission Report – Per Jill Clark

The Pizzuti boutique hotel project is having a meeting February 22nd at 6 PM at 109 North Front St. The traffic study submitted for the area seemed to lack an overview of all hours and days. Jaywalking, pedestrian traffic and vehicular traffic could become an issue. The number of rooms in the proposed project has increased from 130 to 145.

Haiku at Hubbard and High St. continues to submit proposals for landscaping and improvements.

The IOOF building on High St. south of 3rd Ave. is installing new windows.

Commission information can be found at the department of development for the City of Columbus. <http://development.columbus.gov/>

Steve Hurtt, announced that the Short North Guidelines (bounded by Wall St. on the west and Pearl Alley on the east & I-670 on the south and 5th Ave. on north) first draft is completed. There are no maximum height restrictions.

Block Watch Report – Jared Wilson

Nick is stepping down from the Block Watch Coordinator position and they/we are actively seeking a replacement. Camelot Cellars is hosting the next block watch meeting. Interested candidates in the coordinator position should email Jared.

Website Committee-Emily Noble

Emily mentioned assistance or volunteers for the website committee would be appreciated. <http://www.italianvillage.org/TheItalianVillageSociety.html>

Crime Report – Officer Steve Smith

Officer Smith reported Auto thefts were down a bit. Any incidents should be reported to police. Redistricting meeting will be in April. The maps and reconfigurations of the precincts were discussed and the fact that the 5th by Northwest area prior to July 2010 was not part of the precinct. The Electronic reports from the department were also discussed and Officer Smith mentioned the traffic reports were confusing. More reports equal more patrol.

Italian Village Park Update – Steve Hurtt

Steve reported that the Park is “asleep” for the winter. Christine Nohle reported Tim Wagner is retiring from the SID after numerous years. She also mentioned that there is a part time quick books savvy position open with the *Martha Walker Garden Club*.

Membership Report – Mike Renner

Vice President Mike Renner reported a total of 89 members. (If you have not yet, you can join online, it is quick and easy. <http://italianvillage.org/JoinNow.html>)

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes from January 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report – Stephanie Harris

As of Jan. 4, 2011

Checking Opening Balance: **\$7,093.27**

Income:

 Membership
 Fees **\$96.60**

Total Income **\$96.60**

Expenses:

 Holiday Party **\$43.94**
 R design **\$125.00**

Total Expenses **\$168.94**

Closing Balance **\$7,020.93**



**Park Fund Opening
Balance:** **\$1,208.01**

Income:

Interest **0.08**

Total Income **0.08**

Expenses

Total Expenses

Closing Balance: **\$1,208.09**

Announcements

- The Archives will be available for viewing at the March meeting before being submitted to the Columbus metropolitan Library.
- Italian Village information pamphlets will be distributed in the coming months, weather permitting.

- T-shirts and Sweatshirts will be available on the website contingent on INFORMATION relayed to and contacting the website committee. Italian Village Sweatshirts are available at *What the Rock?* T-shirts will also be available soon.
- Thank you to Camelot Cellars for the use of their facilities for Board and other meetings.
- Meeting minutes, complete with hyperlinks, can be viewed online at (<http://www.italianvillage.org/MeetingInformation>).

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher L. Vidoni, Secretary