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Italian Village Society Meeting Minutes – July 10, 2012

Short Stop Youth Center

1066 North High Street

7:30 PM

Welcome and Introduction of Members and Guests

There were 9 members and 10 guest(s) present at the meeting, for a total of 19 people. All Board members were present.

Opening Comments

Welcome was extended to attendees and everyone said their name and affiliation with the neighborhood. The meeting next month will be at different location due to the Short Stop Youth Center not being available.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The May meeting minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting due to attendance of members.

Wonderbread Development Update – Kevin Lykens

The construction is moving along with the building getting interior work. Kevin brought renderings and touched on many points. The building is being converted into 56 residential apartment units; 38 one bedroom and 18 two bedroom. There are 76 parking spaces on site. The completion of the historical retrofit is slated for the Spring of 2013. The sign will be restored and a restaurant will be on the South east corner of the development. Concern with traffic, noise and parking are concerns with the neighborhood immediately surrounding the complex. Questions arose on what requirements were given for the parking variances. The Italian Village Festival will have some events on the property this year.

Variance information should have been shared with the residents within a certain yardage of the development. The city – Parking and Mobility Department did not convey or contact the residents of these changes. Permit parking, a possible solution, is being researched by the residents and the developer. A parking garage was a point that seemed to offer a solution, funding was challenge. The lot north of Café del Mundo is also being leased for 10 years. It was noted that the Smith Brother's Warehouse has 480 parking spaces.

Italian Village Park Update – Steve Hurtt

A new volunteer list is in the works and interested parties should sign up for help with the neighborhood parks. The Short North Foundation awarded the park a \$750 grant. Questions were asked about the sprinkler system and irrigation company.

Chip from the Short Stop Center has been taking the young ones from the center to the parks to do upkeep and weeding. A thank you was extended to the children for all their assistance. Chip also mentioned the playground area needed more 'playground padding' or mulching.

IV Commission Report –David Cooke

Commission meetings are held at 109 N Front St at 6:15pm the third Tuesday of the month. Special meetings will now be held during the day, with a recapitulation and public comment at the regular Italian Village Commission meetings.

There were 11 new applications with the commission and the Hubbard and Fireproof developments are in the final plans. Vertical light issues were brought up with the latter. 42-43 E Fourth Ave is being proposed for development with five units with garage doors at street level.

N. Sixth St. and E. 2nd Ave. is moving along in their planned development. There is some concern from the SID about parking and the Hubbard development.

Crime Report –Officer Steve Smith

National Night Out is on the First Tuesday in August. Officer Smith mentioned attempted robbery on Hamlet north of Warren. The smart phones have been targeted because of easiness to sell. Be aware of your surrounding and of diversion tactics of thieves.

Traffic & Parking Committee – Mike Renner

Italian Village Society is currently working with the city to update Residential Permit Parking Policies and Procedures.

Membership Report – Mike Renner

Mike reported there new 40 paid membership and 48 voting with 12 business memberships. (If you have not yet, you can join online, it is quick and easy.
<http://italianvillage.org/JoinNow.html>)

Treasurer's Report – Stephanie Harris

The Treasurer report for July showed income from membership \$920.00 and expenses for the IVS Picnic and Domain registry in the amounts of \$54.96 and \$60.00 respectively with a

closing balance of \$4,430.28. The Park Fund Account had expenses of \$35.00 and \$148.50 for Estate landscaping Services and Peabody landscaping respectively and a closing balance of 254.98.

Announcements

- Italian Village T-shirts and Sweatshirts are available for sale at *What the Rock?! And PM Gallery*.
- Meeting minutes, complete with hyperlinks, can be viewed online at (<http://www.italianvillage.org/MeetingInformation>).

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Vidoni, Italian Village Society Secretary