

## **Minutes – Italian Village Society Monthly Meeting**

**Date: January 13, 2015**

**Location: Junior Achievement (Formerly 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Elementary School)**

**Board Members Present: Larry Totzke, President; Christopher Vidoni, Vice President; Stephanie Harris, Treasurer; Mike Navarro, Secretary.**

### **1. Opening and Introductions:**

President Larry Totzke called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM and made introductions.

### **2. IV Park Pavilion Design Committee report and survey – Kat Klyn**

Kat passed around an Ipad for review of the IV Park Pavilion Survey. The survey takes about 3 minutes to answer 10 questions and allows participants to submit suggestions for the IV Park & Pavilion. Survey was posted on the IVS Facebook page for distribution.

### **3. Update on Bob Dennison (sign card)**

Andy Klein spoke with Bob's wife and found out he was in ICU with pancreatic cancer. He had surgery a week before Christmas that lasted 13 hours. A get-well card was passed around for signatures.

### **4. Remembering Bill Lewis (pass the hat donation collection). How much did we get in donations?**

Larry spoke about how Bill Lewis attended parking/working groups over the years. Monetary donations to The University of Purdue, where he received his undergraduate degree, were requested in lieu of flowers.

### **5. IV Commission Report – Josh Lapp**

Josh was not able to attend the meeting. Look for the agenda to be shared on the IVS Facebook page in the near future.

### **6. Complete Streets Implementing Committee – Andy Klein**

The meeting will be held on January 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at Seventh and Son. The meeting will probably not have the updated parking study from the city. Larry talked about the Italian Village sign that has been in storage for sometime now. Larry talked about placing it on N 4<sup>th</sup> and possibly getting in touch with Wagenbrenner Development Co. to see if they can accommodate the IV sign with their current project underway. Larry talked about the commission wanting the IVS to weigh-in on Union Café's proposed idea to buy the alleyway between Union Cafe and La Fogata for dining expansion. The IV Commission is against the Union Cafe proposal.

### **7. Future of Italian Village Post Office Branch**

Larry talked about service improvements and upgrades. Larry attended the Short North Foundation meeting, which is comprised of the leaders from local groups like the Business Association, the Short North Civic Association, and all the area historical commissions. It was the advice from the members present that we should check on the status of the post office building. The post office does not own the building and there are rumors it might be for sale. Larry asked if we research the correct status on this building. Also, instead of pushing for upgrades for this building, our main focus should be to petition the post office to stay or add a substation within Italian Village or the Short North.

### **8. 2015 proposed Meeting Topics**

Larry talked about proposed 2015 meeting topics.

Proposed topics are:

- Invite the two new city counsel members to the IVS meeting to learn what roles they play
- Development of the 4<sup>th</sup> St Corridor- invite developers and IV Commission
- Spotlight on Earth Day
- Celebrating Historic Preservation Month
- Potluck in IV Park and renew membership drive
- Fall is the time for Planting
- Safety Month
- Holiday Potluck & Election of Officers
- COTA bus i.e. circulator
- Crime watch in May (getting warmer means more crime)
- Kids- getting out of school, activities, social events

- Community gardens

**9. Approval of the Minutes: Raymond Schwab**

See Exhibit 1 & 2. Minutes were approved for November and December 2014 meetings as amended.

**10. Treasurer's Report – Stephanie Harris**

See Exhibit 3. A donation of \$1,000.00 was received from Seventh and Son.

**Expenses:** Constant contact \$20.00 and Website Redesign \$1,000.00

**11. Update on Website redesign**

Website has been in the works and we expect the first draft this week. Those who are overseeing this process were sent a link so they can comment and have a discussion about the website. Those comments will then be tracked and changes will be made with those suggestions.

**12. New Business**

Crime update- copper was taken from the Jeffery site but that was 2 months ago. No report of further copper being taken.

Meeting adjourned at 08:25PM

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Italian Village Society Secretary, Mike Navarro**