



Minutes – Italian Village Society Monthly Meeting

Date: September 8, 2015

Location: Junior Achievement (Formerly 2nd Avenue Elementary School)

Board Members Present: Christopher Vidoni, President; Stephanie Harris, Treasurer; Mark Bair, Secretary. 16 people total in attendance. (13 members).

1. Opening and Introductions:

President Chris Vidoni called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM and made introductions.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes were approved for August IVS meeting.

3. Short North Foundation Meeting Summary- Chris Vidoni

Nineteen public art murals will be going up in the Short North soon.

The Short North Tour of Homes & Gardens returns on Sunday, September 20, with a preview tour and party on Saturday, September 19.

Goodale Park Walk October 14th

Come see the trees as they prepare for the winter. Board member and arborist Rick Frantz is back with a brand-new tree tour filled with fall and folklore. Join us for a wonderful walk in Goodale Park. Rick has served as a Friends of Goodale Park Trustee and volunteer arborist since 2004. Tree tour begins at 6:30 pm. This is a walking tour. Guests are asked to meet at the northwest entrance of the Caretaker's Residence, in the center of Goodale Park.

Highball Theme is Michael Jackson

4. Complete Streets Implementing Committee – Andy Klein

Andy K distributed minutes and announced the next meeting.

Pedestrian safety is a growing concern and in response we invited Betsy Pandora of Short North Alliance to our meeting in July, and Mark Wagenbrenner, of the Jeffrey Place community, to the August meeting. Mark noted that Wagenbrenner Development inherited its zoning from Joe Recchie's Concord Development, and subsequently entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City to conduct a traffic study once development had progressed. With the community center and 2nd floor opening in September, Hoof Hearted Brew Pub in November, 282 units now being leased (110 already) and construction underway on 39 townhomes with a model due in September for sale between \$400-500,000, and Commission approval for 212 units in a five story building across from Berry Bros. Bolt Works, development truly has progressed.

We briefly discussed the police statistics of pedestrian collisions in Italian Village and Milo-Grogan combined, which showed no fatalities, and a collision around once a month.

5. Crime Report--officer Steve Smith

6. Italian Village Park/Pavilion Update--Stephanie Harris

The city is gearing up to look at designs for the new Italian Village Park pavilion. A panel that includes Steve Hurtt and Stephanie reviewed around thirty architect's portfolios and narrowed the list down to three. The three finalists are to present their concepts to an advisory panel in November, Gould said. The Italian Village Commission would then approve the winning plan and the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department would draw up the contract.

The pavilion will be built at the western edge of the park at 55 E. Buttles Ave., just east of N. High Street in the heart of the Short North. It will cover about 1,500 square feet and have a partial roof and a stage for performances.

The cost of the pavilion is estimated at \$350,000. The Wood Companies, which is co-developing the Parkside on Pearl apartments just west of the park, has pledged \$100,000 for the project. The city's Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund is funding the remaining \$250,000, including contracting with the Neighborhood Design Center for design completion.

8. Italian Village Commission Report--Josh Lapp

Josh lap could not attend this meeting. Look for the agenda to be shared on the IVS Website and Facebook in the near future.

9. Treasurer's Report--Stephanie Harris

10. Announcements

Streets Committee meets September 24th at Seventh Son 5:30

Italian Festival Oct 9,10, 11

Meeting adjourned at 8:25

Respectfully Submitted,

Italian Village Society Secretary, Mark Bair