



Minutes – Italian Village Society Monthly Meeting

Date: March 10, 2015

Location: Junior Achievement (Formerly 2nd 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. Forum – Developing the North 4th Street corridor

- In attendance, Truberry and Elford Development
- We need to get a big picture overview of planning for the Jeffrey site, including any planned green space and retail space.
- The IVS should advocate for park space and a bike path in the eastern section of Italian Village, with prime space being along the railroad tracks and within the Jeffrey site.
- The IVS overlooked the recommendations about green space in the 2000 report. We should consider forming a new committee to oversee green space in addition to IV Park.
- Submit a suggestion to the City that one traffic light on Summit St. between 5th and Warren is set out of sequence to help slow down traffic.
- The Complete Streets Implementing Committee (CSIC) should take a look at traffic calming that has been installed on Grant and in Indianola in Weinland Park; it seems to be working.
- The CSIC should focus on ways to implement the Complete Street concept along 2nd Avenue.
- There should be emphasis on pockets of retail being added to North 4th Street.
- Suggestion made by developer to review the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) Study entitled "Insight 2050" for a perspective on what Columbus might be like in 35 years.

3. Complete Streets Implementing Committee – Andy Klein

Andy talked about the new bike lane plan for Summit St and N 4th St. This will provide protected bike lanes for both sides of the streets from Hudson St to 11th Ave. From 11th Ave to downtown will be conventional bike lanes. Parking lanes will remain on both sides of each street and the resurfacing and re-striping will be funded primarily by the Ohio Department of Transportation. The bike lane on the west side of Summit St. in Italian Village will be protected by a parking lane before 3rd St starts. The Complete Streets Implementing Committee is held on the last Thursday of each month in the backroom of Seventh Son Brewing.

4. IV Commission Report – Josh Lapp

Josh Lapp, David Cooke and Ben Goodman attend the meeting. Josh Lapp gave a brief overview of upcoming projects on the IV Commission agenda. Look for the agenda to be shared on the IVS Facebook page in the near future.

5. Approval of the Minutes: Mike Navarro

See Exhibit 1 Minutes were approved for February meetings as amended.

6. Treasurer's Report – Stephanie Harris

See Exhibit 2. When you are checking out at Kroger and you are using your Kroger Rewards card, please consider making your contributions go towards Italian Village Society. A little bit goes along way!

7. New Business

Columbus Growing Collective- it's a work-share program and has a 3 years lease right across the street from the Wonder Bread building. Larry asked them to come back to next month's meeting since they were only given five minutes to explain their project due to the March meeting time constraints.

IVS Website is up but still waiting on formal training to be conducted.

8. Announcements

- Earth Day – April 18 from 9am-12pm. Larry asked anyone to sign up via the website to volunteer for the Italian Village Park.

9. One More Thing

Larry Tolzke, President of the Italian Village Society, has announced he will be stepping down effective May 31th.

Meeting adjourned at 09:35 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Italian Village Society Secretary, Mike Navarro