

Minutes

Italian Village Society Complete Streets Implementing Committee Thursday, March 26, 5:30pm, St. James Tavern, 1057 N. Fourth St.

Present: Andy Klein (Chair), Stephanie Harris, Mark Bair, Larry Totzke, Christopher Vidoni

Andy called the committee to order at 5:40 pm at a table near the pool table, moving mid meeting to a round table in a quieter corner of the bar. and distributed copies of Larry's emailed bullet points from the March IVS general meeting. Our regular meeting site at Seventh Son has been reserved for 5:30pm the last Thursday of every month through the August 27 meeting date.

Analysis of Next Steps for N. Fourth Street Corridor Redevelopment Plan

Andy noted that our March IVS general meeting used the 2000 IV East Redevelopment Plan as a basis for discussion on where we want our rapidly developing corridor to look like. Andy asked everyone to share their thoughts on next steps. Stephanie thought we should follow up with Councilpersons Paige, Hardin and Klein through individual visits as members of IVS, to tell them our neighborhood vision as a whole, and perhaps get a neighborhood developer to go with us. Larry commented that we still have elements to be fleshed out before presenting our vision to individual council people. Christopher noted that it's not necessary for developers to join us at the table, and that we should use leverage to pry greenspace from developers in exchange for the density they're requesting these days, using stricted zoning code enforcement and the pressure to demolish existing structures for bigger ones. Mark suggested reaching out to existing developments already in place along N. Fourth Street, like Kramer, 7th Son, and the Jeffrey Administration Building owners, to join our process of revisiting the IVE Redevelopment Plan. Mark agreed to ask Kevin Wheeler of City Planning whether updating the plan is possible. Larry agreed to check with Vince Papsidero who's working with SNF on their plan. Andy suggested our eastern-most area could be a model for SNF looking at the rest of the planning area. Christopher suggested contacting Clark Grave Vault owners about donating parkland, and reviving the plan, as they had participated in 2000. Stephanie suggested putting together a road show outlining exactly what we want to say, with handouts like the IVE plan, and our UIRF priorities from 2014.

Proposed UIRF 5-Year Plan

After Andy, Larry, Stephanie and the board helped draft a letter for Larry to send to the city to clarify how our requests were transformed into their draft recommendations, we received a disappointing response, rejecting our requests for traffic calming and ignoring a potential public private partnership with the Borrer Company. Larry volunteered to have a face to face with Mark Dravillas to emphasize our complete streets philosophy and urge that arbitrary rules not get in the way of the intent of the UIRF. Given the mayor's interest in Blueprint Columbus (addressing the combined sewer issues with the federal EPA) and as creator of UIRF when he was on city council, Christopher suggested we might productively lobby him on these issues.

Proposal to Create Valet Zone at Tai Tiki

Larry shared an email requesting a valet station at the new Fireproof building, where 3 restaurants were shortly reside. Given the Short North Parking Study's proposal to consolidate valet zones, we asked Larry to request deferring any decision until the parking study recommendations can be implemented.

Parking Study Updates

As at the January meeting, Larry again reported Nelson/Nygaard is preparing an implementation plan at the city's request, but (news flash) it's been delayed due to snow in Boston, N/N's home base.

Italian Village Welcomes You Sign

Christopher will email his city contact with our first choice for placement of the sign on the grounds of Second Avenue School, and will ask him to determine if that's feasible.

Future Meeting Schedule

We continue to meet the last Thursday of each month, The next meeting is **Thursday, April 30, 2015 at Seventh Son, SE corner of N. Fourth Street & E. 4th Ave.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Andy Klein, (03/30/15)

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