

Minutes
Italian Village Society Complete Streets Implementing Committee

Thursday, August 27, 5:30pm, Seventh Son Brewery, 1101 N. Fourth St.

Present: Andy Klein (Chair), Christopher Vidoni, Mike Navarro, Mark Bair, Rory Krupp, Christine Connolly, Laura Bidwa, Mark Wagenbrenner

Andy called the streets committee to order at 5:36 pm in the back room at the brewery. Attendees were asked to introduce themselves and identify whether they shopped on the recent state sales tax holiday for school supplies. Andy distributed copies of July Streets Committee minutes and an August 5 email from Columbus Police responding to our request for statistics on pedestrian/vehicle or bicycle collisions from 2014 to date.

Pedestrian Safety

Andy commented briefly that IVS believes 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 brought with him Christine Connolly of Carpenter Marty Transportation consultants (cmtran.com) to discuss N. Fourth Street around Warren and First Avenues. 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. Mark distributed a map with Phase 2 future development, which will include surfacing the streets north of Warren, dedicating a park where Warren will be extended, and implementing pedestrian improvements sooner rather than later. Mark noted that a CoGo location on 1st Avenue in front of the community center has opened already, relocated from a lesser used downtown location. Acknowledging that the intersection with Warren will be particularly difficult, Christine explained that the Carpenter Marty transportation study she's conducting will include Fourth and Summit Streets at Warren and 1st Avenue, counting pedestrian use, bike, transit, CoGo, vehicle, etc. It will take a couple months to complete and submit to the city, with a 30 day review by the city likely leading to comments back and forth for several rounds. The study could recommend additional marked crossings but Christine believes the city may be an obstacle to implementing those changes. Mike noted that removing brush on N. Fourth St. would help with safety, Mark noted that there's no plantings worth saving, they're moving out dirt piles now (although illegal dumpers make that an endless task) and he's willing to add brush cutting to the list.

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. Rory noted that pedestrian collisions tend to be under-reported. Mike noted that Warren and Summit is especially hazardous because only one side is marked for a cross walk, and many vehicles run that particular light, noting that changing light timing might be an easy fix. The parking study Christine's conducting will be part of Phase 2 approvals and the final decision on any changes

resulting from the study will be in the hands of Patti Austin at the city's Transportation Division. Mark noted that the only successes for Complete Streets came when Mary Ellen O'Shaughnessy was on Council, and no one's picked up the ball since. Being able to move dirt by March in Phase 2 will require the study be submitted to the city by mid-October. Andy asked if any measures have been implemented for existing development, Mark responded they're providing parking on both sides of streets, with plenty of bike parking, 4 cross walks at 1st Avenue and N. Fourth St., and the city's repaving Summit and Fourth with bike lanes and restriped existing crosswalks. Christopher asked about a pedestrian/bike bypass to High Street under I-670 entering behind Café del Mondo. Mark noted they're looking at office use for the south end of their site, which might generate enough trips to justify a light to protect such a crossing. Christopher asked about grey water retention, Mark responded they're building a permanent catch basin.

Un-designating N. Fourth and Summit Streets as US 23

Andy noted that at our July meeting Rep. Michael Stinziano promised to contact the legislative aide to Rep. Joyce Beatty to raise the issue and contact Tracy Davies to start the ball rolling at the city. Andy checked with Michael and those contacts have been made.

Draft Mission Statement

In the interest of time, discussion deferred to next meeting. Draft is below, several comments have been received, Andy will investigate getting those circulated in advance of the September meeting.

Future Meeting Schedule

For one more month we continue to meet the last Thursday of each month, the next meeting is **5:30pm, Thursday, September 24, 2015 at Seventh Son, SE corner of N. Fourth Street & E. 4th Ave.** At the September meeting we will set the calendar for the rest of the year, likely not on the last Thursday due to schedule conflicts.

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Andy Klein, (09/03/15)

Next Meeting: **5:30 pm, Thursday, September 24, 2015 at Seventh Son, 1101 N. Fourth St.**

Draft Mission Statement for Italian Village Society Complete Streets Implementing Committee

The Streets Committee meets monthly on the last Thursday from 5:30-6:30pm at Seventh Son Brewery to discuss issues surrounding the public use of our streets and sidewalks. Our goal is to make our neighborhood streets "complete streets" in the sense they should unite our neighborhood, not divide it, and safely accommodate pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit riders and adjoining residents as well as vehicular traffic. We address such issues

as parking, cross-walks, lighting, street trees, sidewalk amenities, signal timing, one-way vehicular traffic and development as it affects our neighborhood's streets and sidewalks and their safe use.