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Meeting September 13, 2016

The Foundry at Jeffrey Park-Community Room

233 East First Ave, Columbus, OH 43201

1. Welcome & Introduction - Members and Guests - 7:30
 - Christopher Vidoni, President
2. Approval of April-August Minutes (see italianvillage.org) - 7:37
 - Audra Wheeler, Secretary
 - April – August Minutes Approved
3. Report from City of Columbus Eden Alley Tree Replacement - 7:38
 - Jessica Sullivan, Community Relations Coordinator, Dept. of Public Service
Tree planting plan for this project. Mike LeRowe is the project manager and in attendance to answer questions. Two proposals for the tree planting plan. Story behind is trees were removed when The Joseph was built. Members are requesting larger trees to fit with surrounding trees. Grass and shrubs would be low maintenance. Selected company will provide maintenance for 1 year. Community has ultimate decision on which of the two proposals is chosen.
 - Request from Commissioner on behalf of the Italian Village Society that shade trees be increased to nothing less than 3 ½ inches in caliber, surrounded by mulch. Ornamental grasses to be added at a later date. Voting **PLAN A** including the arborvitaes, shrubs, mulch, and wider trees. **Motion Approved.**
 - Susan Delay, Urban Infrastructure Manager, Dept. of Development –
Supports the larger trees for the project. Susan believe the Department of Public Service would be responsible for maintenance.
 - Richard (Rick) A. Miller, Jr., In-House Design Manager, Div. Design & Construction
When issues arise are brought to attention to the Parks and Rec. they rectify the situation. When Italian Village Park starts construction there will be an opportunity for IVS, Woods Company (Mark Wood), and Park and Recreation Development and Design to sit down and discuss the layout of the park.

4. IVS Complete Streets Committee - 8:15
- Andy Klein, Chair
 - Interest in sharing with Weinland Park in request that East 5th that construction/ development projects be encourage to add the street scape and beatification for East 5th interested in private funding of the projects on E 5th – Summit and Fourth Ave. . Susan is stating they are in the beginning stages.
 - High Street project from Seventh Avenue and Ninth Avenue was discussed tonight. Hope to have more information on September 29th .
 - Andy Klein made the motion that Italian Village Society endorses the Weinland Park and Milo-Grogan UILF improvements that we share. **Motion Approved.**
 - Next Complete Streets meeting is September 29th at 7th Son
5. Nominating Committee – 8:25
- Audra Wheeler, Chair - contact Audra if interested in trustee position
 - Italian Village Society appoints three commissioners. We have our 3 but there is still an open seat. Each term is a 3 year term.
6. Safety and Block Watch Report - 8:27
- Officer Steve Smith, Community Liaison, Columbus Police Department
 - Masana, Short North Block Watch
 - CPD had two theft charges on the individual who has been seen on video for package theft. No arrest yet but charges are pending. He is the primary suspect in Italian Village. Second individual also identified by CPD and he has one pending charge. Third individual who CPD is aware of. Please continue to file reports and call the non-emergency line (614-645-4545)
 - Inquiries on halfway/ women’s sobriety house on Fourth Street near Exile. It has not come by the Commission but if it changing the use of the property from a single family residence to a multiuse it should be sent to the city and zoning. Can also call 311. Heidi Rigs is manager – Merim Sober living in Clintonville
 - Short North Block watch gathering is 7p – 9p at the Jeffry Park Community Room. Officer Smith will be attending.
 - Officer Smith is aware of 3 incidents where Pizza Delivery guys are being called to a specific address and robbed.
7. Italian Village Commission Report – 8:37
- Shannon Fergus and David Cooke, Italian Village Society Representative
 - Conceptual review for cottage on Hamlet – proposed demolition of the addition on the back and add two separate structures. Received the Haikuu Proposal for a Hotel. Removing the building that is currently Haikuu. Discussing the height of the structure. Wood Company structure will be 7 stories high and the new structure will not be straight up. It will have cutbacks. Commission has 36 applications for this months meeting. Many are in conceptual mode.

- Bolinger Tower Letter – Commission cannot tell a property owner or owner of the building what and how to use the building. The owners of Bollinger Tower made the decision to sell the building which had nothing to do with Commission and was not promoted by the Commission. Based on comments about the green space the developer has changed and added green space to the development. Two new elements to bring street scape up to High Street. Plaza and seating has been added to the plan. Added small pocket park space for trees and seating. #33 of Commission meeting minutes. (David Cooke– Commissioner)
- Former Exile Building- Commission is requesting that alleys be kept or maintained (College Alley) brick instead of asphalt. Requesting a letter from Complete Streets and/ or the Italian Village Society encourage New Alley renovations be bricked instead of asphalt. *Andy Klein makes a motion that IVS supports maintaining and expanding our brick alley inventory at Developments such as 893 4th Street (The Graham) and the adjoining townhomes at College Alley, as a precedent for future developments. **Motion Approved.**
- Concern raised that Commission is seeing too many proposals which is causing some proposals to not have the time to review each plan but Commissioner Cooke stated they receive proposals at least a week before. Commission is excited about all the projects in the neighborhood. Developers are reprimanded by city attorney and preservation office if they do not follow Commissions approval but the commission does not has the legal capacity or authority to sanction Developers but they do inform them that they are watching future projects.. Requesting/ Invite the City Attorney, City Council – Elizabeth Brown, and Preservation office attend the IVS meetings so they are made aware the this is a community concern and not just one voice. Italian Village Commission is the most active because we have the most land to develop. 36 applications and doubling the population of Italian Village.

8. Treasurer's Report – 8:58

- Stephanie Harris, Treasurer – See report

9. Membership Report -

- Mike Navarro, Vice President (Absent)

10. Adjourn 9:00

Reminders:

- IVS Complete Streets Committee - Last Thurs. of the Month at Seventh Son Brewery, 5:30 p.m.
- Membership has its privileges, italianvillage.org.

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Tell your friends and neighbors - Next IVS Meeting: Second Tuesday of the month @ 7:30 pm

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