



Meeting Agenda

August 19, 2021

7:00 pm – Zoom & In person (Goodale Park Caretaker's Residence)

Attendees:

In Person:

SNCA Board: Bobby Thaxton, Jim Farmer, Bob Stern, Caroline Stinziano, Marc Conte

Additional Attendees: Margaret Morrison, Ken Wightman, Doug Gouty, Jeff Smith

Zoom: Chet Ridenour (Board), Kathy Rhinehart (Board), JP Dorval (City of Columbus Representative), Katherine Cull, Debra Zynger

I. Welcome

II. Approval of Minutes for July -- Caroline Stinziano

Caroline presented the July 2021 minutes for approval.

Motion: Bob

Second: Doug

Member vote: Minutes passed with unanimous approval.

III. Organization

A. Financial Report -- Jim Farmer

- No significant updates
- Has gotten all documentation together to open Vanguard accounts

B. Membership Report -- Kathy Rhinehart

- No update
- Working with Kris/Gina on reviewing technology

IV. Neighborhood

A. Extension of AC Humko CRA

- Letter of opposition from SNCA and HW provided to the City
- 7/19 – AC Humko Extension tabled indefinitely
- Bobby talked with Councilwoman Favor's office
 - No plans to bring it back
 - Very little interest from council to approve

B. Yard Sale -- Bobby Thaxton

- Was a success!
- 85 homes registered
- Thank you to Kris & Gina for all of your help

C. High Street Noise – Kathy Rhinehart

- Backyard gathering with CCC President, Shannon Hardin (in Short North)
 - Kathy reported more people from city and police than neighborhood folks
 - Feedback from neighbor is that the noise is getting better
 - Check cashing place at Star and High has been gathering hub for noisy vehicles and working with Betsy to stop parking there
 - Jeff connected the owners with Betsy to discuss further
 - Kathy to follow-up on any updates
 - Katherine Cull will pass along information to CLO
- Ken Wightman
 - has a listing on that block
 - have been over there a lot and have heard the noise and feedback from neighbors on the noise
 - What are police doing?
- Bobby - SN Alliance has coordinated some discussions with local officers/suggested sharing info with Betsy
- JP Dorval
 - One of the biggest takeaways is this needs to be a group/joint effort.
 - This is a community issue so maybe we need to get together with the businesses and have another conversation.

D. Screen on the Green – Bobby Thaxton

- Tomorrow evening (8/20)
- Committee reached out with some initial concerns regarding safety
 - Looked at hiring private security (no luck)
 - Request for off duty officer for CPD and did not get any one
 - Bob & Doug have some contacts for next time if needed
- Move ahead with event as is and communicate safety awareness to people

E. Victorian Village Commission Update

- Marc & Bobby had a call with Jamie Goodman and Mark Dorelis (City) to confirm appointment process
 - looking for diversity and looking for women
 - 2 vacancies
 - Communicated that city that the area is best served by a full commission
 - Committee (Marc, Jeff, Jack & Bobby) will identify people and submit names

F. Home and Garden Tour – Caroline Stinziano

- Eight gardens featured
- Preview party at Hubbard Park Place
- Pizzuti Collection will be a bonus stop
- Tickets for Preview Event and Tour are available for purchase on snacivic.org.

G. Neighborhood Safety Community Meeting – Bobby Thaxton

- Bobby reached out to Betsy about a Neighborhood Safety Community Meeting
 - Scheduled for Wednesday, 8/25 5:30-7.
 - Most likely will be the old Giant Eagle space
- Betsy has gotten staff from City and Police to share information and listen to feedback

H. Block Watch Report -- Chet Ridenour

- Crime Reports show vehicle burglaries and vehicle thefts continue to be the biggest issues
- Mark How-en-stein "Frankenstein" is hoping to join us
- largest concentration of incidents in July were late Friday nights, and early Saturday and Sunday mornings, between midnight and 3am

Other updates - Chet

- Utility and Repaving Work:
 1. Highlighted some recent observations to Councilmember Favor's office, and the Dept. of Public Service that suggest rules and regulations not being followed:
 - Outdated No Parking signs are being posted without Permit #'s, allowing contractor's
 - Neighbors on Neil Avenue and on Michigan Avenue have shared that signs aren't being posted 72 hours in advance
 - Last weekend on Saturday & Sunday Decker Construction left signs up all weekend for Emergency No parking despite no work being performed all weekend.
 - Encouraging residents to file 311 service requests
 - Residents discouraged based on historical experiences of inaction, lack of follow up, and frustration with City
 - Chet discussed with Councilmember Rob Dorans' attention
 - a new system will be instituted beginning in October
- Hubbard School Clap In next Thursday
 1. Principal is interest in getting neighbors involved to welcome students back next Thursday
 2. reminder they will start towing ~8-10am, and 2-4p

I. Traffic Pole Replacement – Neil Ave

- Background: 2018 – Plan to replace existing traffic signals on Neil
 - Outdated (can't control time, etc) and need to be updated
 - Would look more attractive than the current version
 - Feedback provided
 - Delays in finding funding (per City)
- City recently began work to replace traffic poles

- Concerns: Placement of poles and minimizing tree damage, secondary mast arm with cameras, size of poles/base; number of traffic lights (1 vs 3), movement of flower pots & benches (not city property)
 - Secondary mast arm with cameras - should be taken care of in 2019 e-mail
 - 8 poles through intersection – 8 large poles – 4 large poles and 4 little poles
 - Not sure of impact to trees
- Drawings shown to neighbor look similar to Arena district
- Need to move fast on any open questions as work has begun
- Bobby contacted Ronaldo – in charge of Traffic Division
 - Is currently out of office but working to get in touch with him
 - Would like to talk to someone since no notice was provided regarding the project
 - Katherine Cull (neighborhood liaison) will help to facilitate a connection and follow-up on Monday

J. Neighborhood Sign Replacement – Marc Conte

- No update

V. Announcements/Questions/Comments

Doug Gouty – Social Media for SNCA is going a great job!

VI. Adjournment.

Motion: Jack

Second: Bob

Member vote: Unanimous