



**Annual Meeting of the Short North Civic Association
Agenda**

February 17, 2022
7:00 pm – Zoom

Attendees: Bobby Thaxton (Board), Marc Conte (Board), Chet Ridenour (Board), Bob Stern (Board), Jim Farmer (Board), Caroline Stinziano (Board), Kathy Rhinehart (Board), Laura Butler, Dave Butler, Bill Miller, Lisa Morton, Betsy Pandora (SNA), Jeff Smith, Beth Brickweg, Densil Porteous, Todd Law, Jack Decker

I. Welcome – Bobby Thaxton

II. Approval of Minutes for December and January -- Caroline Stinziano
Caroline presented the December 2021 minutes for approval.

Motion: Jack Decker

Second: Kathy Rhinehart

Member vote: Minutes passed with unanimous approval.

Caroline presented the January 2022 minutes for approval.

Motion: Jack Decker

Second: Kathy Rhinehart

Member vote: Minutes passed with unanimous approval.

III. Report from the Organization

A. Financial Report – Jim Farmer

- Over 10k in checking
- Over 17k in savings
- Remaining in Vanguard account
- Continue to move \$ into stock/month funds until we hit our target

B. Membership – Kathy Rhinehart

- Wild Apricot trial (Membership system) is working well
- Trial has been extended for another month

IV. Reports from the Community

A. Community Safety – Betsy Pandora, Short North Alliance

- Betsy provided an update (including powerpoint presentation) on the SN Crime Prevention Program
 - Program initiated in Fall due to spike in violence
 - Led initiative over 8 weeks and presented a report to neighborhood
 - Raised 132K from business/property owners to lead pilot program
 - Included 4-8 special duty officers to work directly with the community
 - Program saw a reduction in violent crime and overall crime
 - Over 240 instances with no use of force
 - Since conclusion the violent crime has returned – at least 10 violent crimes since 12/1
 - Anticipate net reduction in officers on the street in 2022
 - In peak season, SN sees 20,000 people in the neighborhood
- 2022 Safety Program proposal submitted to City to be funded via budget
 - Funds include:
 - Continuation of Crime Interdiction Program from 32 weeks
 - Funding for enhanced Social Services
 - Monthly noise-meter monitoring
 - Business support
 - Grants
 - Communications to address drunk driving/safe behavior
 - Funding for police most expensive but need to have rate to garner support
- If additional questions can e-mail Betsy Pandora @ betsypandora@shortnorth.org

B. Pride – Stonewall Representative - Densil Porteous

- Pride will be returning to Goodale Park in 2022 (Festival will be June 17th & 18th)

- Anticipating a large festival in terms of attendance; hoping to partner with other businesses/leaders/partnerships
 - Ending evening festivities earlier (11pm → 10pm)
 - Working with COTA to assist w transportation
 - Working with Comfest to understand permit needs and cost saving measures
 - Looking to engage neighbors located around the park.
 - Turning to the community for feedback and assistance
 - Weekend generates up to \$7m in revenue for the City and Short North
 - Annual brunch will be earlier in the month on June 5th
 - Will come back as things develop and provide updates
- Comfest
 - Returning in 2022
 - Will be same weekend as previous years
 - 50th Comfest :)

V. SNCA Organizational Reports

- A. Short North Yard Sale – Bobby Thaxton
 - Plan to move yard sale back to the first Saturday of June
- B. Goodale Park Music Series – Beth Brickweg
 - Bringing back music series – shortening to 4 Sundays between (7/10 - 7/31)
 - First Sunday of August (8/7) reserved as a rain date
 - Will see if any scheduled bands from the 2020 canceled season interested and available to play in 2022
- C. Screen on the Green – Bobby Thaxton
 - No update
- D. Tour of Homes and Gardens – Caroline Stinziano
 - Planning in full swing
 - Reminder tour is Sunday, September 18th with Preview event on Saturday, September 17th
 - Tour will be back to full homes and gardens
 - Working to secure houses.
 - Targeting 10
 - Have some leads/follow-ups from last year
 - Some neighbors have submitted house suggestions through the link shared via the newsletter (also posted in the chat for this meeting)
https://shortnorthcivic.formstack.com/forms/refer_a_home
 - 3 new leads from the weekend alone
 - If you think of anyone that might be interested please submit their names and we can reach out and talk with them to gauge readiness and interest
 - Would love some leads in the Italian Village area

- E. Block Watch – Chet Ridenour
 - Officer Mark Hauenstein Report – see emailed PDF report
 - Have recognized 14 Snow Angels, nominated by neighbors from every neighborhood except Italian Village so far
- F. Short North Foundation Report – Chet Ridenour
 - AHBH is receiving \$60,000 from the Isabelle Ridgway Foundation to expand support for African-American older adults in our community!
 - FGP Highlights:
 - Held Annual Board Retreat in late January
 - Fountain was power washed; lights replaced with LED. Continued longer term goal of complete fountain and pond area lighting upgrade.
 - 2022 marks the 35th Anniversary of FGP; determining programming including a major event (maybe at the Circus House)
 - Discussion of Front Porch Thefts, and observations of inconsistent and a lack of resident notifications by delivery drivers, and leaving packages in vulnerable places, in direct view and at risk of walk or drive by thieves
 - Brought up with City Councilmember Nick Bankston on call
 - Opened Discussion on SNF Letter Sent to City requesting to learn more about the Short North Parking Benefit District Fund and Committee, including:
 - previous proposals, current Committed members historical distribution of funds of funds between the Special Improvement District and the larger residential neighborhoods
 - shared SNF board members’ collective interest in seeing improvements on the communication timelines, community engagement and more benefits earmarked directly for neighborhood residents
 - Chet requested other Board/Member feedback and questions as a follow up to Bobby’s email to the board
- G. Victorian Village Commission – Marc Conte/Jack Decker
 - 7 applications have been received for 3 vacant spots
 - The plan is to interview everyone
 - Aim to have recommendation for the March meeting

VI. Community Discussion

Casto Development at Buttles/Neil – Marc Conte

- Not in a historic district but need zoning changes (required to get a neighborhood approval) before going before the City
- Regarding traffic at Neil & Collins, Marc learned that a new design for that crosswalk that will be completed this year which involves moving the crosswalk and adding an island as well as bump outs

- Concern that buildings are not multiple stories with lot in the middle; architecture of skin, architecture of new buildings; no plan for affordable housing; no request for a tax abatement; losing spaces for small businesses
- Consider opportunity to give Casto the ammunition to go back to CVS
 - Eric L from Casto the stronger the opposition they higher the possibility CVS might listen
- Organization and tenants will come together quickly
- Discussion of SN leadership talking to Harrison West Society to understand what their process is and act in synch with them
 - Good to have a united front with Harrison West Society
 - HWS has a strong track record with Battelle development site
- Harrison West will vote at March meeting - day before March SNCA meeting
- Appoint a SNCA sub-committee to meet with HWS as soon as possible
 - Sub-committee to share with Board and fully eligible SNCA members
 - Jack Decker, Marc Conte, Lisa Morton, Todd Law

VII. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned 8:48pm