



Short North Civic Association

Minutes

October 06, 2022

6:30 p.m. Columbus Metropolitan Library – Zoom

Attendees: Bobby Thaxton (Board), Bob Stern (Board), Jim Farmer (Board), Caroline Stinziano (Board), Kathy Rhinehart (Board/online), Jack Decker, Chuck Fairbanks, Lisa Morton, Jared Cape, Doug Gouty, Jayne Bocija (online)

- I. Welcome – Bobby Thaxton
- II. Approval of Minutes for August and September – Caroline Stinziano

Caroline presented the August & September 2022 minutes for approval.

Motion: Jack Decker

Second: Doug Gouty

Member vote: Minutes passed with unanimous approval.

III. Report from the Organization

A. Meeting Updates:

- First meeting at new time.
- First Thursday of each month.

B. Financial Report – Jim Farmer

- ~\$67,672 in total assets
- Annual spending still in excess of revenues even with tour income

C. Membership Committee – Kathy Rhinehart

- Reviewing Formstack to determine if this is a good alternative for membership management

D. Development Committee – Jack Decker/Marc Conte/Lisa Morton

- No new updates.

E. Nominating Committee

- Bobby emailed the Board to identify continuing interest in serving on next year's SNCA board. Bobby, Jared & Lisa are this year's Nominating Committee. The Committee will meet between meetings to identify the 2023 SNCA Board slate.

IV. City/Community Reports

A. City of Columbus Department of Development Presentation – Erin Prosser

- Erin is the Assistant Director of Housing Strategies in the Department of Development with the City of Columbus, a role she has filled since June of 2021. Prior to her current position, she served as the Director of Community Development in the Department of Planning, Architecture, and Real Estate at The Ohio State University, where she oversaw the addition of nearly 500 affordable housing units in Weinland Park area and the redevelopment of the 15th Avenue and High Street intersection.
- Erin presented an update on Columbus Housing Strategy, the Affordable Housing Bond, updated Residential Tax Abatement Policy, and the expansion of the AC Humko CRA.
- Affordable housing –goal to have housing that is safe and stable, close to transportation and amenities, suitable for needs of the family
- Keeping constant with housing production will be underwater by 2030 - .98%
- Focus on 3 areas regarding housing shortage strategy
 - Preserve
 - Invest, and
 - \$200m bond package for 2022
 - \$80M to support projects for individuals in the 30-80% median income
 - \$50M will be focused on affordable homeownership (permanent affordable homeowner opportunities through land trust model)
 - \$30M to support lower 30%
 - Remainder will go toward preservation
 - Include – need for diversity
- Residential tax abatement – study was completed to show value; policy updates approved in 2022 that requires 3 year review of program (handout provided that include comparison of policies in 2018 and 2022)

- 5 L's of Construction – Laws, Land, Lending, Lumber & Labor
- Affordable housing tools
 - 1) Tax abatements
 - 2) Preservation
 - 3) Land trusts
- City of Columbus about to start a comprehensive rewrite of zoning
 - Zoning code needs to allow for diversity and gentle density
- Erin will email materials
- Feel free to call and reach out individually
- Bobby emphasized the SNCA desire of the organization for diversity in the neighborhood

~~B. City of Columbus Community Engagement – Harrison Poku Yeboah~~

~~C. Public Safety Report~~

~~D. Short North Foundation Report – Chet Ridenour~~

V. SNCA Organizational Reports

A. Tour of Homes and Gardens Update – Caroline Stinziano

- Tour was a great success with lots of positive feedback
- Thank you to all our homeowners, sponsors, volunteers, and committee members!
- Numbers breakdown:
 - (1) 10 person committee
 - (2) 9 tour stops
 - (3) 130 volunteers
 - (4) Over 800 tickets sold/distributed
 - (5) 11 new civic association memberships
 - (6) 20 paid sponsorships
 - (7) 7 in-kind sponsors
 - (8) 5 silent auction sponsors
- Estimated net income ~\$19,000

~~B. Block Watch – Chet Ridenour~~

VI. Public Comments/Questions:

VII. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn: Jack Decker @7:41pm