



**Short North Civic Association
Minutes**

November 03, 2022

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

Attendees: Bobby Thaxton (Board), Bob Stern (Board), Caroline Stinziano (Board), Chet Ridenour (Board/online), Jack Decker, Chuck Fairbanks, Lisa Morton, Jared Cape, Doug Gouty, Pete Anderson, Lee Paragas (online), Harrison Poku-Yeboah (on-line), Officer Mark Hauenstein (online), John Clark(online)

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

Caroline presented the October 2022 minutes for approval.

Motion: Jack Decker
Second: Doug Gouty

Member vote: Minutes passed with unanimous approval.

- III. Report from the Organization

- A. Financial Report – Bobby Thaxton
 - Bobby provided the financial update
 - Roughly ~\$66k in total assets
 - Annual spending still in excess of revenues
 - Grant revenues down from prior years as well as planter revenue and memberships
- B. Membership Committee – ~~Kathy Rhinehart~~
 - Group discussed challenges with membership system and membership numbers
 - Have reviewed numerous system options and ruled them out for various reasons

- Suggestion to look at odoo.com
 - Lack of annual membership meeting that has served as a milestone for renewals has not happened in the last couple of years due to Covid.
 - Group discussed the need for a membership strategy for 2023 with various ideas shared
 - Takeaway to look at website as someone had an issue renewing recently
- C. Development Committee – Jack Decker/Marc Conte/Lisa Morton
 - No new updates.
- D. Nominating Committee – Lisa Morton
 - Nominating Committee met (Jared Cape, Bobby Thaxton, & Lisa Morton) to discuss the 2023 slate
 - Bobby Thaxton, Marc Conte, and Kathy Rhinehart will not be returning on the Board
 - Proposed slate for 2023
 - President – Jack Decker
 - Vice President – Caroline Stinziano
 - Treasurer – Jim Farmer
 - Secretary – Jared Cape
 - At large members
 - Chet Ridenour
 - Libby Koetz
 - Bob Stern
 - Discussed focus on pipeline through enhancement of membership and leadership development for succession and continuity purposes

IV. City/Community Reports

- A. City of Columbus Community Engagement – Harrison Poku-Yeboah
 - Harrison provided an update on city initiatives
 - Mobile food vending event went well; everyone that made the meeting signed up to speak; recommendations were sought in advance of next meeting

V. SNCA Organizational Reports

- A. Block Watch – Chet Ridenour
 - Crime report posted for October
 - Theft of motor vehicles seems to be most common occurrence and happening close to High St.
 - Update from Officer Hauenstein
 - Currently dealing with a lot of burglaries in the camps areas (unlocked windows & doors)

- Relatively quiet in the Short North Area
- Inquired with attendees regarding thoughts on limited food cart hours
- Next meeting to discuss food carts is December 6th (feedback can be sent in advance of the meeting)

VI. Public Comments/Questions:

Pete Anderson addressed the meeting attendees to discuss replacement options for dead trees in the three traffic islands along Neil Avenue. City has removed dead trees.

Options:

- (1) Purchase Oak trees from Oakland Nursey (to include delivery or planting)
- (2) Have city replace trees now with whatever is in stock (would need to be flexible on tree species)
- (3) Wait until 2023 to have city replace trees in the hopes that desired oak trees might be available

Motion to allow city to plant in stock trees in the Neil Avenue planters when available and SNCA will ensure money in the budget to provide topsoil in the Spring 2023.

Motion: Jack Decker

Second: Lisa Morton

Member vote: Motion passed with unanimous approval.

VII. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn: Jack Decker @7:55pm