



Short North Civic Association Minutes
September 9, 2023
6:30 p.m. Columbus Metropolitan Library

- I. **Welcome** – Jack Decker
 - A. Attending In-Person: Jack Decker, Jared Cape, Doug Gouty, Chuck Fairbanks, Bob Stern, Caroline Stinziano, Sgt. Webber, Marc Conte, Dee Kates
- II. **Secretary’s Report** – Jared Cape
 - A. Approval of Minutes for August [W 8-3-23 Minutes.docx](#)
 1. Motion for Approval: Marc Conte
 2. Second: Bob Stern
 3. Vote: Unanimous approval
- III. **City Reports**
 - A. CPD – Community Liaison Officer Sgt. Webber
 1. The City obtained multiple 311 reports on speeding. This prompted an officer to patrol for an hour stopping seven cars during the early evening on Wednesday the 16th.
- IV. **President’s Report** – Jack Decker
 - A. City Input Opportunities
 1. The City is collecting feedback about the [proposed tree code update](#) through September 22nd.
 2. The City is collecting feedback to form the [Columbu Bike Plus plan](#). A survey is available through the end of September.
 - B. Ohio State Fair Helicopter Resolution
 1. The State Fair has agreed to not renew the helicopter contract for next year. The SNCA will follow up next spring as a coalition with other neighborhoods to ensure this change holds moving forward.
 - C. Approval of Previously Presented Bylaws Amendments
 1. The amendments to [Articles V \(Membership\) & VI \(Officers\)](#) were presented last meeting. [W SNCA Bylaws Prop Amend 08-03-2023.docx](#)
 - a) Motion for Approval: Bob Stern
 - b) Second: Marc Conte
 - c) Discussion ensued about what the role of supporters should be as payers of dues.
 - d) Jared Cape made a motion to amend the proposed Article V bylaw amendment, eliminating the language that excludes supporters from voting.
 - (1) Second: Marc Conte

- (2) In favor: Jared Cape, Doug Gouty, Chuck Fairbanks, Bob Stern, Caroline Stinziano, Mark Conte, Dee Kates
- (3) Opposed: Jack Decker
- (4) Result: Motion passes
- e) Dee Kates made a motion to amend the proposed Article V bylaw amendment, expanding the prohibition of supporters from being officers to also exclude supporters from being a member of the board of directors.
 - (1) Second: Jared
 - (2) Vote: Unanimous approval
- f) Marc Conte made a motion to amend the proposed Article V bylaw amendment, adding a provision to clarify that a due payer’s membership status will persist for a year from the date the person’s dues were paid — allowing those who no longer meet the membership criteria to continue being a member of the SNCA for the remainder of their current membership period. If the person were to pay dues for the following year, they would be classified as a supporter.
 - (1) Second: Bob Stern
 - (2) In favor: Jack Decker, Bob Stern, Marc Conte, Chuck Fairbanks
 - (3) Opposed: Caroline Stinziano, Jared Cape, Doug Gouty
 - (4) Abstain: Dee Kates
 - (5) Result: Motion fails
- g) The amendments to Article V (Membership) & VI (Officers) as amended by the above actions now read as [linked here](#). A vote to adopt will occur at the next meeting.
 - SNCA Bylaws Prop Amend 09-07-2023 (Membership).pdf
- 2. Presentation of New Proposed Bylaws Amendments
 - a) Jack presented an [amendment to Articles VI \(Officers\), VII \(Executive Committee\), & IX \(Nominations, Elections and Term of Officers\)](#) of the bylaws to clarify executive committee language and align nomination and election language with current practices.
 - SNCA Bylaws Prop Amend 09-07-2023.pdf
- 3. Short North Violence & Injury Prevention Task Force Meeting
 - a) The group met on August 29th.
 - b) Members of the taskforce disagreed about towing along High Street. Since the policy started, roughly 700 cars have been towed. This issue has been sent to a subcommittee.
 - c) The City Council repealed the Mayor’s executive order establishing a midnight curfew for mobile food vendors.

V. Committee Reports

A. Membership – Libby Koetz

1. We are up to 81 members from 65 last month. This is due to natural renewals, expirations, and tour ticket purchases.

B. Development –

1. The committee decided to send a version of the letter presented at the previous meeting to the Victorian Village Commission (VVC). The VVC was receptive to many points raised in the letter. The restaurant development is going back before

the VVC with a similar plan (the last appearance was a conceptual review) and the committee will send a similar letter to the VVC as the committee's concerns have not been sufficiently addressed.

2. The committee will present on the VVC's history and role in a future meeting.

C. Tour of Homes – Caroline Stinziano

1. The tour is roughly two weeks away and includes 10 exciting stops. Information about the tour is posted online — including pricing.

2. The event is being heavily advertised including five digital billboards, social media, news ads, and earned media attention.

3. Ticket sales are trending ahead of last year. The weather is looking good, which will support further ticket sales.

4. The tour has between \$19,000 and \$20,000 in sponsorships, on track with last year.

5. Please share about the tour to people that you know.

D. Traffic Calming & Infrastructure – Jack Decker

1. The committee aims to reduce the speed cars travel along 1st Ave, 3rd Ave, 5th Ave, and Neil Ave. Jack has talked to other neighborhood groups to build a coalition. They have been supportive. Jack will send out template emails to Chuck and Caroline. They will send these along to encourage Dennison Place and the Circles to join the coalition. The coalition will encourage the City to redesignate the streets, lowering the speed limit. The committee hopes that this process will be implemented in a similar fashion to the Downtown speed limit reduction which used traffic light timing to discourage speeding. Jack has talked to Justin Goodwin, the Columbus Mobility & Parking Division Administrator, who has been supportive. The Columbus City Council will need to support this initiative.

2. The committee sent a letter supporting the inclusion of bike lanes along the North Front Street redesign from one-way to two-way. The letter arrived too late to make a difference on this project. The City offered to make a representative available to talk about bike infrastructure.

E. Mobility – Bob Stern

1. The COTA Pass Program has been a success. Last year, 70% of program recipients were employees and 30% residents. This year it is a 50% split between the groups.

VI. **New Business**

A. Chuck made a motion to stop using Zoom as de facto option, pending input from Harrison Poku-Yeboah, a liaison to the City.

B. Second: Jared

C. Vote: Unanimous approval

VII. **Adjournment at 7:50 pm**

A. Motion to Adjourn

1. Motion: Jared

2. Second: Bob

3. Vote: Unanimous approval