



Short North Civic Association Minutes
October 5, 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, Dee Kates, Jim Farmer, Bobby Thaxton, Graeme Marley, Brian Ashworth, Officer Mark Hauenstein
- II. **Secretary’s Report** – Jared Cape
 - A. Approval of Minutes for September [9-7-23 Minutes.docx](#)
 1. Motion for Approval: Chuck Fairbanks
 2. Second: Doug Gouty
 3. Vote: Unanimous approval
- III. **Financial Report** – Jim Farmer
 - A. Approximately \$81,610 total
 1. \$35,325.86 in checking/savings
 2. \$43,957.45 in Vanguard
 3. \$3,000.00 in receivables
 4. \$1,672.55 in payables
 - B. Approval of Financial Report
 1. Motion for Approval: Chuck Fairbanks
 2. Second: Bob Stern
 3. Vote: Unanimous approval
- IV. **City Initiatives in Cycling** – Brian Ashworth, Transportation Planning Manager, Division of Mobility & Parking, Columbus Dep’t of Public Service
 - A. The City has kicked off its Bike Plus + initiative
 1. The goals are to support a safe, connected, and comfortable network.
 2. The initiative is for everyone. It aims to accommodate the interested but concerned riding type, kids, and communities of interest as identified in the VisionZero plan.
 3. The last plan was adopted in 2008. A new plan is being created with substantial local input. The plan will be implementable rather than just aspirational.
 4. Cycling is being supported through projects (think construction) and programs (such as the e-bike incentive program).
 - B. Public engagement efforts are ongoing both online and in person.
 1. [A survey](#) is going from September 1 to October 31.
 - a) They have 2800 responses so far.
 - b) 85% of responses have been from white citizens, which as a demographic

comprises 58% of the city population.

c) The City is aiming to gather twice as many responses and engage populations that are underrepresented.

d) Themes so far include: better infrastructure, culture change, and environment and sustainability.

2. The City is planning more engagement opportunities coming over the next 10 months.

C. They are trying to create a near term connected network (5 years).

D. The City contracted with Toole engineering who will be doing the network assessment. This assessment will determine metrics for success (how close to grocery stores, parks, etc.)

V. City Reports

A. CPD – Community Liaison Officer Mark Hauenstein

1. A citizen was concerned about wrong way driving on Warren St.

a) SNCA members from Italian Village reaffirmed it as an issue and noted signage in certain locations may prevent some wrong-way driving.

VI. Bylaws

A. The bylaws amendment regarding membership and the statutory agent was presented. It had received unanimous support from the Board.

[w SNCA Bylaws Prop Amend 2023-09-11 \(Membership\).docx](#)

1. Motion for Approval: Jared Cape

2. Second: Libby Koetz

3. Vote: Unanimous approval

B. The bylaws amendment regarding nominations, elections, and the executive committee was presented. It had received unanimous support from the Board.

[■ SNCA Bylaws Prop Amend 09-07-2023 \(Membership\).pdf](#)

1. Motion for Approval: Jared Cape

2. Second: Caroline Stinziano

3. Vote: Unanimous approval

VII. President's Report – Jack Decker

A. Jack recognized our former liaison officer who recently passed, Steve Smith. He invited members to share stories about Steve.

B. Jack announced the recommendation of the Board for a nominating committee composed of Lisa Morton, Bobby Thaxton, and Jared Cape to the nominating committee with Bobby as the convener.

1. Motion for approval: Caroline Stinziano

2. Second: Bob Stern

3. Vote: Unanimous approval

4. Abstain: Jared Cape

C. Jack requested feedback about the Eagle as the annual meeting venue. It was noted that the Eagle is not ADA accessible. Brewdog was noted as a potential location. Jack will follow up with Brewdog.

D. Jack is looking for additional members of the bylaws committee.

E. Jack announced that the Board has approved reimbursements of \$415.91 and \$341.00 for the repair of and winterization of the traffic median island irrigation systems along Neil

Ave.

F. The Short North Violence & Injury Prevention Work Group met again. The towing focus along High Street will be revised to Second Ave through Fifth Ave on the west side of the street from 12AM to 4 AM.

G. There is a new [Tree Code](#) and [Tree Manual](#).

VIII. **Committee Reports**

A. Development – Jack Decker

1. The 335 W 3rd Ave project has made changes to address the concerns of the VVC. Seasonal infrastructure is still being discussed.

2. A presentation on the VVC is forthcoming.

B. Tour of Homes – Caroline Stinziano

1. The tour was very successful with over 1000 attendees. It generated ~ \$22,000 - \$23,000 in income and 13 new memberships!

C. Traffic Calming & Infrastructure – Jack Decker

1. The SNCA coalition initiative to slow down traffic in the Short North is ongoing.

2. Jack Decker and Pete Anderson will meet with Dennison Place and the University Area Commission to expand the coalition.

IX. **New Business**

A. Parking

1. Concerns were raised about the parking app regarding security, accuracy of parking areas, and incorrect parking tickets.

a) Doug Gouty and Bob Stern will raise the issue with the City.

2. It was also noted that the new parking permit software interface is in need of improvement.

X. **Adjournment at 7:45 pm**

A. Motion to Adjourn

1. Motion: Jared Cape

2. Second: Bob Stern

3. Vote: Unanimous approval