



**Short North Civic Association Minutes**  
October 3, 2024  
6:30 p.m. Columbus Metropolitan Library

**Attendees:** Chuck Fairbanks, Jack Decker, Kim Rogers, Caroline Stinziano, Bob Stern, Heather Rice, Jared Cape, Bobby Thaxton, Peter Anderson

- I. **Welcome** – Jack Decker
- II. **Secretary’s Report** – Jared Cape
  - A. Approval of Minutes for August ([link](#)) and September ([link](#))
    1. Motion for Approval: Chuck Fairbanks
    2. Second: Heather Rice
    3. Vote: Unanimous Approval
- III. **Financial Report** – Bob Stern
  - A. Approval of Financial Report
    1. Motion for Approval: Jared Cape
    2. Second: Chuck Fairbanks
    3. Vote: Unanimous Approval
- IV. **President’s Report** – Jack Decker
  - A. The Short North Violence & Injury Prevention Task Force had a meeting. The updates were consistent with previous information shared with us. Jack will follow up with CPD at a later date when he is more likely to get a response to neighborhood concerns.
  - B. Jack attended LinkUS and MORPC events and talked to city officials about traffic safety issues in our neighborhoods. Councilmember Lourdes Barroso de Padilla will be talking to us at our next meeting at Thompson Recreation Center. Jack pitched lower speed limits in the Short North to the councilmember at the MORPC event. Jared will write up a blurb to hype up excitement for our meeting with Councilmember Lourdes Barroso de Padilla.
  - C. Jack shared that a few residents brought up concerns about the number of short term rentals in our community. Kim discussed how she fears that entire houses used as short term rentals degrade the fabric as there are fewer neighbors (whether homeowners or longer-term renters) invested in the neighborhood. Other neighborhood groups may be forming a survey on the topic. It appears that any intervention would require legislative action presumably by the City of Columbus.
  - D. On October 16th at Union Cafe, there is a thank you party hosted by the Dooh Dah Parade committee.
  - E. Jack presented an amendment to the bylaws focused on the duties of the Treasure and fiscal processes.
    1. Motion for Approval: Jared Cape

2. Second: Heather Rice
  3. Vote: Unanimous Approval
- F. Jack appointed Bobby Thaxton, Jeff Smith, and Libby Koetz to the nominating committee.
1. Motion for Approval: Bob Stern
  2. Second: Jared Cape
  3. Vote: Unanimous Approval

V. **Committee Reports**

- A. Membership – Caroline Stinziano
1. We currently have 86 members, however new members generated from the tour still need to be added.
- B. Tour of Homes – Caroline Stinziano
1. The 49th tour was a super success!!!! The committee is excited for the 50th next year! This year had high levels of attendance. The Hops on High event was great exposure and we will consider doing it again this winter.
- C. Traffic Calming & Infrastructure – Peter Anderson
1. Pete presented several banner graphics designed for the four islands along Neil Ave and Collins Ave. A major thanks to Jane for designing the banners. The potential for stickers and bookmarks was suggested.
  2. Jared mentioned successful advocacy with the Bike Plus Plan for adjusting a bike boulevard for safer and more convenient crossing across 5th Ave. He also highlighted the Short North Parking District Mobility Study and the results should be released soon.
- D. Block Watch – Jared Cape
1. Jared asked for volunteers to run the Short North Block Watch Survey of Street Lights. Heather Rice and Pete Anderson volunteered to be involved.

VI. **Adjournment at 7:56pm**