



Short North Civic Association Minutes

April 3, 2025

6:00 p.m. Thompson Recreation Center

Attendees: Kane Murray, Kristian Sims, Robin Keaffaber, Alex Smith, Dee Kates, Kristian Simms, Officer Mark Hauenstein, Chuck Fairbanks, Bob Stern, Jack Decker, Jared Cape, Caroline Stinziano, David Docktor, Cathy Cory, and Mark Dannemiller

- **Welcome** – Jack Decker
- **Scooter and Mobility Device Presentation** – Kristian Sims and Kane Murray
 - The City has agreements with Veo and Spin for the next year.
 - The new model is more financially sustainable for the City as companies will share revenue, rather than the City subsidizing COGO by ~\$1.0 million each year. Revenue will be used to build out device parking and other associated infrastructure.
 - The new model gives the City increased ability to address issues such as improper scooter parking blocking sidewalk ramps and causing other accessibility issues. Service level agreements are being built.
 - The roll out has been slower as Spin filed a lawsuit which was then settled. This lawsuit caused delays in implementation.
 - There should be clear improvements over the next few months as more devices and infrastructure such as shared mobility staging areas are deployed.
 - There is an initial grace period for the companies to comply with the new rules and regulations. The City has the ability to fine each company for infractions and will do so.
 - Each 311 request will go directly to the appropriate company which will have one hour to address the issue. The City is also doing manual audits.
 - Additionally, they are exploring how to use parking enforcement officers for scooters. There is a technology gap where they are looking to see how the existing system could be modified to handle scooters and other mobility devices.
 - Companies may fine people who improperly park devices or keep the tab running for parking in undesignated areas. The companies are working on virtual options for preventing folks from ending rides near ADA ramps and other such areas.
 - Attendees had concerns about the increased costs of using devices. Pedal bikes are 30 cents for 30 minutes with the costs for other devices depending on their type. The City plans to engage in price negotiations.
 - The SNCA shared a map, description, and photos of locations around High St, Buttles Ave, and Dennison Ave where (predominately) on-street scooter and bike

parking could be unintrusively placed. Kristin said his office will continue to work with us on these issues.

- The City plans to get further feedback and engagement at RiseUp events.
- **Financial Report – Bob Stern**
 - Insurance is being rebid.
 - The SNCA has pledged \$25,000 to support the Friends of Goodale Park initiative to add art to the park.
 - Approval of Financial Report
 - Motion for Approval: Jared
 - Second: Heather
 - Vote: Unanimous approval
 - Jeff has agreed to keep doing our bookkeeping for the foreseeable future.
- **Crime Report – Officer Mark Hauenstein**
 - Officer Hauenstein detailed incidents that have occurred over the last month including fires, a narcotic investigation, graffiti, and violent incidents.
 - The Blueprint Columbus has information to report noise issues due to construction.
 - H.B. 366 of the 135th General Assembly is now in effect. It makes stealing mail a fifth degree felony.
 - CPD is testing a temporary restraining device to limit injuries against officers and people that are being restrained.
- **President's Report – Jack Decker**
 - Jack presented a new amendment to the bylaws regarding indemnity and liability for the SNCA. This is tied to rebidding insurance due to prompting from insurance companies.
 - The Board voted to move meetings to the Thompson Recreation Center at 6pm. The July meeting will be on July 10th.
 - The Short North Yard Sale will be the first weekend in June.
 - Councilmember Lourdes Barroso de Padilla will be talking about transportation with us at our May meeting.
- **Committee Reports**
 - Mobility – Bob Stern
 - Bob suggested appointing Jared Cape as the new committee chair.
 - Motion for Approval: Bob
 - Second: Chuck
 - Vote: Unanimous approval
 - Tour of Homes – Caroline Stinziano
 - The 50th SNCA Tour of Homes already has a number of fantastic houses, a cool preview party plan to be announced once finalized, and great sponsorships!
 - They are looking for volunteers.
 - Promotion for the tour has started and will include being at a number of community events such as Hops on High in May.
- **Adjournment at 7:00 pm**