

**Board Members in Attendance**

Mark Wagenbrenner, Kaileigh Pickett, Paul Pardi, Kevin Lykens, Leah Evans, Brandon Prewitt

**Board Members Absent**

Todd Kemmerer, Ashley Myers

**Other Attendees**

Betsy Pandora, Quinn Fallon

**AGENDA**

3:05 PM Call to Order

3:05-3:10 PM Approval of August 2021 Meeting Minutes

3:10-3:15 PM Treasurers Report

- Second disbursement of assessment collections arrived in September totaling \$114,000. About \$5,000 in taxes were not paid by owners within the SID area.
- **Kevin Lykens made a motion to approve the financial report for August 2021. Leah Evans seconded the motion. The motion as approved by all voting board members in attendance.**

3:15-3:25 PM Proxy Designation Request

- Quinn Fallon has notified the secretary of the 54SID of his desire to have a proxy designation for his vote on the 54SID. He has selected Brandon Prewitt, Vice President of the Italian Village Society and Resident of Italian Village, to serve as his proxy through the remainder of his term in 2021.
- The board discussed that there may be additional opportunities through the city to ensure for a more permanent appointment outside of the proxy process for community representatives.
- **Paul Pardi made a motion to appoint Brandon Prewitt as a proxy board member representing Quinn Fallon on the 54SID through the remainder of 2021. Quinn Fallon seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all voting board members in attendance.**

3:25-3:30 PM City of Columbus Board Representative Request

- As a follow up from discussions with the Italian Village Society, there is a desire from the community to see City of Columbus representation on the 54SID board through the City of Columbus appointment process.
- **Kevin Lykens made a motion to send a letter to Columbus City Council and the Director of Development, requesting that either Council or the Mayor appoint Sandra Lopez, Legislative Analyst, Columbus City Council to the 54SID board. Paul Pardi seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all voting board members in attendance.**

3:20-3:50 PM Old Business

Advocacy & General Community Engagement Update

Safety

- From early July to present, the community has experienced 7 late night shootings, nearly a dozen armed robberies (in some cases involving individuals on scooters), assaults (also in some cases involving individuals on scooters), and a continuation of issues with late night bar noise, reckless driving, and other careless behavior among late night operators and patrons.
  - On August 2 the some 54SID board members participated in a meeting of property and business owners. Outcomes of that meeting were to prioritize an increase policed presence late at night, develop a good neighbor agreement, and affect change on noise ordinances, scooter policies, mobile food vending, and other matters involving safety as well as to engage the city in the formation of a task force or working group to address violence and injury prevention.
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- Columbus Police and the SNA partnered on the Short North Crime Interdiction Pilot Program. For the first five weeks, the program included overtime scheduling of police officers in the Short North, Fridays-Sundays as well as added allocations of officers. Beginning this weekend, the program will switch to an SNA funded special duty program with a regular, diverse group of officers who have been asked to follow a code of conduct from the SNA and have body cameras on at all times.
- On August 25, the City of Columbus hosted a virtual Short North Community Safety Meeting where they asked the SNA, Italian Village Society, and Short North Civic Association to share safety issues and hear concerns from the community. Community members were frustrated by the virtual format and difficulties in providing comments.
- An outcome of the Short North Safety Meeting was the formation of the Short North Violence and Injury Prevention Work Group. The SNA lead outreach for workgroup members representing business, resident, and civic interests. The work group met on September 14. The outcomes were that the City would lead on follow up actions related to scooters and good neighbor agreements and the SNA would provide some data. The next meeting is set for October 13.
- On Friday, September 17, the SNA was provided with notice and the opportunity to share input on the City's decision to place safety restrictions on the operations of scooters on High Street and sidewalks facing High Street indefinitely. The city originally considered a far more restrictive measure that would have fully eliminated scooter access. The SNA provided input that a measure that still allowed access for scooters as an important mobility option was desired.
- Additional statistics from police were shared during the meeting.
- The board discussed that issues of safety in the 54SID area are different than that of High Street, that there are more concerns with at least one establishment (GoGo Bar), but that police interventions for High Street and police cameras would be appropriate for North 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The board also discussed that good neighbor agreements are an important tool, but should take into account how different late night businesses have varying levels of impact and any such agreement or penalty should recognize that in order to protect low impact operators.

#### Clean & Safe Services Update

- New ambassador program is underway.
- A report of progress was shared.
- Board members requested that data shared for future meetings be presented mapped so that trends could be observed by geography.
- Board members also asked that the ambassador service routes also be checked so that only 54SID areas are being served.

#### Communications Strategy Update

- Warhol & Wall Street has requested to present final recommendations at the October meeting. The final work was delayed by time needed to convene follow up meetings with Weinland Park Stakeholders.

#### Public Art & Placemaking Audit Update

- Neighborhood Designer Center has also requested to present final recommendations at the October meeting. The final work was delayed by time needed to convene follow up meetings with Weinland Park Stakeholders.
- Board members discussed how electrical poles are an eyesore and could potentially be a really good intervention for placemaking. The board also expressed a desire to see a community committee seated in the fall to guide decisions for art in the year ahead.

3:50-3:55 PM	New Business
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No discussion.</li></ul>
3:55-4:00 PM	General Discussion
4:00 PM	Adjournment

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**Fifth Avenue & North Fourth Improvement District**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**September 21, 2021**



- ***Brandon Prewitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kevin Lykens seconded the motion. The Motion was approved by all voting board members in attendance.***

Meeting Materials

September 26, 2021 Profit and Loss Statement

September 26, 2021 Balance Sheet

August 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

