

Harrison West Membership Meeting

January 18, 2012

Meeting called to order 7:00p.

Quorum was present.

Treasurer's report Savings \$0 Checking \$3,128.36 Membership dues \$715.00. Two payments for our online provider \$48.00. Reimbursement to C. Ruder \$124.56 and M. Martineau \$20.18

Communication HWS.org was hacked. The site had to be rebuilt and new software had to be loaded. If you visited HWS.org please check your computer for viruses. The photo book is ready to go on the site. Archives have been added back on the site. K. Easterday and M. Williams are working on an out reach program to get business owners involved in the society.

Parks The lights are back on in Harrison Park. B. Mangia and M. Williams are deciding on river bank clean up dates. The head of maintenance of Columbus parks is willing to meet and give an over view of the difference between Weeds and desirable plants to our members. Martha Walker garden group will be contacted about the availability of annuals. A letter was sent to A. McKnight to praise M. Lorenz, the honeysuckle removal, and the clean up of the river bank by Two Men and a Chainsaw.

Sculptures All four pieces are in place in Harrison Park. The last piece needs a planted area to help keep kids from climbing on the sculpture.

Short North Foundation \$40,000.00 was raised at the event called "The Big Give." New officers were elected. The shell lot on High has been sold. Short north Stage will host a free neighborhood party.

Membership 81 members. Ways to increase membership was discussed. The post office will do a mass mailing. It was thought to be kind of expensive. Committee forming to try to get more members.

Conflict of Interest A draft of the proposed policy was passed out by C. Ruder. Some felt it was too restrictive with the wording being used. It will be on the web site and the committee will discuss the feed back and revise the policy.

Police report/Block Watch Crime is still low in Harrison West. Crimes of opportunity is still the main problem. One burglary was reported. A guy who is very brazen in his thefts has been reported. He walks up and takes power tools with people right there. He is white, 6' 2" tall, and drives an old car. If you see anything suspicious call the police @ 645-4545. Scrap yard in Grandview is still open. Columbus is working with them to insure they are not receiving any stolen scrap. Short North Block Watch is on Facebook and you are encouraged to join.

TIF there is 670,000.00 in the accounts. We can only spend 178,000.00 this year. Need to decide a project and approach city council.

Development Traffic Islands are out to bid. Three will be installed (2 on Fifth Ave. and on 1 on Third Ave.) **R. Harris and T. Bledsoe** recused themselves then left the meeting. Harrison Park variance will be heard by city council on Jan. 23rd. J Suskosd will speak on behalf of the society. A Deutsch will represent the Harrison Park condo association.

HWS members will meet with members of council. The letter opposing the variance will resent to council. Other points including deviating from the Harrison West plan, density and parking will be discussed. 1400 units are planned in a 2 mile radius.