

Harrison West Society Meeting June 20, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:03

Quorum was present

Minutes May minutes, B. Mangia motioned, T. Bledsoe second **Passed**

Treasurer's Report balance: \$3,487.36; \$1,030 income, \$1,038 expense (includes \$1,000 from R. Harris' unsung hero award which was paid out to Wilson Landscape for park sign scaping; renew PO box for \$38)

Parks HW Park at 4th and Oregon weeded + mulched. Maybe used for OSU in-service day. Matt Wms got the rest of the mulch down there and it's looking pretty good. Side by Side needs weeded at the next Wednesday meet up (June 27). Matt Wms also moved the mulch mountain (Thanks Matt!). Bike path is closed at south end of Harrison Park for safety. Rob says it will reopen when the brick is on the building and the scaffolding comes down. Request to change signage so that the park space is still openly usable. Bob Mangia will contact Brad Westall about changing the signage from Bike Path Closed to No Outlet or similar. Honeysuckle removal on Saturday, June 30 starts at 8 a.m. DONUTS for helpers. FOGP Garden Tour was successful about 100 or so people came through on June 10th. **Motion:** spend \$256.20 to install native grasses in the sign bed by Wilson's. B. Mangia motioned, Pastor Morris second **Passed**

Communications More writers and editors needed for website. July 17 Mark Subel becomes committee chair and Matthew Williams steps down. May switch from MyEmma to MailChimp as the latter is free for up to 25k emails per month; letterhead is updated for new officers.

Membership Tim Price is the new committee chair. He will meet with Chris Ruder to get relevant data to proceed with building membership and involvement in HWS. 102 members Motion by Chris Ruder to change May minutes to correct number form 202. T. Bledsoe second **Passed**

Development Jacob absent. Project on 2nd Avenue might need a vote eventually

Short North Foundation FOGP working on fountain leak; latest design is to wrap the fountain at the base. The gasket is on, if it holds water post-ComFest they will refill the pond. Out of Closet design: SNF constituent organizations went to memberships and supported drafting letter of support for UARB drafted by John Angelo. HWS letter of objection added. Aid HC Fdn considered making proposal hoping for a negative vote to show they tired, but did not proceed as there is no 2nd chance. Updated design submitted with modifications in construction materials. City has no jurisdiction over building height, just aesthetic.

Townhouse design approved on lot at Starr and Dennison across from hospital. Design proposed for single home lot at 2nd and Dennison is for campus-style stacked housing. The commission is not impressed. Pizzuti Project will break ground on the west side of High Street in July or August and on the east side around September.

Neighborhood Projects As of June 11 Rob Harris had submitted the first application for the UIRF funds to extend the bike path along the river behind Superior Beverage. With the application he submitted an overall trail map, 2 letters of support from Geer Gas and Mark Wagenbrenner (still hoping for one from Superior) and the updated priority list for neighborhood projects. We can do a secondary smaller application for Harrison West Park for UIRF as well. Street lighting is still a priority. Suggest we create a committee of officers and

interested parties from around the neighborhood to meet with the city and determine the needs and the expense. Councilmember Zach Klein and Susan Delay have been invited to discuss HW applications and any potential deficiencies. The TIF is performing double the initial expectations. \$185K remains of the 1st bonded TIF. Future bonding of TIF almost doubled.

There are 2 TIFs in HW: one for Harrison Park project and the other for the rest of the hood.

Columbus Landmarks Fdn Tour set for July 29 from 2-4PM. Kristen Easterday is the HW liaison for the tour. She has created a basic walking route with some history and put it into a document for the archives so anyone can give tours in the future. She needs additional history and photos if you have them contact Kristen by email or phone.

Block Watch/Police things quiet since recent arrest of suspect. Minor thefts involving bicycles from garages and spare tires off cars. Tuesday, August 7 is National Night Out. Encourage neighbors to keep their lights on and gather on their porches. Potential block party or potluck picnic is in the works by Tim Bledsoe for another date this summer.

Open Forum Eric Martineau update on 3rd Street plaza bricks. Contacted the city the day after the bricks removed and filled in with asphalt. In mid-May it was reassigned to Sandrock. No repairs have been done but the service request indicates that it has been completed. Sandrock has been re-emailed in the engineer's office. Question: is it a county bridge?

Meeting Adjourned 8 PM

Attendance: Mary Martineau, Kristen Easterday, Dara Schwartz, Dean Curry, Tim Bledsoe, Rob Harris, Eric Martineau, Pastor Richard Morris, Richard North, Partrick Dorist, Jeff Gill, Chris Ruder, Bob Mangia, Matthew Williams, Mark Hollern, Sandy Allen, Bill Miller, Tim Price, Chris Burton