

Harrison West Society Meeting

July 18, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:05

Quorum present

Minutes May minutes, E. Martineau motioned, B. Mangia second **Passed**

Treasurer's Report D. Curry: balance: \$2,645.86; MyEmma expense

Parks B. Mangia: next Wednesday, 7/25 is another cocktails & cleanup. They plan to chicken wire the new trees to protect them. Saturday morning they will work on Side by Side park clean up then move to Harrison Park. The city is marking ash trees so if they have a big blue "x" they are coming down. Columbus Volunteer Challenge is part of a city wide service project for the Bicentennial. Matthew and Bob are working on the details for our neighborhood. If you have an adopted bed, check it. August 21 is the in-service day with OSU. Mulch is being dropped in Harrison West Park. They will mulch and edge the trees. R. Harris: Joe Sulak is the new City Forester. He is discussing the new street trees. New trees will be planted on the east and west sides of Perry Street from W. 1st Ave. to Quality Place and on W. 1st Ave. between Perry St. and the parking lot. They are looking at medium sized trees (about 40' tall). Note: the enclosure of the bike path has been forwarded to Brad Westall who is on vacation answer expected upon his return.

Membership T. Price: brainstorming ideas to increase membership. He is reviewing C. Ruder's list and trying to create a database for tracking local businesses and residents. Idea: welcome basket for newcomers joining the HSW..if you have other ideas, talk to Tim!

Communications M. Subel: trying to change email newsletter provider to save us \$ EACH MONTH. Matt has been uploading photos to the website and others are welcome to contribute photos as well, just email them to Mark.

Social T. Bledsoe: nothing to report

Short North Foundation E. Martineau: SNF grants were the main topic last meeting. The Foundation has \$4-5,000 to distribute annually. Grants were issued to: Screen on the Green, Goodale Park Music Series, Columbus Bicentennial Art Project (via ROY G BIV), Friends of Doo Dah (celebrate 30 years in 2013). Also discussed were Short North streetscape improvements. The SN Alliance applied for UIRF funds to conduct a parking permit study in the area. Short North Summer Sale is this weekend on Saturday 7/21 and the 5K Color Run this weekend will affect traffic in the neighborhood.

UIRF Application R. Harris: Olentangy Recreation Trail application complete. Brad Westall should have a final estimate on Monday. Believe it will come in around \$600,000. Will give the best offer for financing to Susan Delay. HWS should be able to contribute \$185K. Regarding the Harrison Park app, Molly O'Donnell has no comment until all applications are submitted. Once in there should be a 4-6 week period before we receive a response. We traded letters of support with the Friends of Goodale Park for our respective park improvements. Ours for the bike trail, theirs for improvements to three of the entry gates to Goodale Park.

Out of the Closet K. Easterday: HWS voted to support the UARB to make the project more reflective of the neighborhood. Project moving forward with minor changes.

Columbus Landmarks Fdn Tour K. Easterday: hosting tour on 7/29 from 2-4PM. Still working on history and seeking additional info and photos if you have them see Kristen.

Lighting Committee K. Easterday makes a last call for interested parties to join committee to discuss priorities in the conversion of street lights to the acorn lights. Expect this to be a multi-year project.

Traffic Committee Open position now filled by Craig Copeland

Open Forum K. Easterday: Tara Goodnight announced 3 vacancies on the University Area Commission if anyone is interested. Quarterly presentations are proposed if anyone has any ideas for a topic they would find interesting. Recycling begins in November and that might be a good presentation. Unfortunately it looks like Harrison Park is exempt from the recycling program due to even the homes being classified as "condos".

E Martineau: the repair to the brick on the southwest side of 3rd Avenue Bridge is completed. Big sewer work to increase the capacity for the Grandview Yard is planned on the other side of the river and will impact the bike path, bridge and 3rd Avenue traffic for about a year. The plan is to maintain the flow of traffic.

K. Wightman: 418 W. 2nd Avenue building construction right upon the lot line has caused the exposure and compromise of Joe George's foundation a 422 W. 2nd. He has been ordered out of his home until the situation is remedied.

Attendance: Dara Schwartz, Kristen Easterday, Dean Curry, Mary Martineau, Tim Price, Sandy Allen, Bill Miller, Clem Burton, Chris Ruder, Craig Copeland, Matt Wolf, Matthew Williams, Mark Subel, Eric Martineau, Bob Mangia, Jeff Gill, Nick Kentris, Rob Harris, Tim Bledsoe, Ken Wightman.