

Harrison West Society Meeting August 15, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:05

Quorum present

Minutes July minutes, M. Hollern motioned, B. Mangia second **Passed**

Treasurer's Report D. Curry: balance: \$2,516.68; MyEmma expense and hosting for website for entire year.

Development J. Sukosd: Short North street scape project met to discuss how to spend the \$300-\$500K given to High St. and Short North for improvements, from Goodale to approx. 9th ave. Consensus was that they wanted nothing "fake" or "homogenous" and something that represented Short North well. Some discussed trees, lighting, utilities, etc. More discussion to ensue. Westminster Thurber building new tower on their property. They are proposing to flatten a grassy knoll across from tower for parking for employees. There are talks of rezoning for the parking lot. They will present plans to the HWS in September. J. Sukosd brought up there may be an issue with extra driveways around that corner near Collins and may cause traffic problems. Discussion then revolved around the actual boundaries of the neighborhood.

Parks Side by Side cleanup on 7/28 got rid of Honeysuckle from up to 3rd ave. along Olentangy River. City sprayed as well. August 21 is the in-service day with OSU. Mulch is being dropped in Harrison West Park. They will mulch and edge the trees. About 20 students will be there to help. Aug 22nd Cocktails and clean up, meet at Harrison Park Community Center. Aug 25th, Columbus volunteer challenge, need volunteers for 3rd to 5th Honeysuckle removal collaboration with city and Battelle. Question about who actually owns property there. Chainsaws will cut before; volunteers will clean riverbank and remove Honeysuckle after. More info on website. 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 presenting a list of "preferred" trees for that area for about 20 trees in total. B. Mangia noticed graffiti under bridge removed.

Communications M. Subel: announced new email service will be implemented by the end of the month. Free up to 2,000 e-mail sends a month, saving approx. \$25/month for now.

Social: Ice cream social on Fourth Ave, in collaboration with National Night Out, was a success earlier this month. On 9/27 society is planning a social gathering at the Harrison Park gazebo for a neighborhood cookout.

Police: S. Smith: 3 burglaries mainly garages and bikes stolen. Several thefts, one was porch furniture valued at over \$1K. Big problem has been thefts of purses and related at bars and restaurants in area. Robberies in our area related to person in campus area. They caught him and he is in jail. M. Williams – called about illegal parking near new construction site.

UIRF Application K. Easterday: Cost estimate for trail was about \$550K but was brought down to \$366K.

Out of the Closet K. Easterday: Mentioned there is a neighborhood leadership-training program available for applicants. Would help individuals interested in civic involvement learn more about grant writing, conflict resolution and many other aspects of neighborhood improvements and involvement. K. Easterday asked if anyone was interested, when nobody replied indicated she was interested. D. Curry motioned to provide \$50 for the program to K. Easterday if she was accepted. B. Mangia second. **Passed.** K. Easterday needs 2 letters of recommendation for program to apply. K. Easterday: Harrison Park restoration application submitted.

Columbus Landmarks Fdn Tour K. Easterday: Tour was a success, committee goal is to host a yearly Harrison West walking tour along with information of neighborhood history and facts on website.

Lighting Committee K. Easterday: First meeting is Aug 29th at Caffe Apropos. Top project priority for neighborhood.

Traffic Committee C. Copeland: Suggested that with new 3rd avenue development across street with Giant Eagle, 5 lane road, and suburban look & feel to development, a HWS member should become involved as it borders our area. There will be much more traffic. Suggested getting them to present plans at upcoming meeting.

Open Forum K. Easterday: Mentioned that the October HWS meeting will be more informal and will present someone from the city on the city recycling program to talk more about it. D. Curry: Noticed sign in front of White Castle building on Goodale mentioning Harrison West project work starting for that area. B. Mangia mentioned that this project was from the old UIRF and has now started. M. Williams: Bike trail signs say the Harrison Park trail is closed now from 2nd to Quality Place. Mentioned that E. Martineau asked if Wagonbrenner can put up detour signs.

Attendance: Kristen Easterday, Dean Curry, Sandy Allen, Craig Copeland, Matthew Williams, Mark Subel, Bob Mangia, Carmen Hadley, Mark Hollern, Jacob Sukosd, Steve Smith