

Harrison West Society Meeting October 17, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:04 **Quorum** present

Minutes September minutes, M. Hollern motioned, second B. Mangia. **PASSED**

Treasurer's Report: D. Curry: balance: \$1,046.68; 1 deposit, 3 withdrawals: \$938 D & L insurance premium, \$483 Harrison Park art insurance, \$24 last Emma payment

Development: J. Sukosd: the Westminster Thurber project passed staff review and received all variances requested including the non-contiguous parking opposed by HWS. Jacob will follow up regarding parking lot screening and pedestrian safety for that lot. He'll also touch base regarding lighting to try to integrate their lighting plan with the neighborhood plan. **UIRF Application:** same status

Parks: B. Mangia: The cleanup on 9/29 in Side by Side included the planting of tulip bulbs donated by M. Williams and M. Hollern (thanks!). The adopt-a-bed plan is working, try to expand for 2013. The bridge bike trail is almost complete pending UIRF funding to connect it. Final 3 cleanups: 10/24, 10/27 and 11/3. Meet at the Gazebo at 8 a.m. on Saturday or 6 p.m. on Wednesday night.

Presentation: City of Columbus Recycling Program. Andrew Booker (volunteer from Ohio EPA).

Why recycle? Good for the environment, good for the economy and it's easy. Who is eligible: all single family homes and apartments with fewer than 4 units. At this time it appears Harrison Park is not eligible, Andrew checking. 64 gallon blue recycling carts will be delivered to each residence in November. Please put your address on the label provided in case of windstorm so that your container can be returned. FREE curbside recycling begins on Thursday, December 6. Yard waste and recycling pick up will alternate weeks. Wheel container to the same vicinity as your trash collection area. No sorting required and do not put recycling in bags, just put loose in the container. What goes in container: paper/cardboard of any kind as long as grease-free; aseptic cartons (milk, juice, broth); glass bottles and jars of all colors; plastic bottles and jugs WITH A NECK (no yogurt, deli, sour cream etc); metal cans including aluminum, steel, empty non-hazardous aerosol, jar lids. Give everything a cleansing rinse first. Drop off sites may be reorganized but will continue to be around. NO PLASTIC BAGS. For more info visit www.recyclecolumbus.org

Presentation: Bill Lewis, City of Columbus regarding the installation of traffic islands and bump outs at 3rd & 5th Avenues. Expected to be completed by the end of October, still need to plant trees but that is better done in November.

Concerns: E. Martineau: signage and sidewalk access are not coherent. No one is following up when things change so signage does not reflect current situations and is confusing and possibly dangerous. Contractors also park vehicles all the way up to the Perry intersection making it impossible to see oncoming traffic. Third and Olentangy signage and traffic flow due to sewer project also hazardous.

Membership: T. Price: 105 current members, researching online payment services, drive opportunities, door tags, mailings or other options. Also improve database that only has present and past members currently.

Communications: M. Subel: if anyone would like to write for the website please contact Mark.

Social M. Martineau: holiday party is December 19.

Short North Foundation: E. Martineau: High Ball is 10/27 at Vine and High Streets near the Hilton. Friends of Goodale Park have been working on the south gate and lights. The fountain is working. They also have work days and welcome volunteers, just visit their website. Italian Village Society: parking is a major issue. Working with Randy Bowman to analyze the parking situation. The city was issuing permits to IV businesses to permit employee parking in permit zones. Some businesses requested up to 30 passes. Moratorium on further residential parking permits for commercial businesses. IVS has requested IVC to cease granting parking variations to businesses (ex., Bodega). IVC has not agreed to that yet. Festival Fatigue: neighborhood being "overrun" by every run, jog, walk, etc that aren't technically parades but events that shut down access to local businesses and residents. Working with the city to at minimum keep the neighborhood better informed and perhaps limit the number of impacting events (example: Color Run).

November Meeting: date change to November 14: motion by M. Hollern, 2nd by B. Mangia **PASSED**

Block Watch & Police: no report

Open Forum: Bylaws are available for review, discuss at November meeting and vote at January meeting. Question about a new Giant Eagle at 3rd Avenue and Grandview. Will it result in closing of Neil Avenue store? No status update.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:17

Attendance: Sandy Allen, Diane Cumming, Dean Curry, Patrick Doust, Carmen Hadley, Mark Hollern, Kirstin Kiefer, Bob Mangia, Eric & Mary Martineau, Ken McRoy, Bill Miller, Diane Plunkett, Tim Price, Chris Ruder, Anthony Scarpelos, Dara Schwartz, Garland Smith, Mark Subel, Jacob Sukosd, Brian Unverferth, Matthew Williams and Tanya Zyabkina