

Harrison West Society Meeting

January 16, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:02

Quorum present

Presentation: Bill Webster, Deputy Director of Jobs and Economic Development, City of Columbus re: TIF financing. TIFs usable under Ohio law for public improvements in designated area. Uses real estate taxes above a set property value based upon neighborhood and individual improvements. The incremental increase is put in a fund for public projects. HW has 2 TIF wards that were created in 2004: AC Humko I (ACH1: smaller Harrison Park condo project with Wagenbrenner: WC) and AC Humko 2 (ACH2: larger HW area). ACH1 is in agreement with and co-management of WC and the City and likely filed in 2004. WC incurred \$11 million in infrastructure expenses (sewers, sidewalks, streets, etc) related to turning the former brownfield site into a livable neighborhood. The ACH1 TIF is first to be used to pay off that debt service. Any funds after that can be directed via WC to the benefit of the neighborhood within the ACH1 area. ACH2 via the Port Authority (serviced by Huntington?) likely filed 2006 or later, first contributed via agreement to Harrison Park (the actual park). Once the debt service on that project is met, the excess revenue will be available for cooperative improvements as determined between Harrison West Society and Cbus Rec and Parks in the greater HW area. The TIF is valid for 30 years from the date of filing. UIRF is capital \$\$ made available from (non-voted) bonds the city releases based upon their AAA rating and credibility. This fund is set aside for individual neighborhood projects based upon proposals to the City in accordance with neighborhood plans. They fund as many as possible every few years, complete the projects and repeat the cycle. TIF Mg = Lee Hennick. Bill will return for updates re: available funds.

Minutes September minutes, C. Ruder motioned, second B. Mangia. **PASSED** with two changes, By-laws: Ruder moved for approval of amendments; Membership: Dean left chair during discussion of online payment fees then resumed chair once motion completed.

Treasurer's Report: D. Curry: balance: \$1,796.68. Annual expenditures \$1,600 plus \$500 if we donate to SNF. Includes insurance (D&L, artwork), PO box rental, Dreamhost

Development: J. Sukosd: no news w/ Westminster. Contact Casto re: future of Neil Ave. plaza. New house on 2nd Ave.

Parks: B. Mangia: M. Williams & Bob met w/ R. Harris, Brad Westall & FLOW re: UIRF funding of HW leg of Olentangy trail. Need a map of site to determine trail location. MW & BM to meet with Battelle, City & FLOW regarding continued honeysuckle removal. Need volunteers. Tentative date April 6. Ask FOGP for volunteers too. FLOW & City working on water trail along Olentangy. HW parks are ours to make what we want and we really need volunteers to help do so.

Membership: Renewal notice sent to members in Dec. 64 returned (60 res, 4 biz). Send reminder to outstanding. Working on online payment. 107 member vs. 1,000 addresses suggests we could reach more. Direct mail/hand deliver to at least 625 homes within boundaries of Harrison, W. 3rd, the river and 5th Ave. Email vicepresident@HarrisonWest.org with thoughts on what makes HW great and to be captain of a delivery area and help save the HWS \$ on postage.

Communications: M. Subel: no major updates. Working on online payments

Social: M. Martineau. Need to update letterhead and send TY notes to : Zenos (pizza), Caffe Apropos (raffle prizes), Café Corner (sandwiches), Level Dining (raffle), Spinelli's (sandwiches), and Superior Beverage (beer). K. Easterday will do

Short North Foundation: E. Martineau: IVS & IVC working with City re: permit parking process. City permits High St. businesses to buy permits for employees. Possible abuse causing friction. Need to find balance. Suggest a biz permit parking area between High & Pearl. 700+ passes exist for 150+ spaces. SNA: Xmas pole banners down. SNCA party at Brothers Drake 1/17 from 6-8PM. New officers: President, Steve Hurtt, VP Eric Martineau, Sec., Julie Hallan, Treas., Jeff Bergandine; FOGP received \$2,500 matching funds grant to renovate Fish Gate at Dennison & Buttles. \$47,500 project. Grant applications in Spring considered in June. Absent a generous donor only \$2,500 likely remaining to grant in 2013.

Block Watch & Police: S. Smith. Hopefully 2 recent arrests will stem the break-ins in the neighborhood.

By-Laws: C. Ruder: 6 amendments as previously published. (1) clean up membership bylaws: membership classifications, voting privileges, dues, renewals (2) allows members to select email notices (3) adds committee chairs to Exec Committee (4) re: amending the amendments (5) Dubs "Executive Committee" (6) shortens term to "By-laws". Motion to pass as written: M. Martineau, 2nd, D. Curry **PASSED**

Open Forum: E. Martineau: construction vehicles in the park are damaging the lawn around gazebo. J. Sukosd: use 311 to file concerns/complaints with City (example: light post at 3rd & Olentangy, curbs on 4th). Recycling tomorrow.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:13

Attendance: Sandy Allen, Dean Curry, Craig & Stephanie Dougherty, Kristen Easterday, Jeff Gill, Steve Hornyak, Bob Mangia, Eric & Mary Martineau, Bill Miller, Pastor Morris, Diane Plunkett, Tim Price, Chet Ridenour, Chris Ruder, Dara Schwartz, Steve Smith, Mark Subel, Jacob Sukosd