

Harrison West Society Meeting

February 20, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:07 **Quorum** present

Minutes January minutes, C. Ruder motioned, second B. Mangia. **PASSED**

Treasurer's Report: D. Curry: balance: \$1,926.68 plus another \$15 renewal to be processed.

Development: J. Sukosd: Looking into TIF info to inform fund planning for the future. Reaching out to the SNA regarding the Giant Eagle plaza.

Parks: B. Mangia: Battelle Riverbank Cleanup scheduled for Saturday, April 6 from 9AM-12PM removing honeysuckle and grapevine and cleaning up trash. Lunch (Donatos Pizza) provided by Battelle. INVITE FRIENDS! Met with M. Williams for 2013 clean up dates. We would like folks to adopt park beds for weeding and care. No news on the sewer work: have til end of the month to return to "pre-work condition." Metal cover killing grass near the south end of park.

Membership: T. Price: 67 members. Tim will send email reminder to lapsed members. Waiting on online payment option to complete the membership mailer/hand delivered piece.

Communications: D. Schwartz: we need writers, anyone is welcome to contribute a regular feature or one-time piece. Send neighborhood news to Mark Subel for inclusion on website and facebook page.

Social: M. Martineau. No news.

Short North Foundation: E. Martineau: **FOGP:** new parking limit signs posted in Goodale Park to prevent parking from 11PM-7AM, 3 hour limit otherwise. **SNA:** disillusioned with the number of meters and impact upon business workers in the district so working with the City on a solution for employee parking. The Pearl opened and it seeking to have the bus stop in front of it moved, thereby upsetting the business they propose to put it in front of. The President's Cup will be held at Muirfield, an international event during the October Gallery Hop using the Hilton Downtown as its home base. Soft Ball World Series returning to Columbus in 2015. **IVS:** City drafting new guidelines for race and event applications to limit event fatigue in the Short North neighborhoods. **SNF:** there are board positions available for at-large members like Chet Ridenour.

Open Forum: K. Easterday: Jazz Stage proposed for HP Gazebo is seeking a letter of support for their initiative to apply for a GCAC grant. D Schwartz: committee not run by HWS but includes members of the board including Dara, Mark, Bob and Ryan Striker. They want to use the Gazebo for a jazz-focused music series in the month of September that would complement the Goodale Park Music Series. Application deadline for GCAC is 2/28. Requested fiscal agent status from SNF to funnel funds to be used for payment to musicians, permits, insurance, electricity and sound. Reaching out to local businesses and organizations for sponsorship and advertising. Request a letter of support to submit with grant application. E Martineau: move to permit K. Easterday to write a letter of support for the Harrison Park Jazz Stage. T. Price second, motion **PASSED**. Suggests approaching Groov U who provides sound for Pecha Kucha.

E. Martineau: City Bike Share Program launching in summer 2013. Administered through Columbus Recreation and Parks. Go to their website to suggest locations for the bike share stations. There will be 30 stations with 10 bikes each throughout downtown and nearby Columbus.

D. Curry: what are the odds of returning paved streets with potholes revealing brick back to brick streets? J. Sukosd: if work is already happening it might be possible, not common due to noise and maintenance concerns. Use 311 to call in potholes the city is prompt. Art Walk signs now on W. 3rd for Side by Side park and signs up for Harrison Park. Should we create "Please don't climb on the sculpture" signs for Harrison Park?

Block Watch & Police: S. Smith- burglary and car break-ins especially in the Flats. Wagenbrenner asked for a meeting with Office Smith but has not happened. Don't leave stuff in your car. There have been 3 incidents with the same individual, think they must have gotten something of value the first time to return repeatedly. Garages on Harrison Park and Perry side have almost all been broken into. Seems lack of deadbolt makes them an easy target. Officer Smith has some plainclothes policemen on duty for theft from construction site. Question of whether security cameras help, more effective as damage control than a deterrent as they may help identify a suspect.

Parking faced the wrong way on the street is a ticketable offense. Feel free to call 645-4545 and report it but understand that it is not a priority call.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:58

Attendance: Sandy Allen, Dean Curry, Kristen Easterday, Mark Hollern, Bob Mangia, Eric & Mary Martineau, Pastor Morris, Tim Price, Chet Ridenour, Chris Ruder, Dara Schwartz, Steve Smith, Jacob Sukosd and Matthew Williams