

Harrison West Society Meeting

March 20, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:05 **Quorum** present **Presiding:** Kristen Easterday, President

Minutes: February minutes, E. Martineau motioned, second M. Hollern **PASSED**

Presentation: Michael Sexton, Mayor Coleman's Office: Columbus Education Commission. 12/12/12 a 25 member commission was introduced to examine the challenges & opportunities facing kids in Cols Public Schools from preschool thru career. Extensive community outreach includes: 8 public forums, 4 focus groups, prepaid postcards for commentary, @ReimagineCbusEd Twitter handle to join the conversation & website to distro info & collect ideas. Goal: enable all kids to succeed, leverage community resources to reach this goal. Challenges: more special needs kids, more single parents, more poverty, more ESL students. Out of 65K kids only 28K go to a school with an "A" rating.

Treasurer's Report: K. Easterday: balance: \$2,001.678 plus paypal account memberships to be processed.

Development: no report **Social:** M. Martineau. No report.

Parks: B. Mangia: Met with M. Williams and picked dates for park cleanups: last Saturday of each month and the Wednesday before the last Saturday for "Cocktails and Clean up". Need more beds adopted. Someone from Flats expressed interest in creating a community garden and was invited to attend. UIRF application passed City Council on Monday so the \$ has been appropriated and hopefully Brad Westall will be working on that soon. Wheeler Dog Park: City wants to shut it down 3-4 months to restore the lawn, add irrigation and reseed. Possible solutions include closing the park on muddy/rainy days, divide the park in two and reseed regularly and making it bigger. Most seem to want a solution that keeps the park open as it is the most used dog park in the city. 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. Expecting at least 100 volunteers. **MOTION:** B. Mangia requests allocating \$50 to buy signs to promote the 4/6 and future cleanups and promote HWS work. M. Williams designed, r design will create waterproof signs upon which the dates can be changes. M. Martineau motioned, M. William second, **PASSED**

Membership: K. Easterday: 71 members. Working on a membership campaign piece to deliver within the neighborhood. M. Williams: bylaws included method to update the membership categories and what they mean. New categories need to be defined and put on the new form. Exec Comm. has power to enact without full board. C Ruder to submit proposal.

Communications: M. Subel: good news! We can now accept online membership fees. With very little promotion we have already taken 4 and a donation to the HWS.

Short North Foundation: E. Martineau: **SNF:** HW Jazz Stage: SNF agreed to be fiscal agent. **FOGP:** Goodale Park fountain dedication on 5/19. Fall ice cream social date for gate dedication TBD. Matt Wolfe stepped down as HWS rep to FOGP interested parties should contact Julie Hallan. **IVC:** Quinn Fallon is applying for a restaurant/music venue on N. 4th St.; Fireproof is in the last stages of approval with construction to begin in the fall, Jeffrey has the first block approved, others forthcoming. **IVS:** Parking/traffic concerns. Working with the City on the permitting issues. ODOT placed \$1M. in the budget to restore Summit and N. 4th to 2-way streets from Hudson to Warren. **SNA:** Info from Brad W. re: Bike Share/ location of kiosks, input on design & placement. City investigating Car 2 Go program: car rental \$35/year and \$.38 per mile. 200 cars around city for easy usage. No gas/insurance or tag fees for users. May set up a meeting with HWS. Festival Fatigue: movement to change city code to require 60 day notice to neighborhoods and 15 days in advance fliering. Suggest alternative locations to new events. Passed Council on Monday. **SNCA:** Working on parking enforcement of 3 hour limit on Dennison. SN Music series working on a rain date concept. Earth Day is being promoted statewide by Chase Bank to come to Columbus and help in Parks. Might get some HW help on Earth Day clean ups.

Open Forum: E. Martineau (1) called 311 on potholes on W. 3rd this morning and they were repaired by the afternoon (2) Signage on the bike trail to the south is needed as folks end up in Harrison Park dead end instead of on trail, Eric contacted MORPC for better signage at the curb cut into Side by Side is misleading (3) R. Harris and B. Westall are working on reopening the bike path now that the sewer work is completed. Section of the path needs restored first. C Ruder: Plan for the bikeway to extend into Grandview Yard, not the White Castle property. M. Hollern: trucks coming down W. 1st and getting stuck is an ongoing problem happening daily. M. Williams calling the City for resignage to stop the cut throughs when they come off Goodale to Michigan and decide the only way they can turn is left and then get trapped at 1st and Perry.

Block Watch & Police: S. Smith: noticeable decrease in theft and burglaries. Local solicitor Tim Hoepf is causing trouble. Invoke S. Smith's name to get rid of him. The Flats considering adding lighting and cameras to their parking lots.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15

Attendance: Sandy Allen, Kristen Easterday, Mark Hollern, Bob Mangia, Eric & Mary Martineau, Tim Price, Chet Ridenour, Chris Ruder, Mark Subel, Steve Smith, Ken Wightman and Matthew Williams