

Harrison West Society Meeting

April 17, 2013

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

Presentation: Chris George, Bikeway Program Coordinator for City of Columbus Public Service Dept.

Share the Road Campaign. Launch event Monday, 6/17 ride with the Mayor. 2300 W. Broad Street to City Hall starts at 7:30 a.m. Campaign includes citywide education and engagement. Goals: +keep cyclists & motorists safe; improve knowledge of and compliance with laws; encourage mutual respect and appreciation between cyclists and motorists. Campaign elements: launch event, traffic enforcement, ads, website, informational materials, social media. More bike lanes, more sharrows, more bike parking. Rules of the road: bikes are vehicles and the same rules apply. Call 311 to have traffic light intersections adjusted for bikes and to get bike path info in the alley from Side by Side to Harrison Park.

Minutes: February minutes, B.Mangia motioned, second M. Subel **PASSED**

Treasurer's Report: D. Curry: balance: \$2,068.28 plus paypal account memberships (\$61.60) to be processed.

Development: J. Sukosd. Construction for the Grandview Yard Giant Eagle has been delayed. Real estate market is strong. 600 Goodale and Harrison Park apartments both on track for summer move-ins. Trotting Association has 2 buildings and a lot for sale. APCO has building and lot for sale. Giant Eagle on Neil – no news, might be kept to service the Arena District as they just added a liquor store.

Parks: B. Mangia: need volunteers to adopt parks and beds. Want them to weed at least 1 hour per month. Wheeler Park: letter sent to city asking to put renovation, seeding and adding irrigation on hold until fall for redesign. Will put mulch down as a temporary fix. Cost estimates for fencing and redesign in progress. Molly may come to May meeting. This Saturday is Earth Day tree planting. Meet at the gazebo in Harrison Park 9 a.m. -12 p.m. Girl Scouts will be helping with a cleanup on Sunday. Battelle Riverbank Cleanup was huge success. 65 volunteers finished clearing banks from 4th to 5th Avenue. Battelle provided chippers. Big thanks to large Kent State University Alumni group. Hope for help from OSU Alum next time. Red tail hawk nesting in cottonwoods across the river. M. Williams: met with Brad Westall regarding the south end of the bike path. Wagenbrenner still has much work to do. Request keeping it closed until May 15 at the latest or can open evenings and weekends but may cause confusion. **MOTION:** to keep the bike path closed until May 15 at the latest. M. Martineau motioned, second B. Mangia **PASSED**. M. Williams will draft a letter for K. Easterday to send.

Membership: T. Price: 75 members plus the paypal outstanding. M. Hollern: should we create a welcome to the neighborhood packet for the new apartment dwellers? Should we remind Wagenbrenner about their commitment to pay membership dues for new residents?

Communications: M. Subel: Earth Day is Monday. Integrated Building Systems will recycle old electronics, computer parts, phones, etc.

Social: No report.

Short North Foundation: No report.

Block Watch & Police: S. Smith: Don't ride your bikes on the sidewalks. It's illegal. Guy with a kitty litter box strapped to his bike is becoming a nuisance asking folks for money/food/work. Direct to social service agencies vs. give them \$.

Election Committee: B. Mangia is head. Send him any nominees (yourself or others) we vote in May.

Open Forum: K. Easterday: Car 2 Go is considering coming to Columbus. Point to point car sharing program – check them out as they are asking for feedback in June. D. Curry: Matt, Bob and Dean attended K. Easterday's Neighborhood Leadership Academy award program. She gave an awesome speech and encourages others to attend the 8 month course. C. Ruder: please review the policies on the website as many are outdated and need to be amended. Anyone is invited to do this and give feedback. T. Price: bike events upcoming include North Market's Market to Market ride on May 4 and Pedal Instead's bike corral with FREE bike parking at many upcoming events. M. Martineau: please join the PM Gallery Cash Mob and shop there this weekend to give them a financial boost in their new space.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07

Attendance: Sandy Allen, Dan Carducci, Dean Curry, Kristen Easterday, Jane & Bil Forbes, Chris George, Mark Hollern, Melanie Krabel, Bob Mangia, Mary Martineau, Ken McRoy, Tim Price, Chet Ridenour, Chris Ruder, Mark Subel, Steve Smith, Anthony Scarpelos, Jacob Sukosd and Matthew Williams