

Harrison West Society Meeting

July 17, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:05 **Quorum** present **Presiding:** Kristen Easterday, President
Presentation: Keisha Hunley-Jenkins, Mayor's Office. Columbus Education Commission update. 55 recommendations around 6 main goals. Increase post-secondary education (at 30%, goal 60%). Recruit, retain, support strong educators. HB 167 allows charter schools to receive levy \$; appoints an independent auditor; allows mayor to sponsor high quality charter schools. Mayor's 14th cabinet member = Office of Education. Levy to possibly be placed on fall ballot will include funding charter schools and the independent auditor. Bond issue: total of \$842Mi includes infrastructure (\$52.5Mi), rec & parks (\$123Mi), Public Service (\$220.3Mi) and Public Utilities (\$445Mi)

Minutes: June minutes, J. Putnam motioned, second M. Hollern PASSED

Treasurer's Report: T. Price: balance: \$2,016.18 \$250 each paid out to Goodale Park Music and Harrison West Jazz Stage

Development: J. Sukosd: Ongoing communication with the City regarding curbs, corners and the repaving of streets. The work on the corner of 2nd and Oregon was corrected. D. Curry: sewer work at 1st & Perry cracked and deteriorated he will call 311 to report. M. Williams: contacted city regarding semi trucks coming through neighborhood & getting stuck. City asserts the signage is adequate. Feels a little blown off by initial contact. Wagenbrenner talked to some truckers and learned they are coming from Goodale. HWS will reframe the conversation and send a letter. J. Putnam: when will W. 3rd reopen? Hopefully end of July. RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING DISCUSSION: SNCA Parking Group formed originating from Italian Village issue. Applied through UIRF to do a comprehensive Short North business and residential parking study and were approved. City is now notifying HWS when a residential permit application has been requested. The Parking Study Group is asking for a moratorium on all further permits while the study is ongoing. Existing applications have time for completion and submission before it begins. Jamee Zucal submitted a permit parking application for Perry Street between 3rd and 5th and 4th Street from Perry to Michigan during the hours of 8AM-4PM.

Construction workers from OSU are arriving exceptionally early and disturbing the peace in the neighborhood as well as taking up all available free parking to avoid paying for parking on campus. Battelle does not let contract workers park in their big empty lots either. More than 60% of the residents signed and a traffic study has been started. J. Sukosd: concerned this will just push the cars onto Vermont Pl and other nearby streets. K.

Wightman: permit parking problematic for realtor and clients trying to look at houses. **MOTION (B. Mangia): The HWS will send a letter supporting a parking permit moratorium for no longer than one year beginning on September 16, 2013. Second D. Curry PASSED**

Parks: B. Mangia: Wheeler Park renovation went to City Council to be voted on next week. Maintenance has sprayed for weeds in the parks. Sewers and drains contacted and the grass was cut on Oregon. Responsibility now passes to the homeowner. 311 called to cut grass at the abandoned house on 2nd & Perry. Street trees on Oregon between 2nd & 3rd to be taken down. Community Garden Committee has 2 interested residents who have received all of Bob and Dara's information to work on plans. Clean up and Cocktails on Wednesday, July 24 at 6:30. Park cleanup on Saturday, July 29 from 9AM-12PM meet at the gazebo. Contact B. Mangia or M. Williams to adopt a park bed. Water in Side by Side Park being worked on. Gowdy Field \$ is \$500K. Bob has copy of the legislation. Subcommittee to be formed to use it before we lose it. The HW priority list will be reviewed to see what falls in the scope of acquiring or improving our parks. Bike trail: Kevin Kowalski of Geer Gas and Superior are meeting next week to get on board with plan.

Membership: D. Curry: 108 members. Membership postcard has been approved and sent to printer for 1,000 copies. Final proof will be issued. Gets the word out re: HWS membership, potentially distro-ed by OSU volunteers. (Thanks for the great design work Dara!)

Communications: M. Subel: sign up for the email newsletter & reminders. Recycling is tomorrow!

Social: K. Easterday: Nat'l Night out plan cancelled. M Hollern checking on reservation of HW Rec Center for future plans. Maybe try to schedule something for September.

Short North Foundation: J. Bergandine is our new representative (welcome!) reviewed grant requests last meeting including \$200 to HW. Discussed parking situation. Make sure new development fits in with the neighborhood.

Block Watch: D. Burke: (1) National Night Out is August 6. He will send info for our fb page. 4th seems to be organizing an ice cream social. (2) NextDoor.com electronic meet your neighbors site (3) Spread the work about the Short North Block Watch, join their facebook page, they want to chalk sidewalks 7/26-7/28 and get signs with logos to increase profile.

Open Forum: none

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15

Attendance: Sandy Allen, Jeff Bergandine, Dan Burke, j Clark, Richard Cugino, Dean Curry, Kristen Easterday, Mark Hollern, Gretchen James, Bob Mangia, Mary Martineau, Tim Price, Jon Putnam, Matt Reinemeyer, Dara Schwartz, Jacob Sukosd, Mark Subel, Ken Wightman, Matthew Williams, Jaimee and Jim Zucal.