

Harrison West Society Meeting

August 21, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:06 **Quorum** present **Presiding:** Gretchen James, Vice President

Minutes: July minutes, **G. James** motioned, second **J. Bergandine PASSED**

Treasurer's Report: T. Price: balance: \$1,938.46. Expenses: \$104.48 for website hosting. Getting updated quotes for the art in the park and the officers insurance.

Development: J. Sukosd: attended an open house on Neil Avenue improvements including replacing the rusty and outdated traffic poles, budgeted by the city. Permit Parking Perry Street: C. Ridenour: petition successful, they met the signature requirement and 2 parking studies done so far have shown that 75% of the daytime parking is from external sources. Craig Zander of Turner Construction was approached with the residential concerns of entire blocks being consumed by his worker's vehicles and their conduct. Turner is not willing to direct employees to park elsewhere, but will address unlawful behavior. Suggestion: call police for unlawful behavior and report license plates to Turner of those breaking law (open container, etc). Jeff Smith created an online form to input incidents with medical center construction workers on shortnorthcivic.org (consider using form). SNCA paid for fliers distributed to about 120 cars last week sharing the concerns of the residents. Timeline: OSU medical center work continues through the fall of 2014.

Parks: M. Williams. Harrison West Park weeding and planting. Still working on getting water there from Recreation and Parks Dept. Will spread mulch in September. Cleanup and Cocktails scheduled for 5:30 PM on Wednesday, August 28 and Park Clean up for Saturday, August 31 at 9AM. Meet at the Gazebo. OSU Pay it Forward sent 15 students to clean up Side By Side Park. They scrubbed the concrete benches, weeded and planted. Harrison Park was worked on last month and is in pretty good shape, but there is LOTS of poison ivy along the banks and we need to work on removal. Harrison West Jazz Stage starts Sunday, September 8. Wheeler Park: Molly met with the contractor, fencing is ordered should take 4-6 weeks for delivery. October 1 is the expected completion date then they will close ½ the park at a time to let the grass regrow. UIRF: no update on bike path except it is moving forward.

Membership: D. Curry: 118 members (up 10 from last meeting). Membership postcard (5,000) has been printed thanks to Dara Schwartz for design and Fireball Press for the discount. QR code on it goes right to membership page. We need volunteers to distribute. Join before September 1 to get the discounted rate of membership through 2014. Goal is to double membership in 2014 since there are more than 1,000 households in the neighborhood. Talk to Wagenbrenner to get postcards to the apartments.

Communications: M. Subel: new members should check out HarrisonWest.org for notices and newsletters. Harrison West Jazz Stage starts 9/8 and runs Sundays in September. Thanks to Ken Wightman, IBS and HWS for sponsoring.

Social: S. Dougherty: dinner potluck after the meeting tonight and a raffle for a \$10 Cameron Mitchell gift card. Other activities in the works.

Short North Foundation: J. Bergandine: most of the last meeting revolved around discussing parking. Also, Italian Village developments: Wood Company proposal to build behind Haiku on Italian Village Park.

Block Watch: D. Burke: Sign up for nextdoor.com it's free and easy way to communicate and stay informed about issues in the neighborhood including safety. End of July did a lot of walk chalking with links to the facebook page and saw an increase in likes on the page. Homeless camps in the Short North: met with Maryhaven. They are locating and inventorying camps in September. Having monthly meetings to discuss priorities and give camps notice to vacate around construction projects. Outreach and placement is the end goal. September 7 Good Neighbor Picnic to be held in Goodale Park. Friends of Goodale Park is seeking a Harrison West representative if anyone is interested and holding a clean up on 9/7 if anyone wants to get a group together to help.

Police: S. Smith: Renaissance Park is experiencing occasional incidents including break-ins to cars and homes. National Night Out was well-attended.

Open Forum: Call 311 regarding Harrison Park lights being out in the dark mornings. C. Ridenour:

ShortNorthParents.com goals: connect local parents, collaborate with schools and the mayor to create a solution for the Short North neighborhood family drain. S. Allen: props to Dara Schwartz on her recent publicity for Darista Café.

RATS: noticeable increase in rodent activity. Recent article in Dispatch noted the cessation of the City program for rodent control and hypothesized that this is the outcome. Other factors: lots of construction across the river could be disturbing former nesting grounds. Gretchen James to call someone. Bike Share Stations: how do we get one in Harrison West (Giant Eagle suggested). Use it to encourage growth/contact Brad Westall from the City,

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 for dessert social. **G James Motioned, J Sukosd second PASSED**

Attendance: Sandy Allen, Jeff Bergandine, Dan Burke, Dan and Roberta Carducci, Dean and Nancy Curry, Craig and Stephanie Dougherty, Joe George, Gretchen James, Amanda King, Mary Martineau, Harvey and Suzanne Miller, Tim Price, Chet Ridenour, Chris Ruder, Jacob Sukosd, Mark Subel, Karen Tarantino, Ken Wightman, Matthew Williams.