

Harrison West Society Meeting September 18, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:05

Quorum present

Presiding: Gretchen James, Vice President

Presentation- Betsy Pandora, Executive Director of Short North Alliance: What the Alliance does- organization that was created as a result of a merger between Short North Business Association and Short North Special Improvement District. They exist to make sure that the Short North Community is clean, safe, and thrives. They facilitate Gallery Hop and High Ball Halloween. If there is anything they can do to enhance Harrison West, let her know. In response to an emailed question from resident requesting a Sharrow (marking on street to indicate shared lane for bikes and vehicles), the city did a plan called Bicentennial Bikeways in 2008. Suggests that the requester reviews the plan and if it is not in the plans, reach out to the city with request. Mark Subel will reply to email.

Minutes: August Meeting, G. James motioned, second S. Dougherty, PASSED

Treasurer's Report: T. Price: Balance: \$1,938.46 in account, plus \$85.57 in Paypal (will transfer to account when it hits \$100). Total of \$2,024.03. Insurance company will let us know when E&O Insurance is due. It is \$938. Need to see if that is a one-year or three-year policy. If it is one year, will request a new quote, as it seems high for one year. Will also need \$500 for artwork coverage soon.

Development: J. Sukosd: Parking is still in process. If you live on a permit street and notice a lot of cars parking without permits, call the non-emergency line (645-4545) and an officer will come out and distribute tickets. Third Avenue closure: it is open eastbound currently, not sure when westbound will be open. Dean Curry received a letter regarding truck traffic stating that nothing will be done until parking issues are solved. Will send out to the organization.

Parks and Green Space: B. Mangia: September 25th and 28th cleanups at Harrison West Park. On the 25th, Cleanup and Cocktails will begin at 6:00 PM until 7:30. Meet at 4th and Oregon. On the 28th, meet in the same spot at 9:00 AM and if Harrison West Park is done, we will move over to Harrison Park and do weeding along the river bank. Wheeler Park fence construction starts tomorrow. Side by Side was cleaned last week. Harrison Park looks good. Jazz Series on Sunday- please come! Open seating, food truck, meet your neighbors! Bike path update: last he heard is that Kevin has support from Superior, just waiting for details on where the path will land. \$1M for park plans/improvements: When Kristen returns, will meet to prioritize and determine where to invest. Could use some shade at Jazz Concerts- maybe invest in trees? Would also like water in the park.

Membership: D. Curry: 125 members. Thanks to volunteers who handed out postcards. Has plenty more if you need them. A couple of our new guests came as a result of the postcard distribution. Please pay for membership now as opposed to waiting until Jan- that \$25 will go through next year. It was pointed out by a new member that there is no explanation of the difference between "Individual" and "Individual Household" on the website- Mark will update to include explanation.

Communications: M. Subel: You can pay membership fee online at www.harrisonwest.org under the membership tab. Once you sign up you will also receive a newsletter to stay current plus agendas for meetings. Jazz Series- come out on Sundays! Two more left. It has been very successful. One thing they didn't consider was sun/heat- may move to later in the day next year. Follow the Harrison West Facebook page where you can get updates of meetings, events, along with reminders of street sweeping, recycling, etc. Also Nextdoor.com- it's like Facebook for a certain neighborhood- check it out. Also follow the Harrison West Jazz Series Facebook page. Harrison West website features a resident every month; need volunteers for the next one- contact Mark if you're interested.

Social: S. Dougherty: Nothing planned for September. Will plan for October in so that we have a function every other month leading up to holiday party in December. Possibly gathering at Zeno's after meeting or another day- will keep everyone posted but count on a social in October.

Short North Foundation: J. Bergandine: Not present today. Emailed Gretchen update that the last foundation meeting was focused on development projects in Italian Village and continued discussion on parking. No other updates.

Block Watch: D. Burke: Like the Facebook page to get block watch updates. Started working with Nextdoor.com and has seen an increase in activity. It is a great way to connect with neighbors quickly and easily. Two months ago there was a chalk-watch to increase block watch awareness and Facebook followers- will do another in October.

Police: S. Smith: Not present, no updates provided.

Open Forum: Rats: Bob received call back from Cassandra with the city. The city does not have a program for rat abatement. She came in and walked through alleys and did not see any major rat holes. She said that Clintonville is putting together a proposal for the city and perhaps we should follow their lead. Member (Ruth?) asked about website where you can advertise apartments for rent- suggestions were to use advertising space on Harrison West website (Mark thought of adding classifieds to website), Short North Civic Association website, Craigslist.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50. **G. James motioned, B. Mangia second PASSED.**

Attendance: Stephanie Dougherty, Craig Dougherty, Gretchen James, Mark Subel, Tim Price, Jacob Sukosd, Matthew Williams, Mark Hollern, Bob Mangia, Don Corducci, Amanda King, Sandy Allen, Tyler Allen, Andy Gottesman, Craig Copeland, Ken Wightman, Dan Burke, Dean Curry, Brian Knickle, Ruth Dohner, Betsy Pandora, Karl Ruttan, Chris Ruder.