

Harrison West Society Meeting October 16, 2013

Meeting called to order 7:03pm **Quorum** present **Presiding:** Kristen Easterday, President
Presentation on Issues 50 & 51, the Proposed Bond Issue and Tax Levy & Proposed Internal Auditor for the Columbus City School District. Keisha Hunley-Jenkins spoke for the issue and Gail Burkholder spoke against the issue. For more information on the issues, here are some resources:

- What's in the Levy? (created by kidsohio.org) http://www.kidsohio.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/KidsOhio_Levy-flyer_v02a1.pdf
- Against the issues: <http://itsokaytovoteno.org> and <http://nocheatersnocharterscolumbus.org/>
- For the Issues: <http://newcolumbuschools.com/>

Treasurer's Report: Tim sent his report to the president who shared that the Society has currently \$2,082.91, including paypal funds. Upcoming potential bills are for the E&O insurance (~\$900) and art insurance (\$500).

Development Report: Jacob said that the Society was recently approached by a potential new developer for the American Trotting parcel across from APCO on Michigan (~3 acres). Snyder Barker is currently in contract on the property and asked to meet with someone preliminarily. They shared an early proposal which included:

- 100% residential apartments, with amenities (clubhouse/pool)
 - 50% 1BDR, 25% studio, 25% 2BDR
 - 3 story buildings with 20 units per building, 7 buildings for approx 140 units
 - Buildings to be build up to street with sidewalks, tree lawns, and street facing outdoor space.
 - 12 garage spaces per building with additional outdoor surface lot parking behind the buildings
 - Plan to provide 1+ parking unit per unit, final numbers not determined.
 - Contemporary design including, but not limited to, brick, panels, and large glass. see <http://www.liveaston.com/columbus-columbus/aston-place/photos/> for examples of their current project. Probably something similar in design to the townhouses.
 - Exterior entrances and stairwells to the units from the back, with some sort of front door.
 - The "utility" building at the southern point of the parcel presents them an opportunity to make a "entry point" to the neighborhood, and they want to treat it as such.
- Jacob brought up the fact that the HW plan calls out this parcel as commercial, and wanted to know what their opportunities were to include commercial or retail space. They said they would consider it as they refined their plans, but they are in business to build residential.
- They liked the idea of having the one driveway cut all the way through the site, to help break it up, and align it with the adjacent parcel. They hadn't thought about restoring the street grid before, and I mentioned that the goal was to get Buttles opened up to this site in the future.
 - Their zoning lawyer is still working up the rezoning, but I mentioned the park space dedication. The architect was pretty sure that this would come with some sort or parkland or monetary requirement.

-Other concerns raised by the Society during the meeting- Are we overbuilding? And in the Plan we prefer purchased versus rental properties. Can these be made to eventually become condos?

Parks and Green Space: Bob reported Harrison West Park got mulched; volunteers are needed to remove redbuds at Side By Side on November 9 (check calendar for more details); Harrison Park volunteers planted bulbs... bog thanks!; Jazz Series was a HUGE success!! Bringing in ~200

people each performance; waiting to hear on UIRF; Jorie is working on community gardens and looking for potential locations; Gowdy field money discussion will begin soon to review previous priorities the Society voted on. Concerns were brought up regarding the large gate (not supposed to be an entrance/exit) but people are using it as such. Can we get a second gate? Dogs are running out.

Membership Report: Dean was absent

Communications Report: NextdoorNeighbor.com is really taking off. Please consider signing up and joining the online conversation. Perry Street permit article was put up and there has now been a hearing scheduled by the Columbus Transportation and Pedestrian Commission at the Beacon Building, 50 West Gay Street, First Floor, Room 11 on November 12, 5pm. People are encouraged to participate individually. Mark is also looking for new writers and people to feature.

Social Report: Neighbors are encouraged to gather at Zeno's after the meeting. Zeno's will have half-price pizzas for us! Bringing back the holiday lighting/decoration contest is also under consideration. Mark your calendars for the Holiday Party, which will be held December 18, 7pm rather than our normal meeting.

Short North Foundation Report: Jeff was absent

Block Watch Report: Dan reported that the entire Short North is participating in a light survey of the neighborhood between Oct 27 and Nov 3. Walks will be held to identify and report lights that need fixing or replaced. Please consider volunteering; email info@shortnorthblockwatch.org

Police Report: Officer Smith was absent; we still have yet to receive crime report stats so Kristen will inquire.

Open Forum:

- Neighbor of the Year award information will be online soon; please consider nominating someone. Discussion on Parry St. permit. It was suggested that the Society weigh in. It was brought up that this could create more tension between the neighbors but a permanent parking change should work to exhaust all other options including working with Battelle or limiting either a side of the road or hours of the restriction. Also, there is a safety concern being so close to the daycare. Without any cars parked, cars could zoom down the road.
- **MOTION: Write a letter to Randy Bowman and Transportation and Pedestrian Commission asking them to postpone approving the permit parking until all other options have been investigated. (Bob, and seconded by Dan Burke) Oral vote. PASSED.**
- The City is creating a task force to address rat and rodent problems. Please report any issues to 311 or email Gretchen James, vicepresident@harrisonwest.org to get involved in the task force.

Meeting adjourned ~8:15