

## Harrison West Society Meeting ~ April 16, 2014

**Meeting** called to order at 7:04 **Quorum** present **Presiding:** Kristen Easterday, President

**Presentation: Jim Daley, COTA:** intergral part of the community and here to communicate that. Started more than 40 years ago. Employs over 870 people, provides 980,000 service hours/year. Stakeholders are taxpayers of Franklin Cty. 63,000 rides per day served. Close to 600 bus operators, 150 mechanics. 333 fixed route buses. 250 out at peak times. 68 lines including several serving HW. COTA provides 170,000 para-transit service hours (Mainstream). COTA changes service 3x per year to tweak and improve service. Real time technology being worked on to have idea where and when bus will arrive. Due to roll out in 2014. May 5 launching first "CBus" at corner of Nationwide and High. Service for downtown employees, residents and conventioneers. North of Short North to Brewery District. Cost: FREE for the first year. Also Cleveland Ave. corridor rapid transit to serve community from Columbus State to Africa Road. Completing a transit system review to look at entire system and service. At risk with COTA: 2006 ¼% levy passed that expires in 2016. Laying groundwork for renewal of the levy. Please listen to COTA's message regarding the levy and services COTA provides. Return to voters before 2016, likely in 2015. Real time technology will be accessible through re-designed website. Revamping maintenance for articulated buses as well. New shelters coming downtown. # boardings in an hour guides shelter locations as does right of way. 28 park & rides throughout system primarily serving suburbs.

**Rob Harris: Phase 4 Harrison Park Development:** 24 single family attached townhomes, \$450-500K range. Fire Marshall needs to use alley way to fight fires, needs emergency escape, no curb cut, just drive over it, no contingency for planting. Met with zoning attorneys, closest classification is AR2 (apartment, residential, 2 family) don't have zoning for HW as it exists now. Variance 1: AR2 attached units, want to sell them as single family attached residences. Variance 2: parkland was all MFG district and didn't need rezoned. Land conveyance change property: allows building of single family attached product on MFG site. Variance 3: Change width of property reduced by 14' #4: Maximum lot coverage: since attached need a variance. #5 Fronting: nothing in code permitting fronting onto a non-street so needs a variance for park frontage. #6 Building line needs 2' building setback same as all houses on Perry Street. #7 rear yard: fee simple townhomes don't have a rear yard. #8 Vision clearance: want 25' from exit to alley, asking for 24' for the vision triangle. Permits in 2 weeks. Start construction June/July available early 2015. Coordinate groundbreaking with block party.

**B. Mangia MOTION: accept the variances as presented J. Bergandine second PASSED**

**Minutes: March minutes, J. Bergandine motioned, T. Price second PASSED**

**President's Report:** K. Easterday. No report **Membership:** D. Curry: no report

**Treasurer's Report:** T. Price: \$2,866.50 checking \$341.38 paypal total \$3,207.96, no outstanding bills

**Development:** J. Sukosd: no report. Request for update on Trotters

**Parks:** B. Mangia: mulch coming to HW Park will need spread. Park cleanup scheduled 4/23 for cleanup and cocktails then Caffe Apropos afterwards. 4/26 Olentangy River Cleanup between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. REGISTER on google calendar. Last month did Harrison Park. Alan McKnight meeting scheduled to discuss Gowdy Field \$. Committee prioritized list into 3 categories. Rob, Bob and Brad Westall going to walk river to continue bike trail. Letters obtained from Geer Gas and Superior Beverage. Clean up after your dogs. [parks@harrisonwest.org](mailto:parks@harrisonwest.org)

**Communications:** M. Subel: e recycling day on Tuesday 4/22 from 9AM – 4PM plus Jeni's and hotdogs at IBS: old phones, computers, electronics

**Social:** S. Dougherty. No report. Try to plan something with Cap City 10K coming down 3<sup>rd</sup> on 5/3/14

**Short North Foundation:** J. Bergadine. 4/19 from 9AM-12PM Goodale Park cleanup day. IV developments: Callender Cleaners would include outdoor dining, Prescott & Pearl: 24 unit proposed with 20 parking spaces + 4 garage spaces. 7 townhouse development at gas station at 1<sup>st</sup> and Summit. Parkside on Pearl proceeding. SNCA: speed limits changed, looking at traffic calming ideas: crosswalks (Collins, King & Hunter). Proposed: parking lots off Dennison & 3<sup>rd</sup> at other lots. Asking for 160 units combo townhomes, re-establishing E-W alley through the lot. SNA Gala is 5/4/14. Public art project for Buttles & High. 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Gallery Hop. Car2Go drop zone during Hop.

**Block Watch:** D. Burke: other captains not as effective, need new blood in organization; Thursday, 5/29/14 meeting with City and CPD for Annual Block Watch Meeting, Dan looking for someone to attend in his place

**UIRF:** D. Carey: priority list submitted to the city awaiting response

**Nomination Committee:** B. Mangia agreed to be nominations chair, vote for officers each May, will set up [nominations@harrisonwest.org](mailto:nominations@harrisonwest.org), can nominate today, online or at meeting in May

**Open Forum:** Bunn Minnick struggling a bit: 9/11 was a disaster for the organ industry.

**K. Easterday move to adjourn. G. James second. ADJOURNED 8:04 PM**

**Meeting Adjourned** at PM

**Attendance:** Jeff Bergandine, Tim Bledsoe, Dan Burke, Dan Carducci, David Carey, Kristen Easterday, Rob Harris, Gretchen James, Leo Kleiss, Mary MacDonald, Bob Mangia, Dave Nickey, Pastor Morris, Tim Price, Chris Ruder, Connie Simmons, Mark Subel and Ken Wightman.