

Harrison West Society Meeting ~ July 16, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM **Quorum** present **Presiding:** Kristen Easterday, President

Minutes: June minutes, C. Ruder recommends amending to account for biological impossibility of Jacob having a baby. C. Ruder moves to approve. S. Dougherty seconded, PASSED.

Presentation / Discussion with Patti Austin / Carrie Fortman (City of Columbus): City of Columbus representatives present to discuss requested traffic calming measures. Want to hear ideas, observations, problems to solve. Plan to return at September meeting after time to review feedback. K. Easterday: speed increase on 3rd caused concerns, esp. with people jaywalking, people with dogs. Busier street. 3rd/Pennsylvania and 3rd/Perry mentioned because where people typically cross. N. Kentris: Turning left off Perry onto 3rd is difficult. P. Austin: would consider crosswalk over 3rd on eastern side of Perry. 4 way stop is generally reserved for when all directions have equal traffic. M. Subel: trees also suggested as calming measure. M. Williams: lost a couple of trees on N. side of 3rd to traffic accidents. P. Austin: any intersection is automatically considered a crosswalk, so real purpose is increasing visibility. Can also consider C. Ruder suggestion to re-stripe crosswalks at 3rd and Olentangy (worn out). Striping is cheap and easy, impact is sometimes significant, sometimes not. N. Kentris: also need sidewalks on 3rd around railroad. P. Austin: plan to do so. Currently highest priority is crosswalks/traffic calming on 3rd. Other priorities? D. Curry: Perry between 3rd and 1st is flat, smooth road with speeding issue. Possibly flip stop signs at 2nd/Perry? Austin: stop signs are for lower volume streets, flipping them leads to large increase in accidents, not recommended. D. Curry suggests speed bumps. Society might consider contribution. C. Ruder: need no thru trucks signs, especially for trucks coming in Goodale/Michigan and getting stuck. Austin: those signs are not typically enforceable. Trucks are local. C. Ruder, M. Williams: Not true. Truck companies use this as route, trucks get lost here. Austin: Trucks hard to stop. Almost need physical barrier, and if from out of town they don't care. Short North study needs to be done, this is a longstanding issue. End of year, maybe October/November before we can look at this. Plan to discuss in January at HWS meeting. M. Williams: Also suggest crosswalks on Harrison Park Place into Harrison Park, at blind corner on W. 1st and Harrison Park Place.

President's Report: K. Easterday. City has started bringing together neighborhood leaders. 2nd meeting in 2 weeks, will attend for HWS. Info to be shared on education. Received email a couple of weeks ago from Shiloh, Exec Director for German Village Society. Attempting to bring together historic neighborhoods. Want to discuss some things to work together on. Will keep Society updated.

Treasurer's Report: T. Price. \$3,430.92 in checking. \$0 in Paypal, all transferred out. Wrote \$300 check to Goodale Park music series, \$500 to Harrison Park Jazz Stage, neither cashed yet. 1 other upcoming expense: in August, have web hosting coming around. \$104.48 annual. T. Price: **MOTION** to pay for website renewal. C. Ruder: second. **PASSED**. T. Price: **MOTION** to donate banner space on site for HW Jazz Series, during month of September, including space for sponsor ads. D. Carey: Second. **PASSED**. T. Price: after all said and done given anticipated expenses, will have \$2,226.44 balance.

Development: D. Curry for R. Harris. People asking about breaking ground on HPP and 2nd, anticipating around August 15 breaking ground on final stage of development. MW: Trotter expecting to break ground soon. Want them to have M rather than AR2 zoning.

Parks: M. Williams for B. Mangia. Major honeysuckle event between 3rd and 5th on Aug 23. Need volunteers. Had 200 from OSU, but facilitator pulled them. Trying to get at least 100. Should be relatively easy. Probably won't need \$200 for pizza. Having trouble getting final approval for bike path behind Superior Beverage from private property owners. Presented them with a proposal. They approved with qualifications, but city asked if we could amend their proposal and Superior never responded, so have to take that as a no. Need to elevate part of bike path over the river rather than cutting across their property. R. Harris thinks have the money for it. APCO property disputes right of way along 670, APCO unable to produce documentation so trying to get it from the state. Wheeler Park – nothing to report. Harrison West Park – 6/23 and 6/27 events to clean up. Email parks@harrisonwest.org if interested in attending meeting to discuss major renovations. Harrison Park – waiting for city to get back to us with boat portage plans. Honeysuckle abatement last Saturday on west side of river. D. Curry recognized and thanked for attendance. Battelle will be surveying street trees on 8/7. Will see which are less than 8 feet above sidewalk and will trim around entire neighborhood. Looking for people to adopt a bed. Did not get art proposal pulled together just yet. 4 sculptures in HWP, should be 5, having to work on that with help from Columbus Art Commission. Will plan to present to Exec in August. Plaques/info about present art is also in the works. Having discussions with city about preventing drivers from driving near entrance. M. Williams will draft/send letter thanking City for honeysuckle programs.

Membership: D. Curry. 110 members. Not too much activity there. To that end, want to put out signage. Matthew volunteered to design some signs to get the word out. Posted on Next Door site when Mark noticed about this meeting. Need people to get involved. Dean will send signs to board.

Communications: M. Subel. Please email communications@harrisonwest.org. Need help on website. Need content.

Social: S. Dougherty. On 8/5 Short North Bagel Deli will be there. Got funding for sandwiches for 50+. Jeni's also donating ice cream, not sure how much. Waiting to hear back about sponsoring for Jazz series. Asked for Kroger gift card for chips/drinks, no response yet. Any other connections to grocery stores or others, let me know. Member raffle ticket idea – extra tickets for new members, 1 for regular members. Car2go membership is one idea; other businesses have suggested might donate. Want activities for kids. If you have anything laying around, bring that. Need ideas for kid friendly stuff. K. Easterday volunteers to help bring kid-friendly stuff. Want to distribute flyers. S. Dougherty will put something together. Also want all businesses donating to have logos on there. Need funding to cover printing flyers; given about 500-600 flyers, half sheets, color. **MOTION:** \$50 to cover printing (S. Dougherty) / D. Curry seconds.

PASSED. Volunteers to hand out? Wednesday 7/23, 6 PM. Divide streets. Meet at Apropos, 6 PM.

Short North Foundation: T. Price: J. Bergadine called, nothing to report.

Block Watch: Nothing new.

Police Report: Officer Steve Smith. Last 3 weeks seems to be increase in garage and car break ins north of 4th. Actively looking at suspicious people frequenting north end of Harrison Park. Don't leave stuff in cars, don't leave garage doors open. Probably 9-10 incidents in last 18-19 days. Bicycles keep turning up. Targeting one individual, found several bikes at his place. Downside of bikes – don't register serial numbers. Common misconception is that thieves file off the numbers but they usually don't bother. When we recover, people can't ID them as theirs. Write down your serial number. Every year we end up auctioning off this stuff. Increase of car thefts in lower part of university district but not so much around here.

UIRF: D. Carey. Proposals have been submitted and approved. City to review, expect ongoing correspondence to work out details of priority list.

Open Forum: Recognize Harrison West Hero Bang Studios (Jose & Robert). Jose notes 3rd Ave location – very visible windows, happy to help out if you need to advertise neighborhood events. Closed Sunday-Monday so offer to use meeting space. K Easterday: no meeting next month. Tues 8/5 National Night Out. Free food, everyone come! Mark: Every Sunday starting 9/7, 1:00 PM at gazebo, Harrison West Jazz Stage.

Meeting adjourned: 8:21 PM

Attendance: Sandy Allen, Patti Austin (City rep), David Carey, Dean Curry, Ruth Dohner, Stephanie Dougherty, Kristen Easterday, Jose Espitia, Carrie Fortman (City rep) Nick Kentris, John & Sue Martin, Tim Price, Chris Ruder, Steve Smith, Robert Stollinus, Mark Subel, Ken Wightman, Matthew Williams