

Harrison West Society Meeting ~ September 17, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM **Quorum** present **Presiding:** Kristen Easterday, President

Minutes: Motion to approve July minutes, S. Dougherty, seconded, S. Allen. Correction: M. Williams: Parks property referenced is Geer Gas not APCO, M. Williams moves, B, Mangia seconds. **PASSED**

Presentation: Michael Blau: Art Walks, manages walking programs with Health Department. 350 signs in 13 neighborhood on self-guided arts and history tours through the city. 10/11 & 10/12 six tours on one weekend: guided versions of the tours. Doreen Uhaus-Sauer leading one tour, Michael leading the other.

City of Columbus Department of Public Service (Jessica and Tricia Fought): follow through on changes to be implemented re: crosswalks from feedback from July meeting. Requested crosswalks: 3rd & Perry, 3rd & PA, Harrison Park Place & 1st; traffic calming on Perry and 3rd, stop signs at 2nd & Perry. Did traffic studies, counted pedestrians at crosswalk locations, and looked up crash histories, staff observation. 2 recommendation: things obligated to implement: safety recommendation at 3rd and Perry. To be implemented:

1. Marked crosswalk at 3rd & Pennsylvania on west side
2. Marked crosswalk west side of Harrison and 1st Avenue

3rd & Perry crosswalk not warranted.

3rd & Perry sight distance issue determined: going to remove all of the parking spots on 3rd. Speed consideration at 30 MPH. Can protest all we want but the City won't let it be up for a vote. Protest the truck traffic coming through the neighborhood and can't get anything done for that but the City is taking parking that we want to keep. Traffic calming added and fought to get the spaces and now we are arbitrarily losing them. We are concerned with pedestrians at crosswalks. We suggested 2 locations. Patty came to meeting to talk to residents. Other issues voiced, but not an expectation that immediate actions would be taken when we fought to get parking. Lack of consistency in response from the city. City: obligated to correct safety problem. Claims using urban sight triangle.

Based on crash reminding those on Perry that vehicles on 3rd do not stop. Recommendation: look at speeds on 3rd and 1st. Do we want parking areas striped? Street trees. Service request to replant the trees. South side of 3rd west of Perry for additional tree., but lengthy timeline to make that happen, but we can get a permit and plant them ourselves.

Timeline for crosswalks permitted: 4-6 weeks. Removal of on street parking 8-10 weeks.

D. Curry: what was requested 4 way stop at 2nd and Perry actually asked for 1st and Perry. How do we look at data city is using? Ruder: additional request. S. on MI there is a warning sign for stop sign. One on Perry southbound. Process: should we agree that we want a sign or should residents just submit. Can go through 311. Parking study extended 3/15.

There are worse intersections in the neighborhood. City not listening to slowing traffic down. Jacob ask to see sightline drawings. Removal of parking will make traffic move faster. Concern: not what residents expected at all. Nothing submitted. Asked for crosswalks. Easterday option: vote to write a letter or sentiment or send concerns to City and formally let them know concerns with the logic. Short North parking study ongoing. **MOTION: K. Wightman: send out concerns about process and logic employed to the city. Second: J Sukosd. PASSED**

Art in the Park: K Easterday and B. Mangia. Currently have 4 sculptures in Harrison Park, 5th was planned, working to get matching funds from the Columbus Art Commission (2:1; \$30K of Goody Field funds, asking for \$60K). Neighborhood will be invited to vote on favorite art. Art can't exceed budget. Vote to support application to Columbus Art Commissions; they issue RFQ, panel narrows down to top 3 finalists; more detailed presentation from finalists; ideas presented at neighborhood open house; residents vote on favorite proposal; winner commissioned. **Motion: D. Curry: To provide a letter of support for the commissioning of a 5th sculpture in Harrison Park and approve the expenditure of up to \$30K of our Gowdy Filed money for the project. 2nd B Mangia PASSED**

President's Report: K. Easterday. City Short North parking study delayed. We agreed to support through end of year. City says "oops, sorry." Attended city place making conference and got ideas. Council of Historic Neighborhoods looking to be revived via Shiloh at German Village. Kristen will attend next meeting. Short North to create a strategic plan including all business and residential components of the neighborhood. Concerns of the dynamic of the neighborhood, development issues. Education issue: would society be interested in holding a forum on K-12 education. Sukosd: if you are living in the SN with a child you are already doing your own research. Kristen to reach out to SN Parents. Info for website.

Treasurer's Report: K. Easterday \$2,621.82 in bank and available. Outstanding check from HW Jazz stage.

Development: J Sukosd: Trotters Gate Snyder Barker closed 9//5. Work to be started and completed in 14 months. 505 King being demolished. Concerns about the RR tracks and lack of sidewalk to Giant Eagle. Timeline 1-2 years.

Parks: B. Mangia. 2 cleanups 6-7:30 cleanup & cocktails. 9/27 from 9-11AM. Boat launch: walkway to spillway already there. Asked for landscaping on hill to guardrail maybe remove guardrail and put up a fence. Going to put in a handrail

on the stairs going down and a boat slide to landing. Naturalize top of bank from Gazebo, north. Plan: wildflowers. Honeysuckle at Battelle cleanup ½ stretch between 3rd and 5th about 20 participated. OSU students moved 80 redbuds to riverbank side and weeded Side by Side. Sumacs to come down, redbuds to act as replacements. Tree survey: done with Battelle early August and made note of City trees needing limbed up to meet city code. Wants to send list to City via HWS. Asking forester to take care of. **Motion: M. William: send a letter to Joe Sulak asking to limb up 250 trees to be put in code. B Mangia 2nd. PASSED**

Membership: D. Curry. 119 members. 4-5 new members from Jazz Series. Pay for this year and covers 2015. Signs up in hood letting people know about meeting.

Communications: M. Subel. Please email communications@harrisonwest.org. Sign up for emails.

Social: S. Dougherty marathon 10/19 cheering station to be set up around Pennsylvania, ambassadors from hospital to be sent and we can join. 9:00 set up through 11. Need volunteers for marshals. Go to website to volunteer. Try to involve Katalina's.

Short North Foundation: David Carey is our new representative as Jeff Bergandine is no longer able with his job change.

Block Watch: none

Police Report: none

UIRF: D. Carey.

Open Forum: Barbara Lehman moved in June. 2nd Avenue condos. Alley is a bicycle path is a concern. No signage, nothing to indicate to cars. Would like bike blvd signs, have asked for sharrows. Put in a 311 request (645-3111). 311.columbus.gov Harrison West Jazz Stage: 2 left on Sundays.

Meeting adjourned: 8:34

Attendance: Sandy Allen, Michael Blau, David Carey, Dean Curry, Stephanie Dougherty, Kristen Easterday, Barbara Lehman, Kate Mowbray, Chris Ruder, Steve Smith, Jacob Sukosd, Ken Wightman, Matthew Williams