

Harrison West Society Meeting ~ February 18, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM by **Quorum** present **Presiding:** M. MacDonald, Secretary/ K Easterday President

Minutes: Motion to approve January minutes H Miller, B. Mangia seconded, PASSED. (Vicky Smith name has no "e")

President's Report: K. Easterday. Columbus Historic Neighborhoods met. No one from HWS able to attend. Getting notes from the group secretary. Discuss issues, share resources and best practices. Survey to go out within the next week to recruit and engage new member: 4 questions, open-ended to go out to entire neighborhood.

What do you feel are assets of Harrison West? What do you feel are challenges of Harrison West? What would you like board to focus on in 1-5 years? What skills do you have that can help HWS accomplish these goals. Open house before the next meeting to discuss committees and responsibilities. Stephanie D: do you want to pair with a social event.

Treasurer's Report: T. Price. \$3,576.43 in checking, \$220.30 paypal, total \$3796.73. Stephanie D. gets a check for \$313 for Christmas party, \$3483 remaining. Will audit books per the bylaws next month.

Development: No report

Parks: B. Mangia. Had a meeting and scheduled park cleanups for Wednesday before the last Saturday of each month March through October and the last Saturday of each month. 3/25 and 3/28 will be the first two. Tree planting for Earth Day in April. Need volunteers to help plant saplings along the river 4/22 and 4/25. Side by Side featured for March clean up. T. Price: can have others sign up and have volunteers sponsored. Working on clarification on funding for park renovation in Harrison West Park and making improvements to others. Have Gowdy Field and UIRF funds available. City: Molly says they are working on plans for the boat portage and plans for HW Park. Transferred \$30,000 into public art fund for HWS. Clean up after your dogs. Wheeler Park: both sides closed because grass is damaged. Heavily used park. Plan to re-open other side when it is available and grass has grown. M Williams arts update: had meeting to select 3 finalists, all notified and accepted. Finalists will sign contract with City to prepare a proposal. Will then have an open house for neighborhood to choose the final. Projected for summer 2016 finish. Location: concrete slab is at entrance to Harrison Park near playground.

Membership: D. Curry. 68 members 2015 so far. Been delayed in getting emails out for renewal reminders. M. Williams helping craft the emails. Get word out about HWS and the things we do.

Communications: M. MacDonald need writers and stories for the website and facebook pages. D. Curry: CU wrote about the Trotters Development, it includes a café. Put link on Facebook/website.

Social: S. Dougherty. Nothing. K Easterday: Hubbard Mastery School having a fundraiser with Z Pizza donating up to 25% all food purchased on 2/19/15.

Short North Foundation: D. Carey, no report

Block Watch: no report, might be defunct. Joint Short North neighborhood communication discussion of happenings. Nicki Adelmeyer willing to take over.

Police Report: None

UIRF: B. Mangia \$1 mi from Gowdy Field. TIF that funded Harrison Park revenue streams for parks. Gretchen to reach out to City for clarification. Bill Webster gave update on funds over a year ago. Have funds coming in. See where and what they can be used for. Lee Hennick is TIF Coordinator referenced by Rob Harris.

Open Forum: Columbus Craft Beer Week May 1-9, 2015. ColumbusBeerWeek.com for registration. Parks needs people to sign up for beds. T. Price: event at The Hills Market Patacon and Pints by Darista Café from 1-3PM. Register in advance for 20% off grocery bill that day. N. Adelmeyer: can round up volunteers for Six One Pour.

Meeting adjourned: 7:39 p.m. (M Williams, Dan Carducci, PASSED)

Attendance: Nicki Adelmeyer, Dean Curry, Dan Carducci, Stephanie Dougherty, Kristen Easterday, Mary MacDonald, Bob Mangia, Harvey & Suzanne Miller, Tim Price, Ken Wightman and Matthew Williams.