

## Harrison West Society Meeting ~ April 15, 2015

**Meeting** called to order at 7:02 PM      **Quorum** present      **Presiding:** Kristen Easterday, President

**Presentation:** Kristen Edwards, COGO bike sharing. We are expanding 8 more stations in July (currently have 30). All of our equipment is owned by city. Annual membership \$75, day pass \$6. High / 2nd, COSI, other locations expanding in the west. Expanding northern reach but locations TBD – probably up to the University District border. Not on campus, but probably as far up as 11th and High. HW, VV, IV, Franklinton, GV, Weyland Park. Every station is located near a COTA station. Bike lanes also expanding. We want to know where you want us to expand. Go to [cogobikeshare.com](http://cogobikeshare.com) and go to the map – “suggest a station.” Add a station. Put comments, leave your name if you like. K. Easterday: seems silly that you can’t go on campus. K. Edwards: We wanted to but they went with another company. Unfortunately dropoff is not compatible right now. Another note – we offer discounts if you want to be a corporate partner. K. Easterday: encourage everyone to go online and make suggestions.

**Minutes: Motion to approve March minutes, M. Subel. B. Mangia second. PASSED.**

**President’s Report:** K. Easterday. Neighborhood survey finished, final results are in. 4 easy questions, main point was to get feedback but also to bring more skills to the table, get more people involved. Got over 50 responses. Question 1: what do you like most about Harrison West? Biggest theme was location. Also walkability, the people, character, charm, mixed-use space, safety/quiet, parks and green space, diverse and open. K. Easterday will send out a word cloud (visual representation of people’s thoughts). Question 2: what would most improve HW? Answers were not as clearly grouped as Q1. But some answers included (1) pedestrian safety and sidewalk improvements; (2) property maintenance (code violations, grass, sofas on porches), maybe we could be more engaging and offer assistance to people without financial or physical ability to make fixes; (3) landscaping improvements, esp. around restaurants; (4) traffic calming; (5) connecting with renters. There are general complaints about renters but it’s also our responsibility to connect with them. They might not feel welcome in the Society, we should work to change that. Also (6) litter. Question 3: what skills/resources can you offer to implement these? Most people talked about their being out and around in the parks and neighborhood. Also people talked about writing ability. People like gardening. Also some mentioned project organizations. Four people said cooking. Question 4 was contact information, I will be reaching out to them directly in the next few days.

Next item: Short North RFP study. Idea is to create a vision for our unified Short North area. Dynamics came from High Street area development, turning more into bars and restaurants. Columbus Foundation has put up \$10K to help us to hire a firm to put together an RFP. Expect to see a community survey to ask us what we care about. 2 things sticking out – development on Michigan between 1st and Goodale. Might see that spreading. Thurber Village shopping center also unclear – no idea what’s going on with Giant Eagle with the other one being so close. Potential to see the whole area change. J. Sukosd: re-planning Buttles area apartment complex. M. Williams: owner of that building is interested in reestablishing Buttles Avenue. Superior Beverage is looking to move away in the next 10 years. That whole corridor might open up. Kevin Kowalski owns all that, might be a good person to talk to.

Last thing to mention: D. Carey has offered legal advice. Will be formalizing the arrangement by engagement letter in the near future.

**Treasurer’s Report:** T. Price. Currently \$3,571.29. Hasn’t changed. Completed the audit of the books. Went through it, minor discrepancies but all in our favor. Differences between PayPal dates and bank dates, but it all came out the way it’s supposed to. K. Easterday: Goodale Park music series approach you yet? T. Price: Not yet. D. Carey: Will ask at Short North Foundation.

**Development:** J. Sukosd. Matthew Hall is here, new development of his property at W. 2nd and Oregon. M. Hall: I have a half lot with a rental unit behind me. Entry and gates go to a patio/parking lot area. Looking to build a 1.5 car garage. Still would have paver patio back there. Property would be 5% over max allowable, so need variance. J. Sukosd: variances for lot coverage, side setback, and additional lot coverage provision. J. Sukosd: Variances gone through staff review, personally have no concerns, no concerns from the city about it. D. Carducci: Garage cover more or less area than current car parking area? M. Hall: About the same. Not really taking any more. K. Easterday: talked to neighbors about this? M. Hall: Haven’t been able to talk to owner of the rental behind me. Neighbor to the east I know and he’s fine. Won’t go up against his house. Those are the only ones really impacted. Siding would be wood. **MOTION (B. Mangia) to approve, D. Carducci second. PASSED.** K. Easterday: thanks for investing in your property.

K. Easterday: About a week ago we were contacted by Sandy’s husband (owner of Zeno’s) to talk about north side wall artwork at Zeno’s. Not really sure we have a role in this. Think Gretchen is trying to figure this out. J. Sukosd: may need to go to city graphics commission, don’t know what role we’d have yet. S. Allen: same thing on building at Lane and High. Person is like a family member to us. Very close with our family. Bar owner at Lane/High made coasters and had

a mural painted on the building, visible from Lane Ave. Buffalo Wild Wings building obscured it. We wanted to redo it, wanted to have a fundraiser. His son has done numerous fundraisers—Rock for Cancer? Rock On for Cancer?—as a tribute to our friend. His widow still comes in regularly. K. Easterday: not really sure if there's any formal role for us. Another item: someone came in to talk about our TIF. J. Sukosd: Will get more information on that.

**Parks: B. Mangia.** New member: Nick. Wheeler Park is still closed – please don't jump the fence, you are trespassing and people will call the police. Please clean up after your dogs and remind your neighbors to do the same. Park cleanup for the 22nd and the 25th. In addition we are planting 200 saplings along the riverbank, that we'll be layering in over those 2 days. Wednesday 4/22: 6-7:30, and Saturday 4/25 9-11 AM at Harrison West Park (4th/Oregon). Look on the website to see if there are changes. Email me at [parks@harrisonwest.org](mailto:parks@harrisonwest.org) if you want to help or have questions. M. Williams: no update on public art. D. Curry: update on boat ramp? B. Mangia: None. D. Carey: alternative funding sources available so we can divert UIRF funds elsewhere? B. Mangia: possibly, we're still working that out. B. Mangia: on King and 5th, City has been notified about the damages.

**Membership: D. Curry.** Not a lot of movement. Matthew has been helping out. 2 signs put out about the meeting, try to move those around. 2 others in the parks advertising the meetings. QR code takes them to the website, can make PayPal payment and join up. Membership time frame is on a calendar year. When we get to September/October then we allow people to cover the next year. Household membership is \$25/year. Need money for maintenance, insurance.

**Social: K. Easterday.** No report yet. M. Williams: Stephanie still able to organize the party for the art?

**Short North Foundation: D. Carey.** Not much to report. Some new development projects in the works in Italian Village but nothing new to formally announced. Short North Gala is coming up, up until 4/20 can get discounted tickets.

**Block Watch: K. Easterday.** Nicci has been in touch with other captains.

**Police Report:** Officer Steve Smith absent.

**Communications: M. Subel.** April 22 earth day we have an e-recycling day. Go to Michigan/1st to drop off. Looking for committee member for communications to help out with website and writing.

**Nominations: K. Easterday.** This month we accept nominations from the floor. Currently we do have nominations. President: Tim Price, Vice President: David Carey, Treasurer: Adrienne Ruenzi, Secretary: Mary MacDonald.

**Open Forum:** K. Wightman: new project going on. New house at Pennsylvania and W. 2nd. 3000 sq. ft. single-family, full brick, 4 BR, 3.5 bath, high quality. Probably will set the standard for the neighborhood, bigger and more expensive than anything we've had yet. Also on Harrison between 2nd and 3rd, small red brick double. Old-looking with metal awnings over windows, those are gone. Repainting, new rails. Respective addresses 1045 Harrison, 414 W. 2nd. M. Allen: North Market Apron Gala coming up, VIP tickets with parking sold out, ticket sales going onward. B. Mangia: STREET CLEANING coming up. M. Subel: info on the website! K. Easterday: Striping coming up for parallel parking on 3rd avenue on the same day. Traffic calming measure, doing it on the same day as street sweeping to avoid disrupting parking twice. C. Ruder: sent a thank you letter to the city for that? For the traffic calming on 3rd and Michigan. K. Easterday: let's wait for the striping to be done and then we'll do that.

**Meeting adjourned: 8:04 PM.**

**Attendance: Dan Moorhead, Dan Carducci, Matt Hall, Sandy Allen, Roger Dudley, Sam Anderson, Bob Mangia, Nick Zingale, Ben Justice, Tim Price, Kristen Easterday, Dean Curry, Mark Subel, Jacob Sukosd, Matthew Williams, David Carey, Ken Wightman.**