

Harrison West Society Meeting ~ July 15, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7PM by David Carey **Quorum** present **Presiding:** David Carey, Vice President

Presentation: Jeff Anderson, Columbus Recreation and Parks. Improvements to Harrison West Park. Additional furnishings, bike racks, keeping current trash cans, adding metal benches. Cleaning up, repairing damaged portions of wall, power washing wall, resetting pavers, install waterline, replacing plantings with lower maintenance, replacing existing park sign with a newer one, keep existing lights, keep trees, replace some on the SW corner. Playground and open space kept. Current playground mostly for younger, new will include some for older kids with climbing tower and nets. Looking for input on playground and color options. Input: Mara C. baby swings get a lot of use, but need for older kids stuff too. Other climbing options, experience with maintenance? Full time maintenance crew. With 311 system you can put in a request and they are very responsive. No issue with climbing equipment in Harrison Park. Ruth not a fan of the rock climbing. Nicci- is it one or the other option? More or less. J. Sukosd: option 1 set more utilized more than 2. Swings and net climber. What covers ground in playground? Mulch (affordable and easy to maintain). New border to playground (ideally concrete). Old mulch removed, geofabric, gravel layer then 12" of mulch. Passed the playground will there be additional lighting? Lighting right now at 1 corner. Light for security or not to indicate closure after dark. 4th not a well-lit street in general. Park used as a cut-through too. Looking into lighting feasibility. Uplighting = maintenance concern. Pole lighting preferred. **MOTION Bob Mangia pursue option 1 and color scheme B. A. Ruenzi Second PASSED**

Minutes: forgot to bring to meeting, approve June and July at August meeting

President's Report: D. Carey. Short North Planning Meeting: early stages to get feedback from various neighborhood players. Overload of bars and restaurants, increasing rents, and losing character of SN. Encourage arts, focus on walkability, mix of businesses and maintain residential diversity. Development of GE plaza, Battelle, SE Italian Village, general traffic calming measures on Summit & 4th. Come up with comprehensive plan for entire SN neighborhood. COTA service changes: posted on signs (after public comment period) redirecting #3 line to run along Goodale instead of coming through HW. Postponed for now, new hearing meeting in September. Want to send a representative to express concerns. Opposition to idea of moving it. Fits in with the urban neighborhood, helps with traffic. Link to directly email COTA on the HW website. Voted to oppose the change. Permit parking request for Pennsylvania & 5th (not in HW technically) not interested in moving forward on permit parking prior to completion of the parking study. Policy revision to incorporate dues amounts. Housekeeping: September 2013 new dues structure (1st change since 1980s). **MOTION:**

Chris Ruder adopt policy #6 second by Zach Bayer PASSED

Treasurer's Report: A. Ruenzi started w/\$3,596.85 in checking, \$48.30 paypal, less \$500 to Jazz Series for total \$2,895.15

Parks: B. Mangia – Cleanup 7/22 from 6-7:30PM. 7/25 from 9AM-12PM (Tim bits!) adopt beds in the parks. Make sure you weed if you already have one. Vote on the last piece of art on Saturday 7/25 at 6-9PM at the Community Center and potluck. Jazz Series in September after Labor Day. Thanks to everyone who showed up to be involved and give input to the city regarding the park.

Membership: D. Curry 82 members PLEASE JOIN! We are all volunteers.

Communications: M. Subel HarrisonWest.org, facebook, nextdoor.com, MARK NEEDS help if you want to write articles, Harrison West Jazz Stage needs volunteers for easy stuff like setup and tear down, good exposure for HW

Social: N. Adelmeyer, National Night out on Tuesday 8/4 to be hosted at HW Park at Oregon & 4th from 6PM on. SN Deli will return with food, free sandwich and maybe a souvenir! **MOTION: N. Adelmeyer request funding in the amount of \$300 for National Night Out. Second M MacDonald, PASSED MOTION: M. Williams request funding up to \$150 for the art voting potluck for beverages. Second B Mangia PASSED**

Block Watch: N. Adelmeyer, neighborhood pretty safe, nothing to report at this time. Found kitten posted on nextdoor.com; a few garage break ins. Don't leave garages open or cars unlocked; if it happens please report it. Deadbolt your garage door or it can be popped with a credit card

Short North Foundation: D. Carey/J Sukosd: SNA streetscape improvements along High Street from Convention Center to 9th Ave getting all new sidewalks, curbs, lawns, trees, buried utilities, ramps, staged, multi-year project enhanced for pedestrian enjoyment, more parking. Still a couple years away. 8/22 Block party on High Street in front of Union for Gay Softball World Series. If you want to bartend, tips can go to your neighborhood organization. Grants include \$750 to Jazz Series, Doo Dah, Goodale Park Music Series, SN Mural Project and City Rec and Parks mini-art installation in Goodale Park. Voted on open container law, it does not include the SN Arts District. Consider letter to city regarding Pedal Wagons exempt from open container restrictions, but loading up on High Street not in the hood.

Development: J. Sukosd, Batelle wants to modernize current campus between 5th and King Ave. to fund they need to raise capital and plan to sell of underutilized assets around the U.S. Approached that they plan to sell between 3rd & 5th, Perry and the River (whole lot including day care center). Not much update from there RFP has gone out to developers.

Still just considering selling the property, but it is highly likely. First priority to secure the green space at 3rd and Perry. Neighborhood has historically always wanted to preserve the green space. Talking to the City, met with Park and Rec to make them aware of the situation. Had good conversation about both the green space and the river bank, City has engaged Battelle. Not sure of specifics of the dialogue. Need \$\$\$ for the greenspace. Across the river Gowdy Field was ball fields but "belonged" to HW. Was set aside for the neighborhood, city wanted to build offices, gave HWS \$1Mi to spend in the neighborhood. ½\$Mi from the sale and ½\$Mi from the TIF available (have \$1Mi). Parkland dedication with rezoning, can city work on our behalf too? Have talked to Development Director, want to see mixed use. Not interested in hotels on this side of the river (35' high restriction currently). Mostly zoned C2 and small section MFG. That is current state. Could ask for variances or rezoning. HWS provides feedback and a vote for anything presented to the City. Exciting potential to preserve the green space and river area. Bike path runs on an easement from Batelle, but also can't be developed that close to the river. Questions: read Harrison West plan (example: no new curb cuts ex., on Perry) Z. Bayer: leadership at Battelle has changed, does what was said then still hold now? Last rezoned in 1996(?ish). Provisions including landscaping, etc. were stipulated. Sent to Development Director to see if that will be upheld. City has myriad programs that they will look at regarding the development of the property. Current zoning (C2 non-retail commercial) a lot can be done without many variances. Goal: Battelle World HQ across the street. MKSK (renowned landscape architects) engaged to do facility layout. Master planning their campus and across the street. They will have input into whatever is built. Opportunities for HWS to help City finance the park purchase. Jacob talking with the county folks who manage the TIF. There are 2 TIFs in place. 1 for the Harrison West development. TIF: taxes frozen at current rate before the development starts, as the property improves, the overage on the current rate can be used by the neighborhood for improvements. Jacob thinks Harrison Park will be paid off early, can we use additional/future \$\$ to buy the greenspace if it is available? Battelle's property is in our TIF (not worth much as vacant land) once developed it should be worth more and that would go towards the neighborhood. Plus \$1Mi from Gowdy Field (some going to the kayak drop on 2nd). Space is 3 acres out of 22. How much might it cost? Starr/3rd Dennison went for more than \$1Mi and it's less than 1 acre. What was paid for Harrison Park? Given as part of the development in rezoning, corner property cost \$1Mi, but bonded additional improvements \$3Mi. TIF collecting \$600K/year.

M. Williams: Geer Gas property. Owner has put in a request to the city to put in self-storage. D. Carey: anything retail.

M. Hollern: look at HW plan, who is using the self-storage. Prefer multi-use. Riverfront, could it be more engaging. Zoned MFG. C. Ruder: do we need to rethink the HW Plan south of 1st?

Police Report: None.

Open Forum: M. Hollern: Michigan Ave. people driving, contractors park on 1 side, truck traffic coming in, currently permits parking on both sides restricting 2 way traffic. Should we request no parking on 1 side with the City? Encourage people to park on Thurber.

Bob Mangia: neighborhood alley cleanup suggested to make the neighborhood safer, cleaner. Maybe for Earth Day next year. J. Sukosd: alley full of crates, put in 311 call and they were quickly patched. Nicci: please leave your porch lights on and garage lights, motion sensors etc.

Meeting adjourned: 8:42 p.m.

Attendance: Nicci Adelmeyer, Sandy Allen, Zach and Jurga Bayer, Dillon Borchers, David Carey, Mara Christine, Diane Cumming, Dean Curry, Nicolina Delaveris, Ruth Dohner, Betty & Mark Denzer, Mark Hollern, Barbara Lehman, Mary MacDonald, Bob Mahaney, Bob Mangia, Diane Plunkett, Mark Subel, Chris Ruder, Virginia & Doug Ruef, Jacob Sukosd, Ken Wightman, Jennifer & Adam Wilkens, Matthew Williams and Nick Zingale