

Harrison West Society Meeting ~ September 16, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:05PM by David Carey, Vice President **Quorum** present **Presiding:** David Carey

Minutes: September minutes. **MOTION to pass A. Ruenzi; Second B. Mangia: PASSED**

Presentation 1: Duane Casares (Directions for Youth and Families) Issue 4 replacement levy (\$67 per \$100,000 per household – 5 year); \$1.8mi invested in 43201 in 2015; 7,000 inner city kids served all services free; mental health counseling should be available to all at no cost, 2 after school programs and summer (paid for by ADAMH); serve 240 kids at one center, heavily supported by ADAM board; fun, food & fitness where kids help cook the meals; \$850k from ADAM to help with the DFYF programs; What happens if it doesn't pass? There will be cuts (25% of all funding) serve about 100,000 people per year; other funding through the state, federal and the levy is the bulk of the funding

President's Report: D. Carey: concern in last few months as developments get put in how does neighborhood gain some control? M. Williams investigating potential of an Area Commission. M. Williams: don't want people telling what color house can be painted (that's an architectural review commission and no more being created): area review commission gives us a seat appointed within council; commission appointed by council from among list provided by the neighborhood. Spoke to Rob Harris, suggested we pursue immediately and get established before Battelle development moves too far along, has seen other proposals and doesn't think HWS will like any of them. Matthew pursuing options. How many on the commission? Depends on bylaws. Appointed by the mayor. Takes 600 signatures to set up the task force named in the petition. Purely advisory and recommendations can still be disregarded. More of a voice than we have now. Every department in City would have to notify the commission of work in the neighborhood. K. Wightman, 3rd option: conservation district has more teeth but not members of the neighborhood, goes before historic review commission, has clout with dept of development, (Dennison Place and NECKO)

Treasurer's Report: A. Ruenzi, \$2,641.26 (new members), bill for \$529; applications for D&O insurance in process

Parks: B. Mangia 10/28/15 cleanup & cocktails 6-7:30 at Harrison West Park then the following Saturday from 9AM-12PM in the same spot. Lots of Canna bulbs from Side by Side park up for grabs. Michael and Steven will be digging them up next week. Jazz Series went well, thanks to attendees, need to investigate the HWS taking over next year (ask Bob or Mark Subel). Clean up after your dogs. Boat Launch: City found UIRF funds (\$60,000) so no \$ needs to be pulled from Gowdy Field TIF. Plus \$200,000 for Harrison West Park from UIRF funds – goes to bid in the spring. Always need volunteers. Wrapping up the work for this year and looking ahead for next year. Email Bob with any ideas.

Membership: D. Curry, 89 members currently; pay in November will cover this year plus 2016; couple people recently joined, marked as donation but paid \$100 each (HW Hero); would like additional recognition (scroll on website?). Email invoices through a new service available (write up and can be edited and posted by Matthew) – or in minutes

Communications: We need one! Anyone want to work on website, send out newsletters

Social: N. Edelmeyer, starting to work on the holiday party

Short North Foundation: D. Carey, new developments & proposals: mixed use next to Haiku 6 story with only 1 space per unit; concern about signage on High Street (currently being rejected): there was a projection on a building during Gallery Hop; IV Park building a pavilion; High Ball on 10/23-24; new store in airport Short North Marketplace; featured on House Hunters last night- bought a place in the Yukon Building

Block Watch: N. Edelmeyer, street lighting survey: look for volunteers to use an app to report street lights that are out; Block Watch gathering on 11/4/15 at Seventh Son from 7-8:30PM to meet and voice concerns with area leaders and CPD; NextDoor.com a good way to keep up on safety issues

Police Report: Steve Smith, majority of climbs are garage thefts and car break-ins (10 in a month) unusual for this neighborhood; homeless guy at 3rd and Olentangy who sleeps on the wall; M. Williams witnessed a car break-in (thinks he lives on the riverbank south of Superior Beverage); male white, male black in small dark, older model pickup truck (just speculation). Use NextDoor.com and post on the forum and REPORT TO THE POLICE. Email reports to HWS.

Development: no report planning@harrisonwest.org

Open Forum: M. Williams: now that Wagenbrenner has moved and taken the stuff they had stored in the pool house is there space for storage? Yes, need to find new code. We have shelves in a closet for storage. Would like to move tools to space open to access at any time for volunteers. C. Ruder will discuss with the condo board at the upcoming meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 7:54 p.m. B. Mangia, Second A. Ruenzi PASSED

Attendance: Sandy Allen, David Carey, Dean Curry, Mark and Betty Denzer, Nicci Edelmeyer, Ben Justice, Mary MacDonald, Bob Mangia, Adrienne Ruenzi, Chris Ruder, Jacob Sukosd, Ken Wightman, Matthew Williams