

Harrison West Society Meeting ~ November 18, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:05PM by Tim Price President **Quorum** present **Presiding:** Tim Price

Minutes: September minutes. Takes 500 signatures, crimes not climbs under police report **M. Williams MOTION to approve; B. Mangia Second: PASSED**

President's Report: No info from Batelle. No Officer Smith.

Treasurer's Report: \$2,641.26 wrote check for \$529 for insurance

Development: J. Sukosd, Mangia, Price and Carrey met with a developer about a concept for a Pennsylvania and 2nd Ave. Currently a R4 apartment property with 8 units. They have not met with the city yet. Plan into 16 total units as 1 condo association by combining 2 lots including an adjacent vacant lot. Pennsylvania Ave 4 units developed, behind it 1 story garage (12 cars) with 4 town homes above oriented N & S (perpendicular to homes on the street). Came for HWS feedback. Appreciate restoration of existing townhomes and comfortable with development on PA as it matches the street but not comfortable with proposal on east end of lot at the back of the space (density, scale not appropriate to surroundings, combining of lots for bigger lots for development, other issues with Harrison West Plan). Lots of concerns but no formal proposal to know what they are asking for in a zoning sense. Speculate they will need a lot of variances based upon current plans. Good that they came to us early. D. Carrey has put together a lot of info. Been in contact with the City Planner asking to be in the loop. 3rd proposal seen for that lot. All concerns expressed to developer and architect they seemed put off. Neighborhood won't support and listed reasons why. They feel confident that they will be able to get what they want, not willing to make any concessions at that time. Will evaluate once we get a proposal. Depending on when application submitted maybe the January meeting to review and vote. Carrey: concern with relationship to plan is taking the backyard of apt complex and combining with lot next door to create larger lot. Concerned with the precedent of combining single and two family lots to put up multi-unit developments. Appropriate development would be single family or duplexes on the lots. One parcel R4 other R2F. Zoning needed for 16 units is AR1 zoning. Sukosd: if I lived on that stretch of PA (east side) standing in backyard see only backyards, now 2 stories of buildings with 4 units over the backyards. Nicci: HW Plan created 10 years ago with the City. In terms of legality, do we have any teeth? City looks to HWS for direction. Non-binding, but codified and City Council voted on it. Good tool, but won't stop it. M Williams: was there anything there before? Sukosd: technically 4 lots there (pulled Sanborn maps) southernmost vacant lot had a single family home in the 20s. Nothing on the northern vacant lot per the plans. Lot facing PA had a house at one time. T. Price: cornered after the meeting and they were diplomatic but pushy about the density. Sukosd: former proposal was parking for the existing units. Sukosd proposes if this makes it to the City and is counter to HW Plan, but we don't have a vote until January that the Exec Committee starts campaigning against the proposal (talking with relevant parties in the City). B Mangia: wants to vote in February after a review in January. If they get on the BZA schedule we will be on their schedule. **Motion C. Ruder: propose to move the matter giving the Executive Committee with authority to act on behalf of the society if timing warrants it between now and January with interested individuals notified of any meetings second Z. Bayer PASSED (Scott Hartley, Ben Justice want to be included)** Consult with Italian Village (and Short North Foundation) about similar issues. When do we review and update the plans? Asked a few years ago and there was a 5 year waiting list of new neighborhood plans. Ours is really good and specific and still functional. North of 1st consistent neighborhood patterns, South of first has more flexibility.

Parks: B. Mangia, wrap up party for volunteers (thanks Matt and Mark) volunteers for next year needed parks@harrisonwest.org. Boat access passed committee on 10/13/15 and putting before City Council. Clean up after your dogs (everywhere). Offer folks a bag you see not cleaning up. Hot Chocolate Run went through hood any issues? No way to cross Fifth. Race not going away going to work on better communication. No one notified the HWS and the police working the event were from outside the county, mean and not helpful in managing traffic and the event.

Membership: D. Curry, 89 members currently; pay in November will cover this year plus 2016; Pay it Forward Society (OSU) community works project in January to be distributed by them to the homes by students. Sukosd: City notification process for variances goes to neighbors within 150 feet once it's already on the way to BZA/Council

Social: S. Dougherty, starting to work on the holiday party, Wednesday, December 16th free space, pizza, raffle items, gift cards. BRING A DESSERT. **M. MacDonald MOTION: forego the December HWS meeting in favor of the N. Edelmeyer 2nd PASSED** Raffle donations appreciated social@harrisonwest.org

Short North Foundation: D. Carey, White Castle development at 2nd and High. Angst between developer and VV Commission. Mixed use: ground floor restaurant, commercial, upper floors office. Absorbing the parking lot to the north next to Flower Child. Now 7 stories instead of 11. Columbus Underground has the iterations.

Block Watch: N. Edelmeyer, Community Liaison Coordinators meeting at Police Academy. CPD has lots of methods of keeping residents informed (facebook, twitter, youtube, nextdoor.com). Columbus no increase in crime among large cities. Leigh Carrey has joined the Block Watch.

Police Report: Officer Smith not available; packages being stolen, ID-ed a woman via security camera

Open Forum: J. Sukosd: sweet sweeping has been done for the season. Don't sweep your leaves onto the street or onto the curb lawn. C. Ruder: writing a letter regarding Michigan Ave south of Buttles and residents parking on both sides of the street. Parking lot across the street not open yet. Battelle: putting together a packet of information to give to Council Members in a meeting with Zach Klein and Jaiza Page, Development, Parks and Rec supporting keeping the green space at Battelle as green space or a park. More people that write letters about preserving the green space and use of the park will help put in the packet. December 17th is the meeting so need all info before then. Bring letters to the holiday party. Mary will put it on the Facebook page. Mangia: another run on campus Thanksgiving Day.

Motion to adjourn B. Justice 8:20 p.m., M. Delaveris Second PASSED

Attendance: Sandy Allen, Juerga and Zach Bayer, Dylan Borchers, David Carey, Dean Curry, Michaelia Delaveris, Craig and Stephanie Dougherty, Nicci Edelmeyer, Scott Hartley, Ben Justice, Barbara Lehman, Mary MacDonald, Bob Mangia, Diana Plunkett, Tim Price, Chris Ruder, Stephanie Sermonet, Jacob Sukosd, Matthew Williams and Randy Yost