

Harrison West Society Meeting ~ September 21, 2016

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

Minutes: Motion to approve August minutes, Dean Curry. Bob Mangia second. PASSED.

PRESENTATION: Kathleen Day (Katalina's) and Brandon Doherty, Bass Studio Architects. Recently Katalina's added benches and planters outside. Due to that increase, there are 3 new parking spaces required. This was done without knowing that would be triggered. After receiving a letter, looking to remedy with a BZA variance. 380 sq. ft. of new seating. Need variance for 3 new spaces. Zeno's agreed to lease 12 new spaces, including 3 new spaces + the previous 9 required by the 2002 BZA ordinance. So those will be provided on the Zeno's lot. J. Sukosd: So voting on the parking variance for 3 parking spaces for Katalina's. D. Curry: Isn't there space to park perpendicular to 3rd? J. Sukosd: City won't let that happen because of turning radius. Believe most of the patio is actually in the right of way, can't have spaces perpendicular to space, even though there's space for it. KT: New patio is seasonal? Kathleen: Wouldn't advise sitting out there in the winter. KT: Wouldn't be serving outside? Kathleen: No, but they could take it out if they wanted. Won't be removing seating in the winter. J. Sukosd: Simple variance, so we vote on it tonight. K. Wightman MOTION to approve variance request for Katalina's, D. Curry second, PASSED.

PRESENTATION: Glen Duggar, Smith & Hale. 832 Thurber Avenue, apartment complex between 3rd and Harrison where Buttles would be if it was still there. Proposal is for Thurber Park apartments. Propose to add additional buildings in center of complex. Architecture to match existing. J. Sukosd: Those are 2.5 stories, odd choice. G. Duggar: That's what I was told, haven't seen elevations. 21 x 1-BR units. Able to add 22 new parking spaces. We are matching 1 new space for each new unit. Sent staff to count cars. At various times, the existing parking lot has 116 spaces, trying to determine demand. This survey concluded that regardless of time of day, there is significant excess. Tenants are given a hanger tag. KT: Isn't it logical that the parking would indicate ample parking? G. Duggar: That's exactly our reasoning. For this project, there is more than ample parking. D. Carey: Would they park on street? G. Duggar: This new building is in the center of the block, so closest parking is in the lot. C. Ruder: What is required by code? 32, and we'd have 22. C. Ruder: in my experience that lot is never full. G. Duggar: They are not being charged for parking. Bob: What is the average rent, what's the market? Duggar: Don't know. Jacob: If we believe there's no issue, that may be because it's essentially student housing. New build might be higher price, and they'd have cars. Another question – where do the new spaces go? What they're doing is – currently you enter from Thurber and there's an island in there in the parking lot. Proposal removes all the trees, no plan to replace has been given. G. Duggar: 10 trees to remove, 10 added along the Thurber west frontage. Also meeting the internal landscaping requirement. Jacob: there are reasons for green space in the property. Essentially taking the one decent size piece of grass, and building up over the top of it. G. Duggar: we will be asking BZA to table it because this Society hasn't voted on it yet. Jacob: We will not be voting this time.

President's Report: T. Price. Put together a park committee for the Battelle green space. Developer still doesn't have a contract with Battelle, seen some initial drawings but it's all very up in the air. By next month, hope to have a better idea with the contractor and Battelle to see a detailed proposal.

Social: T. Price for S. Dougherty. For 10/2 Jazz Stage, proposing a potluck, 1:00-2:30 PM. KT: Dara Schwartz recommended that if we consider, purchase pop-up "Easy Up" tents, that would be a nice idea. They'd be on sale during the off season. Jacob: One way to use our funds would buy a number of large trees. TIF money could be used. Harrison West Park being landscaped, we'll get trees there. Maybe add some. Bob: They're adding in 2-inch caliper trees. Bob: Could talk to Rec & Parks about that.

Police Report: Officer Steve Smith. Big item is theft generally. 12 incidents in Harrison West over the past month, 8 were bicycles. Big problem, university having a lot of problems with bike theft. Cable locks are useless. The only thing I've seen even relatively secure is a U-lock. They'll try with those but they can be difficult to cut. Last couple of weeks, ID'd a couple of people in 5th/NW, Grandview, Arlington hitting garages, sheds, common areas. Taking measures to counteract that. Update on package theft stuff, people are saying a lot on social media. Been working on this for months – it's not as simple as one guy, there are at least three and probably more. We caught one. Second one we caught last night. Ongoing process. The one we caught last night has other charges pending, he's one in Harrison West and Italian Village. Even catching him doesn't stop him permanently – this is what he does. He follows UPS trucks. He's pretty good about getting rid of the packaging to make it hard to figure out which victims had what. Trying to find one last person, white male suspect, often in Dennison Place. We know who he is, just a matter of catching him.

Treasurer's Report: A. Kaiser. \$3,945.88 treasury. Surplus for the year of about \$1,000. Adding to cumulative balance in the bank account.

Development: J. Sukosd. Probably I'll attend BZA. Coming down pipeline: redevelopment of Superior Beverage site. Had a very preliminary meeting with developer, sketched out some ideas. They talked to the City, about location of a sewer line. Will meet again soon. Big parcel, has the potential to be one of the larger complexes in the neighborhood. Battelle: Wagenbrenner is still negotiating with Battelle, nothing signed yet. Conceptual ideas are very conceptual because no one is signed up for anything. Aside from Wagenbrenner, there is an undisclosed competitor.

Parks: B. Mangia. Need volunteers! parks@harrisonwest.org to volunteer to help out with our parks. Cleanup scheduled Saturday 9-11 at Harrison West Park. Reached out to Molly O'Donnell at Rec & Parks, UIRF funds were combined with other projects, got multiple bids. Money set aside for street trees as well. Pick up after your dogs. Come to the Harrison West Jazz Stage!

Membership: D. Curry. 103 members. We have a lot of people donating. \$25/household but also have Harrison West Hero status. \$100 donations growing our bank balance. Not official yet, but in years past typically people pay in October to cover end of this year and all of next year.

Short North Foundation: D. Carey. Friends of Goodale Park proposing redevelopment of Goodale. Strolling paths, picnic area, turning Goodale into a turnaround area.

Block Watch: L. Oldershaw. Short North Block Watch meeting 7 PM at the Jeffery. Free food from Hoof Hearted. Going to be discussing crime prevention ideas. Volunteers will be bouncing ideas off the public, also looking to expand National Night Out event, trying to make it a bigger event. Right next to Hoof Hearted.

Open Forum: T. Fogel: Methodist church across from art museum, homelessness initiative starting. Church working to stop panhandling and direct people to permanent solutions.

Meeting adjourned: 8:24 PM.

Attendance: Tim Price, Bob Mangia, David Carey, Leigh Oldershaw, Kathleen Day, Brandon Doherty, Jacob Sukosd, Sandy Allen, Diana Gragson, Tom Fogel, Brian Johnson, Danielle Scully, Katharine Tarantino, Dean Curry, Ken Wightman, Mark Subel.