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Harrison West Society Meeting ~ May 16, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM at Harrison Park Community Center **Quorum** Present

Presiding: Tim Price, President

Minutes: Motion to approve September minutes by J. Hinderliter, Second by D. Carey, minutes PASSED.

Officer Smith: ~5 crimes in the last 30 days. One attempted burglary, one cut screen and a computer was taken, one theft from a construction site, one theft that was a known suspect working for another known suspect. Package thefts are still happening but not a lot is happening. Mostly noise complaints. Be careful about leaving windows and doors open/unlocked in nice weather. They can even get into second story windows. B. Free: Speeding issues. Officer Smith says he will look into it but suggests also calling 311.

Litter update: M. Wolf: A litter survey was done two weeks ago. Major routes (Goodale/5th/3rd) are the worst. The survey results have been submitted to the city. We are going to have a reoccurring trash pick up every 2nd Wed of every month at 6:30 PM, meet at the gazebo. We have also had dumping issues. You can call 311 to report it. You can also use 311 to report damaged trash receptacles. Dumping and damaged receptacles cause trash in alleys.

President's Report: T. Price. Attended the Short North parking meeting with the city. We are not part of this project, but we might be funding part of it. There will be another meeting soon.

Treasurer's Report: Z. Nelson. PO box was paid for. Need to get key from Dean. We have \$6099.14 in the bank.

Development: D. Carey. **Presentation:** 983 Michigan. D. Carey: HWS has met with the city regarding 983 Michigan twice. Vote was 22-0 last time it came before the HWS. We were told that City Council would not support a project that we are strongly against. Tyson suggested we see if we could reach a compromise. We voiced concerns about size. R. Ellis: Tyson suggested it be made narrower to fit the home. Garage = 16.5 wide (6 inches-1 foot narrower than home), 13 feet back from the single family home, 2 ft. side yard on one side. This will allow for a studio floor plan. Slight change in the variance. Will need a larger variance for parking (requires 4, will provide 2). Exterior staircase. Says he can't have stacked parking because of a brick BBQ grill. Says he can't do interior staircase because it will reduce square footage by 60 ft. D. Carey: First we're hearing of the 2-space variance. B. Mangia: Would like to see plans before voting. R. Ellis: Can work on bringing plans to next meeting. **Presentation:** Mulberry project at corner of Buttles between Michigan and Thurber. Current retail variance is for true retail only. Asking for variance so that this space can be changed to restaurant use. Planning to add 3 units to the unit count. Original 3-bedroom unit will be split; common area on 5th floor will be changed to 2 units. Asked the city to have a roof garden but they would not approve so now the common area is not as useful. This is an increase from 26 units to 29 units. Mulberry is providing 40 spaces; the city requires 60 spaces. Total variance of 20 spaces. 17 of these are for restaurant, 3 are for units. K. Wightman: concerns about parking becoming very bad because we are allowing all new builds to be under parked. Could we have a promise that Mulberry would not charge for parking? B. Free: We think not. Don't want to penalize for not having a car by folding parking into rent. List of variances: 1) Variance for 20 parking spaces, 2) Parking set back line to reduce Michigan Ave. parking set back from 25' to 3.5' reduced further to add an additional parking space behind screen wall, 3) Parking space to reduce the width of 1 parking space from 9' to 8' for a small car space, 4) AR-1 and AR-4 Area District Requirements to reduce lot area per unit **Motion by D. Carey to approve the variances as submitted. Second by J. Hinderliter, PASSED 7-3 in favor.**

Presentation: D. Carey: C2P2. This is the new Columbus citywide plan. Currently there are 41 different plans;

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2 people oversee these. City wants to make a few plans that cover larger areas so that they can keep up with the workload. One thing that stood out: density increases would generally be supported if design was appropriate. Plan is for us to vote on support for the general “spirit” of this change. After this the city will go through and make individual plans. This would not negate the HW plan. They will make a new HW plan if we want to go that route. We are voting on submitting two letters of support to the city. The city is accepting public feedback for this. M. Wolf: FLOW is reviewing the storm water manual due to changing rainfall patterns. There is also a push towards pervious parking lots so that there isn’t as much run off. This new plan dovetails with FLOWs goals but we could probably improve this. **Motion by D. Carey to sign the letter of support for C2P2.**

Second by B. Mangia, PASSED Unanimously. Motion by D. Carey to sign the letter to support being an early adopter of C2P2. Second by B. Mangia, PASSED Unanimously. Presentation: D. Carey.

Created a policy for social media that relates to development. Purpose is to balance the need to get info out about development and people’s privacy. If we are told something is confidential then we will not post, except if it is within a 30 days of the vote (members need to know). If it is a resident we will not post the exact address. We will not be advocating unless the society had voted. **Motion by D. Carey to adopt the new policy for social media. Second by J. Hinderliter, PASSED Unanimously.**

Parks: B. Mangia. Last month we weeded Harrison West Park. This month we will be cleaning up Harrison Park (May 23rd from 6:00 – 7:30, and May 29 from 9-11 AM). Failed plant swap due to tornado on May 15 has been moved to May 23rd during the plant cleanup. Bring your plans to the gazebo. Still need people to adopt beds. Jazz Stage is coming up, we need volunteers. Please pick up after dogs and if you have questions: parks@harrisonwest.org.

Membership: C. Young. Please encourage 1 neighbor to join. We would like to expand and meet more neighbors! 75 members.

Communications: B. Waldman-Hinderliter couldn’t be here. If you have any events, fun pics, info etc. you can either send it to us through Facebook or communication@harrisonwest.org.

Short North Foundation: D. Carey. SNCA is still contesting the Electrical Workers building. 14 stories. They are concerned about size.

Block Watch: L. Oldershaw. No major crimes to report. If you have any issues or questions please contact at blockwatch@harrisonwest.org or go to Short North Block Watch on Facebook.

Social: We need a social chair. Please contact us if you are interested.

Vote: Board positions:

Open Forum: Neighbor is running a booth at the Columbus Arts Festival to raise money for Columbus Pet Rescue and Save Ohio Pets. Need volunteers. If interested contact L. Oldershaw.

Meeting adjourned 8:PM. Motion to adjourn, T. Price, second by L. Oldershaw ADJOURNED.

Attendance: Leigh Oldershaw, Chris Ruder, Bob Mangia, Ken Wightman, Sandy Allen, Zack Nelson, Sean Bletzacker, Caitlin Holland, Josh Hinderliter, Tim Price, Cassie Young, David Carey. Matt Wolf, Rob Ellis, Dave Perry, Brian Free, Officer Smith.