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### **Harrison West Society Meeting ~ March 20, 2019**

**Meeting** called to order at 7:01 PM at Harrison Park Community Center **Quorum** Present

**Presiding:** Tim Price, President

**Minutes: Motion to approve February minutes by Z. Nelson, Second by B. Mangia, minutes PASSED.**

**Matt Wolf – Neighborhood Clean-Ups:** The city has embarked on an organized attack on litter in our community. Lots on Olentangy Rd., and some on our smaller streets. I volunteer to lead monthly neighborhood clean ups with Keep Columbus Beautiful. Important to keep things looking nice, this shows we have great pride in our community. Litter begets litter. I will be leading these cleanups every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month from spring to fall. We meet at the gazebo in Harrison Park at 6:30 PM. Gloves and trash bags are provided. Please come out and help and spread the word.

**President's Report:** T. Price. Met with reps from City of Columbus, IV society, SNCA, and SNF. Talked about creating a super-group. City decided it was a moot point because city council would never approve a commission that is that large. This then shifted to whether we might merge with SNCA. This was a no. Then there was a suggestion of having a collaborative group that meets once a month, but we already have this (SNF). Talked to the city about potential of having a commission. They suggested merging with 5<sup>th</sup> by Northwest. Benefit of the area commission would be that we would have a little more input on development, theoretically, but it's unclear as to how the commission would be staffed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Z. Nelson. We have \$6977.13 in the bank.

**Development:** D. Carey. **Presentation: 400 W. 1st.** D. Carey – 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, north side of the street, just west of the alley.

Owners own house next door and empty lot. This is suggested for the empty lot. This is not combining with the lot they own next door. This is a duplex unit with an attached garage with a parking pad behind it. If you have two units you will either need to under park or get a lot variance. This is a double-parked situation. Might have some impact on street parking. Architectural design is historic. Set back is stepped back between the two neighboring buildings. Scott: 3 variances: 1) Set back from the street of 2 ft., 2) Side yard variance. Most of the building does not need a variance; the variance is for a small bump out near the garage. 3) To extent the property line to the parking pad. **Motion by D. Carey to approve the variances as submitted. Second by C. Berrigan, PASSED in favor 12-3. River House Graphics**

**Proposal: D. Perry and Paul:** Located 1 lot south of here, east side of Ingleside, proposing two ground mounted signs with back lit letters at the two entrances of the property (Perry/Quality Place and Ingleside, on 6 ft walls), and a lit sign on the parapet that would be visible from the highway. Asking for 1) Permission for a roof sign, 2) Permission to reduce the distance between a lit sign and the next door building (50to 45ft), 3) to permit a ground sign that is not directed at a street (it is facing an alley). Building sign is LED illuminated. **Vote is being delayed till April meeting. Please contact D. Carey at [development@harrisonwest.org](mailto:development@harrisonwest.org) if you have constructive ideas for changes, opinions, etc.**

**Wagenbrenner Update:** J. Reidy: Houses on 5<sup>th</sup> (MI Homes) have been finalized, when we bought property 1.8 acres were transferred to Columbus, 4.2 acres will go to Columbus after completion near river, stipulation is that new community authority will have maintenance contract with city that will take care of the park at their cost. Have already demolished day care center and storage facility, had to remove trees, all trees on city park land are being saved, walked site to see what trees we could save, most on Perry and 5<sup>th</sup> were planted in planters so can't be saved because we are putting doorways on sidewalks to increase community feel, would damage root structure so not feasible to save them, will put sidewalk on Perry, so trees had to go on both sides, grading work will start soon, parking garage late spring and summer, continental and old facility will be late summer fall, homes = late summer, will build as they are sold, bottom corner will be contractor parking until everything else is build, construction cycle is to compete 2021, no commercial tenants set yet, want to use local retailers rather than national, Q: how much heavy equipment on Perry? Traffic coming on Tisdale, there will be traffic on Perry but can't say that there won't be truck traffic on Perry. Q: if there is street damage is the construction company liable for that? Where trees were cut down there is damage to the alley off Perry. That alley is going to be completely rebuilt, storm water controls are being installed, new storm gutters, repaved, will be completely rebuilt to city standards. Contractors have reached out to owners and tenants to negotiation best way forward so that neighbor can have access to

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garages etc. These are condos along 5<sup>th</sup>. These will be closer together than traditional homes (16 homes, 1.6 acres each). Build to have similar feel as historic homes. Q: will construction traffic park on site, or on our streets? Will we have construction workers will park on our streets? It's possible that they will but our plan is to have contractor parking on site, and each of the other property owners as looking to lay down parking on their footprint of fencing off the bike trail to lay down an area for parking. Q: will the "single family homes" be single families or duplexes? Single family. Q: do we have a name for the hotel? Not ready to announce. Q: is anything construction going to happen in the new park? There is a temp easement to put sewer line in, we will be putting trees back in after the sewer is in. There is also a permanent easement through the park that will stay. Q: Coffee shop? 5<sup>th</sup> Ave building will have 3500 sq. ft. restaurant space, fitness center, and coffee shop. We expect the gym will be open to the neighborhood. Q: When the bike path is closed, how will you be routing traffic? Expecting to divert down Perry, meeting with the city in April to talk about traffic plan. City hasn't relined the Franking main sewer, so meeting with the city, committed 100,000 \$ to temporary diversion of that sewage, that work will start April or May this year, at the same time we are doing work to around bike trail so that it only needs to be shut down once, the bike trail will be closed then. Q: mentioned above ground sewer facility, is this the one on 2<sup>nd</sup>? No, temp big black pipes. That is a different project. Still working on final elevations, will come back when we have them, will also have landscaping plans, we are only doing a section, but we are working with other developers so that it is all consistent. **TIFF Update:** Reached out to city about TIFF – all was spent to purchase parkland from Wagenbrenner. In future we will have more money coming in that we can use for improvements.

**Officer Smith:** Not a lot of issues in Harrison West – 2 burglaries (both related to construction site), 1 stolen car, and a couple of thefts from vehicles. For tagging you can call 311. CPD is creating a list of people with cameras so they can assess how cameras might be used in the future. New test policy for street sweeping will ticket but will no longer tow.

**Membership:** Please join and support HWS! Your money goes to neighborhood events like the Jazz Stage and membership allows you to vote on building proposals.

**Parks:** B. Mangia. Bike trail is going out to bid in the next month, will see some action soon. It will go behind the storage facility, then behind the train tracks and then go to Goodale. Need help taking care of the parks/adopt beds. Monthly park cleanups Start next month at Harrison Park. Takes about 30 mins, low maintenance. Wheeler Park should be open soon. Please don't throw your dog over the fence. City is also looking into putting a four-season surface in Wheeler Park. Please pick up after dogs and if you have questions: [parks@harrisonwest.org](mailto:parks@harrisonwest.org).

**Communications:** No updates. Contact: [communication@harrisonwest.org](mailto:communication@harrisonwest.org).

**Short North Foundation:** No updates.

**Block Watch:** L. Oldershaw. No major crimes to report. If you have any issues or questions, please contact at [blockwatch@harrisonwest.org](mailto:blockwatch@harrisonwest.org) or go to the Harrison West Block Watch group on the Harrison West Society Facebook page.

**Social:** Planning a block party! Dates are currently being determined, trying not to have the conflict.

**Open Forum:** What is the construction on 3<sup>rd</sup>? Decorative street lighting. What happened with Ellis? He sold the property and the carriage house has not yet been built.

**Meeting adjourned 8:44 PM. Motion to adjourn, T. Price, second by B. Mangia. ADJOURNED. Attendance:** Steve Hornyak, Brian Johnson, Diane Plunkett, Rina Rotolo, Sandy Allen, Ruth Dohner, Michael Metz, Chris Ruder, Bob Mangia, Craig Berrigan, Kim Boscan, Phil Zeiser, Tim Price, Matt Wolf, Debby Colvin, Jerry Colvin, Tania Peterson, Joe George, Zach Nelson, Caitlin Bletzaxer, Carissa Jenkins.