March 15th, 2023

**Harrison West Society Meeting Agenda**

Harrison Park Community Center

President’s Report – Tim Price

* Introductions
* Approval of the November Meeting Minutes\*
* Nomination committee for officer elections
* Executive Meeting Location Announcement – 4/5 Thurber Towers 7pm (645 Neil Ave. 7th Floor)

Monthly Reports

* Treasurer Report- Michael Metz
* Harrison West Arts – Bob Mangia
* Development – David Carey
* Parks and Green Space Report- Bob Mangia
* Membership Report –
* Communications Report- Vacant
* Block Watch – Vacant
* Short North Foundation Report – Need a representative

Open Forum

Adjournment

Next Meeting: April 19, 2023

*\* indicates an item up for Society vote*

**Harrison West Society Meeting ~ February 15, 2023**

**Meeting** called to order at 7:03 PM at 575 W. 1st Ave. **Quorum** present

**Presiding**: Tim Price, President. Introductions.

* **Minutes: Motion to approve November minutes by D Carey and B Mangia**
* **President’s Report**: T. Price, president@harrisonwest.org Next Executive Committee Meeting will be held at 633 W. 1st Hyatt House on the 1st of March 2023. Auditor’s representative will be there to discuss reassessments.
* **Development**: D.Carey, development@harrisonwest.org.
* **Treasurer’s Report**: M. Metz, balance $7,565.07, $373.53 paypal. $2,950 allocated for artwork repair. Owe Zeno’s $250. Balance $4,400.13. treasurer@harrisonwest.org.
* **Harrison West Arts:**
* **Membership**: Open. Have about 68 members. Need a volunteer! membership@harrisonwest.org
* **Parks**: B. Mangia. Digging trenches for cables and conduits on 2nd. parks@harrisonwest.org. Tentative walkthrough of parks with the City set for end of March. Any ideas of what you’d like to see? Email Bob, parks@harrisonwest.org Cleanup March/April. Email me if you want to adopt a bed!
* **Communications**: communication@harrisonwest.org. Need volunteers.
* **Block watch**: blockwatch@harrisonwest.org. 703 people currently following the block watch.
* **Social**: Open. social@harrisonwest.org.
* **Short North Foundation**: T. Price. We need a volunteer for the SNF Rep position. T Price will try to go to the next one; meetings are 6:00 last Wednesday of the month.
* **Open Forum**: Lydia & Julia Cumming, update on 1089 Perry Street. Lydia: Project was tabled at last BZA meeting, set to be discussed on February 28 BZA meeting. We’ve been gathering signatures for a petition. States the specific variances that we object to. Meeting starts at 4:30 pm, understand it’s hard to make it to that, but would appreciate if you can sign petition. Met with legislative aide for City Council member Dorans, who oversees the relevant department. Met with Kevin McCain. Advice: call 311 with any issues with short term rentals (Airbnbs). The City works with Airbnb to get things addressed, and ultimately will get people removed. State did pass a law limiting cities’ ability to regulate Airbnbs. Columbus is updating its zoning right now; plan is to “modernize” it. This is the time if we want to have a say in zoning. Concerned that we might not like what we get if we don’t. City is unenthusiastic about private green space. Neighborhood watch has offered to write a letter (Chet Ridenour) regarding safety concerns. Timeline for zoning? Next couple of years. They have regular meetings, open to the public. D Carey: City came to visit us, definitely want to modernize zoning, esp. along corridors like Olentangy. Lydia: want them to look into affordable housing that fits with character of the area. D Carey: city passed new expansion of CRA (Community Reinvestment Area) nominally to improve affordable housing. T Price: only so much you can do with zoning. New developments are not providing affordable housing. C Ruder: Olentangy transit corridor goes almost as far as Neil. I’m in favor of updating the Code. Lydia: we’re not the only neighborhood with concerns about this. Q: Who does the zoning committee answer to? A: Zoning committee interfaces with council. Julia: Modernization is a good thing to keep zoning from being done by variance. D Carey: agree. Culture of commissions is to rubber-stamp requests; needs to be done uniformly.

**Motion to adjourn C. Ruder second by D. Carey. ADJOURNED. Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.**

**Present**:. Bob Mangia, Ellie Inglisi, Jim Tennyson, Ken Wightman, Janet Ray, Lori Wengerd, Brian Babcock, Julia Cumming, Lydia Cumming, Doug Joseph, David Carey, Tim Price