June 21, 2023

**Harrison West Society Meeting Agenda**

Harrison Park Community Center

President’s Report – Tim Price

* Introductions
* Executive Meeting Location Announcement – 7/5 Hyatt House 7pm (633 W 5th Ave.)
* Approval of the November Meeting Minutes\*
* Tony Celebrezze – ZoneIn presentation

Monthly Reports

* Treasurer Report- Michael Metz
* Development – ~~David Carey~~
* Parks and Green Space Report- Bob Mangia
* Membership Report – Lydia Cumming – membership drive, new member packets
* Communications Report- Lydia Cumming
* Block Watch – Chris Ruder
* Short North Foundation Report – Julia Cumming
* Social – party planning for 8/16

Open Forum

Adjournment

Next Meeting: July 19, 2023

*\* indicates an item up for Society vote*

**Harrison West Society Meeting ~ May 17, 2023**

**Members present**: Tim Price, Lydia Cumming, Michael Metz, Julia Cumming, Ellie Inglesi, Matt Kennan, Bill Hill, Kathy Burns, Bob Mangia, Holly Higgins, Rob Mason, Rob D, Sandy Allen, Chris Ruder, Ron Kromer, Ryan Szuk, Diane Cumming, Ken Wightman, Ken and Delphina Christopher, Steve Hornyak, Diane Plunkett and Brian Johnson. **Visitors present:** Linda Lane, Becky Davis, Natacha Ruiz, Lindsey Johnston, Tony Celebrezze and Beth Kinney.

**Call to order:** Tim Price, President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM at 575 W. 1st Ave. Quorum present. Introductions were made.

**President’s Report** president@harrisonwest.org: Tim Price reported that the next Executive Committee Meeting will be held at Hyatt House at 7pm on 6/7/23. 633 W. Fifth Ave.

**Minutes**: Chris Ruder moved, seconded by Brian Johnson, to approve April minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

**Zone in**: Tony Celebrezze, Deputy Director of B&Z Services, informed the Society that the City of Columbus is updated the zoning code. They are focusing on specific corridors totaling 145 miles. They are analyzing whether these corridors need to be rezoned. Areas were chosen where bus routes, conditions on the ground, etc., indicated they could handle more density and would be more favorable for mixed used. He said they will not be discussing residential areas until 2024. He highly recommended visiting the Zone In website to watch a 20-minute presentation about Zone In and access a map of the affected parcels. He will return in June to collect our feedback.

**Franklin County Auditor:** Beth Fairman Kinney, Director of Community Outreach, gave a great presentation about property taxes (see attached handout). She recommended franklincountyauditor.com/knowyourhomevalue for more information. In July, the property tax estimator will be available to show how much your property taxes may change.

**Monthly Reports**

**Treasurer** treasurer@harrisonwest.org: Michael Metz reported account balance is $7,988.98.

Receivables: $414.32; Payables: $4,736.89; May Net Balance: $3,666.41. (Art Project: $4,340.89)

**Parks** parks@harrisonwest.org**:** Bob Mangia, met with Tina Mohn, Natural Resource and Property Manager, Columbus Recreation and Parks Department. She said our parks were ok. They want to get new playground mulch for our parks. Bob is still looking for volunteers to adopt-a-bed. Please email him. There will be a cleanup at the Side by Side Park on Wednesday, May 24th from 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. (bring gloves). Columbus Parks has a new crew who are being trained, so if the grass is not cut, that is why. They have a new slogan: **Poop goes into the trash, not the grass!**

**Membership** membership@harrisonwest.org**:** Lydia Cumming reported we have nearly doubled our membership since the membership drive started 6 weeks ago. We will send out new member welcome packages out after May 31st, which will contain a copy of our newsletter, event calendar, and coupons from some local businesses. Lydia thanked the membership team, Diane, Brian, Michael, Tim, Ellie, Jim and Julia. Lydia also thanked everyone for showing up at the meeting as our members is what makes our Society effective. Now we can turn our focus on fun activities, such as inviting guest speakers to our meetings and the annual summer party.

**Communications** communication@harrisonwest.org: Lydia Cumming, will work on updating the website and sending out monthly e-newsletters to keep members informed.

**Block Watch** blockwatch@harrisonwest.org: Chris Ruder reported there were a total of 6 incidents from 4/16 – 5/16: 3 thefts from motor vehicle, 1 assault on Helen Ct., 1 theft on Oregon & 3rd and 1 menacing on Harrison & 2nd.

**Social** cumming25@aol.com: Julia Cumming reported that in lieu of a regular meeting, we will have our Annual Summer Party at the Harrison Park Community Center on 8/16/2023. Set up at 5:30, guests to arrive at 6 p.m. and clean up at around 8:30 p.m. She is recruiting volunteers to help set up and clean up. She asked folks to let her know if they can bring folding tables and chairs (in case we cannot get into the locked closet area) for food and guests. She is also looking for outdoor activities such as corn hole. The party will be a potluck and sign up for food will be later. Please contact Julia if you are interested in being involved with set up.

**Short North Foundation**: Julia Cumming reported that the Short North Foundation is in the process of finalizing their grant application. It will be for larger amounts, such as $15,000, for artistic projects. She hopes to bring the final application to the next meeting in June.

**Officer Elections:** The slate of officers was presented as follows: Tim Price, President; Lydia Cumming, Vice President; Michael Mentz, Treasurer; Julia Cumming, Secretary. Ken Wightman moved, seconded by Bob Mangia, to approve the slate as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

**Open Forum**

Free tickets to the Harmony Project Concert were given away!

**Adjournment**

Chris Ruder moved, seconded by Brian, to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.