**Harrison West Society Meeting ~ September 20, 2023**

**Members present**: Tim Price, Lydia Cumming, Michael Metz, Sandy Allen, Ken Wightman, Ellie Inglesi, Brian Johnson, Diane Plunkett, Chris Ruder, Jim Tennyson, Edwin Lin, Bryanna Miller

**Call to order:** Tim Price, President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM at 575 W. 1st Ave. Quorum present. Introductions were made. Minutes approved Michael 1st Bob.

**President’s Report** [president@harrisonwest.org](mailto:president@harrisonwest.org): Tim reported that the next Executive Committee Meeting will be held at Hyatt House at 633 W. Fifth Ave at 7pm on 10/4/23.

**Minutes**: Approved Michael 1st, Bob 2nd.

**Monthly Reports**

**Treasurer** [treasurer@harrisonwest.org](mailto:treasurer@harrisonwest.org): 6,445.25 = 3,080 total overall.

**Development** 458 Third Ave has been bought and will present to the exec committee on 10/4

**Parks** [parks@harrisonwest.org](mailto:parks@harrisonwest.org)**:** Art restoration is done, final check sent yesterday for the work. Talked to city about taking over all the art in HW, initial conversation but we’ll see. 9/27 5:30pm Harrison Park. Clean up after dogs. Need help on adopting beds. Lucky’s ahead of schedule. Harrison Community Authority meeting today, Perry Street Park work should start soon, may start late this week, but soon. Third and Perry moving North with the exception of where the Flats and Town Home buildings are being built. Should see progress south of as well as north of there to 5th Ave. Going further north behind the hotel, the senior center to 5th. Later this year and then into Spring, probably 18 months to 2 years to completion. It’s been a long time coming to get bids, etc.

**Membership** [membership@harrisonwest.org](mailto:membership@harrisonwest.org)**:** 2 new members, 105 total

**Communications** [communication@harrisonwest.org](mailto:communication@harrisonwest.org): Party went well, Chris Ruder is updating the website, and Tim set up a custom list of members for emailing.

**Block Watch** [blockwatch@harrisonwest.org](mailto:blockwatch@harrisonwest.org): 6 Crimes, 3 motor vehicle thefts, vandalism on Vermont, assault on Helen Court

**Short North Foundation**: Grants are upcoming, if you know artists who would like a 10k project, contact us and we’ll try to help. Need to have buy-in from the society.

**Open Forum**

TIF discussion that I just can’t type. At least 10 years of accumulating money. We should sit down with the Port Columbus finance authority and the auditor to find out how much money we do have.

Next 2 meetings have a theme. Next month At Home by High, they have bingo nights and are looking for small prizes that could be given away. November, since it’s Thanksgiving month do a food drive for the Mid Ohio Food Collective. Maybe having speakers, Tina Mohn maybe talk about long range plan. Franklin Soil and Water District, learn about environment. Maybe gardening if available. Maybe in the winter.

Holiday party. Chris has an opportunity to have party at Heritage Point in new community room on top floor overlooking downtown and Arlington. Possibly the 6th or 13th, maybe the 13th, right in the middle. One of the 3 dates. Can only reserve one. Get a catering meeting setup with exec meeting to get proposal on what to spend, do we want to limit to exec committee. If someone else wants to help out we can form a committee for the party.

2nd and Perry house has been sold and looks like there is construction going on. Has anyone heard anything about the rehab? Contact David about BZA to see if they’ve received anything on that property. Jamie Friesz maybe. Code enforcement maybe, 311?

**Adjournment**

Mike moved, seconded by Bryan, to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.