November 15, 2023

**Harrison West Society Meeting Agenda**

515 Perry Street, Founders Community Room

President’s Report – Tim Price

* Introductions
* Executive Meeting Location Announcement – 12/6 Hyatt House 7pm (633 W 5th Ave.)
* Approval of the October Meeting Minutes\*

Monthly Reports

* Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District – Kori Sedmak
* President Report- Tim Price – cancel/replace December meeting\*
* Treasurer Report- Michael Metz
* Parks and Green Space Report- Bob Mangia
* Membership Report – Julia Cumming
* Short North Foundation Report – Julia Cumming
* Block Watch – Chris Ruder
* Communications Report- Lydia Cumming
* Social – November food drive

Open Forum

Adjournment

Next Meeting: December 12th, Holiday Party

*\* indicates an item up for Society vote***Harrison West Society Meeting ~ October 18, 2023**

**Members present**: Tim Price, Lydia Cumming, Michael Metz, Julia Cumming, Sandy Allen, Ellie Inglesi, Katie Donnelly, Holly Higgins, Brian Johnson, Bob Mangia, Chris Ruder, Jim Tennyson, Ken Wightman and Kristin and Frank Yankovich. Guests present were Claire Adams, Brock Hicks and Dominic Luppino.

**Call to order:** Tim Price, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at 575 W. 1st Ave. Quorum present. Introductions were made.

**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 11/1/23.

**Minutes**: Mike moved, seconded by Bob, to approve September minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

**Monthly Reports**

**Development:** 458 W. 3rd Avenue presented information on the variances being requested at the zoning board in order to rehab the duplex, which was ruined by arson, and conform to today’s building code. The variances were for existing conditions, such as no side yard setbacks and only fitting 3 parking spaces on a 30’ wide lot. Although they are adding onto the building, they will continue to conform to other zoning requirements, such as lot coverage and trees. Tim moved, seconded by Mike, to approve the proposal as is. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer** [treasurer@harrisonwest.org](mailto:treasurer@harrisonwest.org): Michael reported current balance is $3,416.30.

**Parks and Greenspace Report** [parks@harrisonwest.org](mailto:parks@harrisonwest.org)**:** Bob announced there are still places to clean up and adopt if people want to volunteer; however, there are no more scheduled dates for the rest of the year. The work on Perry Street Park has started and is expected to continue for the next 18-24 months. Ben Justice from Harrison West Condominiums is still working on volunteer agreement with the City of Columbus to help maintain Harrison Park.

**Membership** [membership@harrisonwest.org](mailto:membership@harrisonwest.org)**:** Julia reported that HWS will email current members and ask them to renew at the same time as the Holiday Party is announced. Mike reported 2 more members were added since last month.

**Block Watch** [blockwatch@harrisonwest.org](mailto:blockwatch@harrisonwest.org): Chris reported there were a total of 8 incidents in the last month: 2 simple assaults, 2 theft of a motor vehicle, 1 thefts from a motor vehicle, 1 common burglary, 1 theft (CVS), 1 drug (Thurber) and 1 theft of a motor vehicle in Gowdy Field.

**Communications** [communication@harrisonwest.org](mailto:communication@harrisonwest.org): Lydia reported the newsletter was sent, announcements were made on Facebook, and that Chris has been donating his time and has made a lot of progress on updating the website.

**Short North Foundation**: Julia reported that the grant application, which is a minimum of $10,000 for permanent art or historical display, is not yet posted on the Short North Foundation website.

**Social**: Donations were collected for the Bingo Prizes for the At Home by High nonprofit. Members were reminded to please bring canned food items to next meeting for the Food Bank donation. The Holiday Party will be December 12th.

**Open Forum**

A resident on Vermont Place asked for guidance on how to get permit parking. Parking is a challenge as residents from the apartments use the streets, and employees of the hospital use their streets, to park. They live close to other areas with permit parking and could not understand why their streets were not included. There was a discussion on past opposition, and on how the rules have changed for getting permit parking (City of Columbus used to accept a majority vote block by block, but now it seems a parking study is required).

Sandy reported that retired Officer Steve Smith passed away. The Harrison West Society remembered his service with gratitude. It was loss when he was reassigned and couldn’t be our liaison anymore. He was a really great friend of the Harrison West Society and knew the neighborhood well.

Julia and Lydia reported they lost their appeal on the lot split on the corner of Bradley and Perry. They are asking to appeal this at a higher court. In the meantime, there is a sign that the lot is for sale on the property. The listing is complicated because it is optional to buy the house plans.

Harrison on 3rd is looking to expand, such as an enclosed patio, and is going through the process to get approval in Victorian Village.

**Adjournment**

Mike moved, seconded by Brian, to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.