January 17, 2024

**Harrison West Society Meeting Agenda**

515 Perry Street, Founders Community Room

President’s Report – Tim Price

* Introductions
* Executive Meeting Location Announcement – 2/7 Hyatt House 7pm (633 W 5th Ave.)
* Approval of the November Meeting Minutes\*

Monthly Reports

* President Report- Tim Price
* 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 – Talk about possible Summer/Fall party

Open Forum

Adjournment

Next Meeting: February 21st – Amanda Ford – City Division of Parking

*\* indicates an item up for Society vote***Harrison West Society Meeting ~ November 15, 2023**

**Members present**: Tim Price, Lydia Cumming, Michael Metz, Julia Cumming, Ellie Inglesi, Brian Johnson, Diane Pluckett, Ken Christopher, Susan Edison, Ruth Dohner, Robert Mason, Bob Mangia, Chris Ruder, Jim Tennyson, and Ken Wightman. Guests present were Nate Timpe and Kori Sedmak.

**Call to order:** Tim Price, President, called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM at 515 W. 5th Ave. Quorum present. Introductions were made.

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

**Monthly Reports**

**Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District (FSWCD) –** Guest speaker, Kori Sedmack, shared with the group why FSWCD was started and how it has evolved to help urban areas in Franklin County reduce pollution in stormwater runoff so our creeks will be cleaner. They offer individual rebates on rain barrels, native plants, and rain gardens as well as grants for larger scale community projects. They also give advice if you have questions. More information about FSWCD can be found at [www.franklinswcd.org](http://www.franklinswcd.org). We will be asking Kori for seasonally appropriate articles from time to time, so you can look forward to hearing from her in our future newsletters!

**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 12/6/23.

He reminded everyone there is no regular monthly HWS meeting – we will have a Holiday Party instead at Heritage Point, 717 Neil Ave, next to Thurber Tower, on December 12th from 6 – 8 p.m. The Holiday Party will be a potluck and BYOB. HWS will provide the Holiday appropriate equivalent of the Summer Party Hot Dog as well as paper products and decorations. Nonmembers are welcome. We are asking guests to bring their favorite sides, desserts and appetizers. (Bring cash if you want to participate in the 50-50 raffle.)

Bob moved, seconded by Brian, to spend up to $350 on the Holiday Party. All in favor, motion carried.

**Treasurer** [treasurer@harrisonwest.org](mailto:treasurer@harrisonwest.org): Michael Metz reported current balance is $3,525.45. Chris moved, seconded by Lydia, to donate $100 to MidOhio Food Bank in honor of Officer Smith. MidOhio Food Bank was chosen because it was one of the charities listed in his obituary. All in favor, motion carried.

**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. If someone would like to help remove invasive honeysuckle from the streambank on a Sunday afternoon – please let him know! The work on Perry Street Park continues. Bringing back the Jazz Festival is in its infant stages. Bob would like to recognize an individual who donated and spread mulch at one of the parks – stay tuned. The homeless camp is throwing trash on the streambank, which Bob is reporting the trash to 311.

**Membership** [membership@harrisonwest.org](mailto:membership@harrisonwest.org)**:** HWS will email current members and ask them to renew at the same time as the Holiday Party is announced. If you join or renew anytime between now and the end of the year, your membership will include 2024.

**Block Watch** [blockwatch@harrisonwest.org](mailto:blockwatch@harrisonwest.org): Chris reported there were less incidents this month than the previous month. There were a total of 5 incidents in the last month: 1 theft of a motor vehicle, 1 theft from a motor vehicle, 2 thefts, and 1 individual robbery. There were no thefts at Gowdy Field.

**Communications** [communication@harrisonwest.org](mailto:communication@harrisonwest.org): Lydia reported the newsletter was sent and announcements were made on Facebook. Her goal next month is to ask for volunteers to post a yard sign about the party. She is asking members to let their neighbors know about the party because one of the best ways to get the word out is through word of mouth.

**Short North Foundation**: Julia reported that the grant application for permanent art or historical display is not yet posted on the Short North Foundation website. Julia received an email from the director of At Home by High about how much the BINGO prizes were appreciated. She passed around flyers of the next At Home by High fundraiser on Thursday, December 5th, from 5 – 7 p.m. at Seventh Son Brewing Company. (One of the nice things about being a part of the Short North Foundation is getting to know the local communities and organizations that make up the Short North Area and being able to support each other.)

**Social**: Many thanks to the members who brought in nonperishable items and canned goods for our Canned Food Drive!

**Open Forum**

We will have a speaker in February to talk about the permitted parking process because finding parking has become a real concern in some parts of Harrison West.

**Adjournment**

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