**Harrison West Society Meeting ~ April 17, 2024**

**Members present**: Kathryn Burns-Hill, Julia & Lydia Cumming, Becky Davis, Jack Decker, Ruth Dohner, Joe George, Holly Higgins, Matthew Kennon, Bob Mangia, Robert Mason, Michael Metz, Tim Price, Chris Ruder, Ken Wightman and Kristin & Frank Yankovich. Guests present were: Jerry & Debby Colvin, Laurie & Jamie Patton, and speaker Tony Celebreze.

**Call to order:** Tim Price, President, called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM at 515 W. 5th Ave. Quorum present. Introductions were made.

**Minutes**: Bob Mangia moved, seconded by Holly Higgins, to approve March minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

**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 5/1/24.

**Zone-In Update:** Tony Celebreze, Deputy Director, Building & Zoning Department, gave an overview of the Zoning Update process. They collected feedback (thousands of comments). The new draft code is more understandable, readable and more permissive (ex. allows residences on the first floor in commercial zones). There are six new districts in the urban areas from very dense (downtown) to less dense (suburbia). C4 is the same zoning as High Street (drinking establishments, etc.) C3 is offices with parking (example is Spielman Medical Center). C2 is even less intense. The spans on 5th, 3rd, King and Olentangy are C4 because they are only 1 parcel deep and next to houses. (Note: the 5th, 3rd and King on the east side of Olentangy is not included in the update.) Even if the area is “built out,” areas now can grow in density by letting the existing buildings go up in height to 3 – 5 stories. The area being covered is 143 miles, and 12,000 parcels. They estimate with the update, Columbus will go from 6 thousand housing units to a potential of 88 thousand units.

To rezone, there will be 2 public hearings and a 60-day comment period. There is a gallery with free parking for the public to see the process that occurred to get this draft together. It is staffed with planners and zoning commissioner members. Hours are posted on the Zone In website.

Questions were taken from the members present.

In other news, Tony reported that his department is rewriting the codes for assisted living facilities and half way homes. Please send Tony any of your comments. Also, his department now enforces noise complaints in commercial areas (bars that play music too loud). Lastly, the weights and measures, and the licenses section (pedal carts, food trucks, billiard rooms, Airbnb), are now going to be monitored by his department. Codes for monitoring for these folks will be updated.

**Parking study was completed:** City of Columbus should be able to bring several proposals to our next meeting for our feedback.

**Nominating Committee:** We are looking for nominations for President, Secretary, etc.

**Monthly Reports:**

**Treasurer** [treasurer@harrisonwest.org](mailto:treasurer@harrisonwest.org): Michael Metz reported current balance is $4,182.58.60. One of our big expenses is our insurance policy.

**Parks and Greenspace Report** [parks@harrisonwest.org](mailto:parks@harrisonwest.org)**:** They planted 40 trees at Perry Street. They are building a grand entrance. The next park cleanup is Wednesday, April 24th at Side by Side Park. Bob know if you can adopt a flower bed. As always, please clean up after your pets!

**Membership** [membership@harrisonwest.org](mailto:membership@harrisonwest.org)**:** Julia reminded every to renew their memberships if they haven’t already.

**Short North Foundation**: Julia reported that no grant applications have been received yet on the Short North Foundation website. Due to the lateness of the hour, it was decided to table the discussion about developing a historical sign until the next meeting.

**Block Watch** [blockwatch@harrisonwest.org](mailto:blockwatch@harrisonwest.org): Chris reported 0 in Gowdy Field and Thurber Village. There was 1 assault, 2 menancing, 2 stolen vehicles, 1 theft from a motor vehicle in Harrison West.

**Communications** [communication@harrisonwest.org](mailto:communication@harrisonwest.org): Lydia has updated the website, etc. There was a reminder that the recycling event at IBS this Friday, 4/19, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. She reported that the cleanup event went very well! Lucky’s will open next month. Street sweeping should start last week of this month, so be on the lookout. People don’t seem to know how important it is to keeping our storm drains clean! Help make your neighbors aware and move your cars.

**Social**: Frank moved to reimburse Tim and Michael up to $150 for cleanup, Lydia second. All in favor, motion carried.

**Open Forum:**

Sewer Update – Work is getting ready to resume. The barrier may come down this September.

The next HWS meeting is Wednesday, May 15th at 7:00 p.m. Michael moved, seconded by Lydia, to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.