**Harrison West Society Meeting ~ June 26, 2024**

**Members present**: Chris Ruder, Diane Plunkett, Brian Johnson, Diane Cumming, Ruth Dohner, Matt Reinemeyer, Frank Yankovich, Debby Colvin, Jerry Colvin, Becky Davis, Holly Higgins, Nate and Whitney Timpe, Carmen Hadley, Matt Kelly, Lydia Cumming, Bob Mangia, Michael Liggett, Merica and Travis Young, Jim and Lisa Cray, Ken Wightman, Pete Schupska, Tim Price, Robert Mason

**Call to order:** 7:04 PM, **President’s Report** [president@harrisonwest.org](mailto:president@harrisonwest.org): Michael Metz, introduce CPD neighborhood liaison officer M. Hauenstein

Ofc.Mark Hauenstein presented information for the SN and HW neighborhood including the University Area. Worried about safety of the area given the recent crime in the Short North. Our crime analyst put together a report for the area and aggravated assaults are down from previous year. 2 homicides last year, 1 this year. Only 4 robberies this year. 67.9% increase in auto theft from last year. Burglaries from vehicles down from last year. What can be said about this, was at the violence prevention meeting. CPD is enacting recommendations from SN, it’s a great city, but living in a city comes with challenges. Recalled his first call was a shooting at 4th & 11th at 9 AM on a Sunday. Responded on many more shootings involving the Short North Posse. It’s very frustrating to see violence in the SN arts district. Kind of a new phenomenon. Deeper issues of younger folks resorting to guns first. Tend to be impressionable from broken homes, we try to leave them with a positive impression of CPD. Pandemic didn’t do us any favors, CPD tried to balance service vs. the virus to try and protect officers and the public. Quality of life issues fell to the side which may be part of the issues now. Effects are ongoing. We can only do so much, it’s the same people but unfortunately there aren’t consequences. Social media is part of the problem, road racing, burn-outs, believe social media has a lot to do with it. Usually a large group of people, mob mentality. Good chance they’re not going to stop, and we don’t want to chase these folks and risk others. Very complicated, violence, looting, happening everywhere. We need help from our communities. Using technology to try and track down SN shooters from last weekend. Try to engage with homeless to get them housing, we’re not going to arrest our way out of the problem, would only make situation worse. Working with Mt. Carmel outreach team to make sure folks know they have options, and help is available. 2 stolen guns out a car every day. Calls are triaged from 1-5, domestic abuse is a higher offense. Be as clear as you can be with the call taker.

**Parking Study Update:** Michael Liggett from city of Columbus. 30-day comment period ended on 6/16 and we’ve had discussions with the exec committee. Want to maintain both resident, business and guest parking throughout the neighborhood. 6 of 8 comments supportive of permit parking. Some were let’s try everything, most in favor of option 1 with 3-hour option from 8am-10pm for non-permit holders. Defines balance of resident parking and some turnover for neighborhood businesses. Forces commercial properties built after 2008 to use existing, provided parking. Use the Park Columbus app to get setup for permits, parking, etc. Can also still go to the impound lot to get help. If HWS approves the program, we will begin a communication campaign. Most likely October when the signs go in and there will be a “grace” period of leniency to get folks used to the program. We will then look at the areas S of 3rd to see how that area is affected, then reassess that area. Is staff in favor of hybrid option? Assess Pennsylvania post phase 1. Always be a loophole to “game” the system. You’ll have coverage if you can really plan that much. Should the hours start earlier and go later? 2 sections of the map, 3rd to 5th, and then 2nd to 1st have some restrictions. Enforcement is easier when there is consistency in the rules, etc. All of Perry will be included on both sides. Renters at Founders choose to park illegally. Currently some streets have restrictions and others don’t. Communication goes to every listed address if they are eligible or not. $50 parking tickets. Post implementation, city will still collect counts and consult to see if adjustments need to be made. $25 per licensed driver can get a permit. $3 guest permits available. Can setup multiple license plates in the systems. Merica has noticed more enforcement in the neighborhood. Implement 1st area and then immediately assess S of 3rd. Folks in favor of earlier start time. Chris R, motion to approve this proposal as submitted. Bob M 2nd – 6am -10pm. Motion to amend to include timeframe for phase 2 study. How should be refined. Vote on motion to amend, must be a member for 45 days before today. Motion passed. Jim Cray proposes 6am-10pm, 2nd from Frank Y. 8am-10pm with city commits to timeframe for phase 2. Frank Y what is the reason we don’t go with 6am to better deal with OSU parkers.3rd to 5th 8am-10pm. Motion carries and city will provide timeline. Why 2008 as the date. Motion Jim C 1st-3rd, Bob M 2nd, motion carries.

**Minutes**: Motion to approve 5/24 minutes, Holly 1st, Bob 2nd. Minutes approved.

**Monthly Reports:**

**Treasurer** [treasurer@harrisonwest.org](mailto:treasurer@harrisonwest.org): $3,971.23, gained $20, spent $5 on website, gained $25.

**Membership** [membership@harrisonwest.org](mailto:membership@harrisonwest.org)**:** 57 members, 94 if you count heroes, etc.

**Parks and Greenspace Report** [parks@harrisonwest.org](mailto:parks@harrisonwest.org)**:** Daylilies on riverbank W of gazebo on riverbank. 5:30 - 7pm at Side-by-Side next month. Please cleanup after your dogs. Need help with park cleanups, email Bob if you’d like to adopt a bed. What will happen on Vermont, Michael sent a couple of 311 requests for that park and one other. Trees removed with no replacements. Assigned to forestry division and they will show up when manpower allows.

**Block Watch** [blockwatch@harrisonwest.org](mailto:blockwatch@harrisonwest.org): 8 crimes total, 1 assault, 6 motor vehicle incidents.

**Communications** [communication@harrisonwest.org](mailto:communication@harrisonwest.org): FB and newsletter sent. Visit to Zone In gallery, please comment on zoning code. Submit comments to public officials.

**Social**: Summer Fling – last summer we had in lieu of August meeting. Preference of Wed or weekend. Saturday or Sunday, Saturday. Weekend after regular meeting. Potluck, but we need volunteers to decorate, Costco run, etc. Any ideas, balloons, etc. We have a sign-up sheet to help. Possibility of pulling off some sort of music series this year. Had someone hopeful to do a show on 9/22. Too optimistic for this year. Maybe revive in the Spring? More of a varied music series. Will form a committee to investigate it. Figure out what type of permits, cost, etc. Maybe have him come to an exec.

**Short North Foundation:** No meeting in June

**Open Forum:** Free daylilies at Upper Arlington library this weekend.