

## Harrison West Society Meeting ~ October 16, 2024

**Members present:** Kristin and Frank Yankovich, Ruth Dohner, Chris Ruder, Kathy Burns-Hill, Matt Kennon, James & Susan Edison, Matt Reinemeyer, Richard Cugino, Julia Cumming, Lydia Cumming, Rob Mason, Josh Coffee, Matt Dougherty, Ellie Inglesi, Jim Tennyson, Ken Wightman, Andres Morales, Brooke Morales

**Call to order:** Michael Metz called to order at 7:04p.m.

**President's Report** [president@harrisonwest.org](mailto:president@harrisonwest.org): Nov 6 Exec meeting at Hyatt House. Parking signs have gone up and are active. Has anyone noticed any changes, folks parking on Perry. City will do another parking study to see what impact the current restrictions are having.

**Minutes:** Bob M 1<sup>st</sup>, minutes approved

### Monthly Reports:

**Treasurer:** \$3798.73 – bill for \$627 for insurance. Renew with secretary of state, \$25. Will do membership drive. Join now and get rest of year and 2025. Will check with recent enrollees to make sure what they would like. Number of residences in HW, shouldn't we have more members given the fact that we have a small portion of the total as members.

**Parks and Greenspace Report** [parks@harrisonwest.org](mailto:parks@harrisonwest.org): Thanks for the last park cleanup. Side by Side 10/23 5-7 for the next cleanup, riverbank and cut back perennials. Canceled 10/12 event due to lack of participation. Looking forward working with FLOW and OSU going forward. 10/24 and 10/25, focusing on invasive species removal for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. May need to detour the bike path during the cleanup. May mulch riverbank, combination with the City, us and FLOW. Hope to open the east bank of the river. Cleanup after your dogs, dog bags everywhere.

**Membership** [membership@harrisonwest.org](mailto:membership@harrisonwest.org):

**Short North Foundation** Still have large amount of money available for public art, historical signage, etc. Grants will be at least 15k. We would love to see historical markers, public art, etc. If you have ideas, reach out to us. Organization is made up of most neighborhoods, they are looking into short term rentals. Don't want to be anti STR, but there needs to be a balance on number of beds, etc. Could SNF be the group to work with these types of issues. Would you like to receive a survey about STRs? Do you think there is a solution. Would you respond to the survey? City has a permit process, but most of the enforcement is coming from neighbor complaints. Who is interested in participating in STR issues? SNF reached out about STRs in the area. 150 people on Perry and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Policy:

**Communications** [communication@harrisonwest.org](mailto:communication@harrisonwest.org): Website, newsletter, FB – please sign up for newsletter at harrisonwest.org. Columbus marathon this weekend Sunday 9-2pm. Race organizers have agreed to put up signs to show follow of traffic, and CPD will help residents. Signs will prompt folks from 3<sup>rd</sup> to Michigan to Goodale. North exits are King. Race route is unchanged. Will see how this goes. Chris Ruder request – we have a nice website and have had technical issues for the last couple of years. Talked to DreamHost and we now have a staging site where we can store everything. Would like to get \$25 for the staging site that could be updated, and this will offer. Chris made motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lydia. Motion carries.

**Social:** Open – Michael stopped at Harrisons on Fifth, investigating whether they have space we can use. Do have common rooms overlooking the park. Assigned our email to a coordinator to see about holiday party as well as the executive meeting and general meeting since they have a garage, no locked doors, etc. If you have any ideas for meeting places, let us know. And if you'd like to be on the social committee or chair, let us know. Maybe folks want a livelier place for the holiday party, maybe a potluck somewhere. Maybe do a combo, early evening party and then "after hours" party elsewhere. Agora church willing to work together, do a movie night in December at the church. Maybe we should pick a date now and then work on venue. 12/18 would be general meeting. Maybe somewhere between 12/4 and 12/15. Maybe Friday, do Zeno's after, something like that. Maybe folks have other weekend parties. Look at 12/11-12/13 to narrow down. Merica will help with Lydia, Julia, Travis, Michael, Tim.

**Development:** Switch to what's being built in Founders. Instead of condo units, they want to build 60 apartments with access to the garage. Can't sell condos in current market according to Thrive. Owners are looking at ways to oppose the plan, they have the strongest interest in making a change to the plan. We'd be glad to make a motion of support, write letters, etc. Can attend BZA meeting, write letters. Going from 28 units to 60 apartments. We fought to get what was proposed but now they want to change after many years. Troubled by mix of rentals and owned units. Made the commitment to the neighborhood and to the residents of the area.

**Block Watch** [blockwatch@harrisonwest.org](mailto:blockwatch@harrisonwest.org): Crime database still down so no access to current records. As soon as it's updated, will update. Sargent Weber from CPD, will let him talk about what happened on Michigan Ave. Ended up with 3 shots fired and quick response from CPD and neighbors. Victims came out of the house and shooter has warrants active to arrest. Name wasn't part of the initial report, may be in supplemental report. Issues with female resident, fight between males and 3 shots fired hitting a windshield. No one was directly hit. Supplemented housing area was the affected area. Both groups were residents or friends of residents. Concerns about dog was an issue. Merica saw the shooting in the street, but froze and it started with the dog, but then spiraled from there. Best witness who helped find shell casings and identify the whole situation. Are there solutions to fear of residents walking dogs, etc.? Unfortunate situation that isn't normal in this area, but opportunity and situations. Isolated incident that happened here. Discussion at executive meeting about what's going on everywhere, but now with social media and other outlets, appearance that's it's worse than it's been. It is a traumatic event, ask for help, be a good neighbor and help those who need it. If you see something that doesn't pass the sniff test, call the non-emergency line, and report it. And please leave your name if you can, if anonymous it makes it more difficult for CPD to follow up. Usually known individuals. The more information you can give the better. Is this really an isolated incident in that area? There are usually issues in that area, but normally not gun related. Usually more "disagreement" related. Asked city liaison if there's anything we can do related to that building/area. Is it possible to identify families with smaller children more appropriate for the park. Can CPO adjust the population. People should be able to send your kids out to play. May be more supervision than we're aware of, must trust that the kids are being looked after. Issues with lounges where post-bar folks hang out, most recently at 5<sup>th</sup> and High. City prosecutor closed the lounge, all the patrons were park and sometimes eat at the pizza place across the street. Resident from Pennsylvania witnessed someone looking in places, and 1 female was detained and released having a stolen car. Why did she just get to leave and go back to High Street. Situations vary, must prove stolen car if not the driver. Can't transport with consent, viewed as an arrest.

**Open Forum:** Ken W – when does the parking restriction start? Letters were sent by city, signage is up. You can now apply for a permit. Enforcement will start 11/5. Safety concerns, use non-emergency number. Illegal parking should be reported to non-emergency or 311. Need 4-way stop at 1<sup>st</sup> and Pennsylvania. City says they are not effective.

Motion to adjourn – passed.