

Harrison West Society Meeting ~ November 20, 2024

Members present: Cris Ruder, Diane Douh, Robert Douh, Bob Mangia, Rob Mason, Lydia Cumming, Julia Cumming, Frank and Kristin Yankovich, Ruth Dohner, Diane Cumming, Terry Hofecker, Ken Wightman

Call to order: Michael Metz called to order at 7:05p.m.

President's Report president@harrisonwest.org: Hopefully move along quickly, let's do a Thanksgiving food that you like or dislike. Discussion of mincemeat ensued. Review meeting minutes from last month. Did a tour of Harrison's on Fifth and they are interested in hosting us for our December 4 executive meeting, and 1/8 exec meeting. Our general meeting will be at Harrison's on 1/15 at 7pm. Parking garage is underneath and there is an elevator to the meeting spaces. Staff to greet and direct folks to the room. The exec meeting is in their private dining room, the general meeting will be in the sky lounge on the 5th floor. Seats around 49-50 ppl.

Minutes: Motion to approve, Kristin, 2nd Bob, approved.

Monthly Reports:

Treasurer: 3797.03, 662.90 difference for the art insurance, ending 3,134.84. Added new membership.

Parks and Greenspace Report parks@harrisonwest.org: final park cleanup last month at Side by Side with 6 folks. Probably nothing until next April. Please cleanup after your dogs. Flow and others did clean up honeysuckle down the riverbank between 3rd and 5th. Mainly the top of the hill of the riverbank. Need a conversation with the city on cleaning honeysuckle may adversely affect other plants and trees.

Membership membership@harrisonwest.org: Working on renewing yard signs and door hangers for membership drive. Changed to when do we meet and why with a QR code to join and point you toward website. Door hanger calls out who we are, what we do, etc. Possibly add new venue for general meetings. Need a motion for funds. 500 door hangers at .38 and signs were \$22/per. \$175 for signs, \$250 for door hangers for total of \$425. Motion by Michael for up to \$450 to be spent on signs and door hangers. Lydia 2nd, motion carries.

Short North Foundation: Idea about art, plaque up to artist of awareness of native American heritage. Has to be in good taste and respectful. We need a committee, but maybe we float the idea of fixing island on 3rd with the grant. Goodale Park is going to submit a large grant request. Maybe reach out to NAICCO to see what think about a Native American piece. Does Harrison West Park have room for interactive art? Maybe give us a "feature" for the neighborhood. Maybe a mascot, perhaps a Frenchie?

Block Watch blockwatch@harrisonwest.org: Website still down, can't report on crime stats. Suspect from shooting on Michigan seems to still be incarcerated. Dismissed from one court to another.

Communications communication@harrisonwest.org: Website, newsletter, FB – please sign up for newsletter at harrisonwest.org. Parking, Michael Liggett said it's going well for the city, 20-30 tickets a day the first week, fell off the 2nd week. Chris R got a ticket for parking in the garage, contesting the ticket. Michigan is wide open; Pennsylvania looks a lot lighter. Did study S of 3rd in September, they'll go back in the Spring and do the study again. Are they enforcing on football Saturdays? Should be, but if not, we can circle back to the city. How many permits have been sold, not sure. Reach out to our liaisons and invite them to our holiday party. Coat drive and food drive. Maybe not at the party, maybe a charitable donation in January. Maybe a coat drive for Cathy, but not during the party? Maybe get her at our January meeting to see how we can help. Non-perishable food drive for the Little Free Pantry, used to do Godman Guild. Maybe a 50/50 raffle for the Mid-Ohio Food Collective? Do you want to donate food to the Little Free Pantry?

Social: We are also going to use the Harrison on 5th facility for the holiday party on Friday 12/13 in the Buckeye Pub on the 2nd floor. Nice Buckeye themed pub and we can use the back part of dining room. 6-6:30 arrive, food at 6:30 and party to 8:30. Potluck, and bring your own beverages with parking available in the garage. Volunteers to setup, cleanup, etc. Write down what you're bringing.

Development: Open position: still haven't heard about conversion of property at Founders Park. Did get an application to for Culpepper's property and their parking configuration doesn't conform. City of Columbus is sending back to the applicant.

CPD Liaisons: CPD discussed happenings over the weekend, and security concerns around the city like today's trans days of remembrance. CPD didn't know that the neo-Nazis were going to show up, an altercation occurred and CPD followed them back to a U-Haul van and detained them for a period of time. Traffic stop initiated of vehicle, most of the "passengers" did not have ID, the driver did. Victim didn't want to prosecute so had to let them go. Our counter-terrorist unit is investigating, and we know who the group is. Not from Ohio. Trying to be calm as possible, they want to upset people. They got their national attention and even President Biden weighed in. Response march last Sunday, and there's another march this Saturday at 12pm. Focus on the good events, solidarity is important. We do have officers in plain clothes at events in general for safety. This group caught us off guard. Michigan and 3rd are these isolated incidents or regular occurrences. In general, isolated incidence in that area. Did reach out to our liaison to reach out to the subsidized housing to see if there's anything to be done? CPO is good about making residents follow the rules. Working on riverbank encampments, working on getting them shelter. They're in the public right of way, it takes time to get them the help they need, identification, etc. Outreach is ongoing and officers are meeting tomorrow to discuss the issue. Will discuss Flock camera technology at January exec meeting.