

Harrison West Society Meeting ~ January 15, 2025

Members present: Mike Lang, Chris Ruder, Tim Price, Michael Metz, Rob Mason, Christy Walters, Beth Mallett, Lydia Cumming, Bob Mangia, Terri Hofecker, Debby Colvin, Jerry Colvin, Ola Ahlqvist, Asa Ahlqvist, Pete Schupska, Diane Plunkett, Brian Johnson

Call to order: Michael Metz called to order at 7:05pm

President's Report president@harrisonwest.org: Welcome to the new space, thanks for coming. We'll do introductions, what's your favorite vacation destination, I'm going to W Caribbean. Exec meeting on 2/5 here on 2nd floor where the holiday party was, back here Feb 19th.

Minutes: Bob M, Brian J 2nd - Approved

Columbus Greenspot: Coordinate programs available to residents of the city. Try to get folks to adopt different habits and encourage education about topics like drought, etc. Also have power assistance programs and interested in collaborating in the neighborhood. What would you like from us? By becoming a member, you get communications that let you know about upcoming events, unique tours, etc. Rumpke new facility tours are available as well. If you sign up as a business, you can access a dashboard that shows how your community is contributing. Looking to achieve ambitious goals of greenhouse gas reductions. Partnering is so much easier, will leave behind data. What are your environmental concerns locally, think about it. Light pollution? Make 311 requests. Public Utilities has a composting program with stations around town and you can drop off for free. Maybe have a compost facility at Thompson Rec?

Treasurer: \$3415.45 – bills included \$60 donation to Mid-Ohio food collective, \$164 for door hangers, and \$10 for a yard sign deposit. Had a net gain in income of \$559.56 for 2024.

Parks and Greenspace Report parks@harrisonwest.org: Need folks to adopt beds, restart cleanups in March weather permitting, please cleanup after your dogs. And thanks for cleaning your sidewalks, and please help others. Sewer update: lost a sub-contractor pushing back opening of 2nd to late Spring early Summer.

Membership membership@harrisonwest.org: 35 members added or renewed since 11/24. Door hangers were delivered last weekend.

Short North Foundation Nothing new, Julia out tonight. Rob Mason as our Arts Chair. Rob is reaching out to different organizations. Do you want to chair the committee? We'll do an ad-hoc committee for a couple of months to let Rob work out how to best setup the committee and make it an exec committee officer. If you want to be on the exec committee, let us know before we nominate in April. If current folks want to change positions, can do that too.

CPD: Brought crime stats and map. Hope you all enjoyed the holidays, would like to share that on 1/12 at 6:37 am, officers went to 1222 Harrison Ave was struck several times and none of the Airbnb residents had any information. No tag has been identified, and still looking for the suspects. Try to track down vehicles as much as possible. Casings were collected from the scene. Robbery on 1/1 at 4am on N High Street, victim bumped someone and was attacked subsequently. Female was wearing a NY beany at the time. 12/28 9:01 pm on N High Street, several victims attacked by 3 persons "sucker punching" people, one person hospitalized for laceration, 1 with syncope. Officers identified the group, and they were detained and arrested. Information about suspects on CPD website. Flock cameras vs. crime cameras, city controls crime cameras. Maybe a presentation of the Flock cameras for Harrison West. Will get us the contact. 12/15 1025 Dennison Ave. report of stabbing, male victim transported to OSU. Domestic violence situation and child taken by CPS, and suspect was arrested and taken into custody. Warming center at Northside library.

Block Watch blockwatch@harrisonwest.org: Ongoing project to reconnect Lexis and the City. Between 12/16 and 1/15, 2 assaults, 1 theft, 3 reports of vandalism, and 3 motor vehicle thefts.

Communications communication@harrisonwest.org: Website, newsletter, FB – please sign up for newsletter at harrisonwest.org. Party went great in December, most of the door hangers have been delivered. Maybe coat drive or food drive coming up in the next few months.

Social: Open –

Development: Kevin Joseph at 518 W. 1st Ave. Mike Lamb from the developer presenting. Vacant lot on 1st, suggesting a duplex, front and back in the space. Asking for a parking variance from 4 spots to a 2-car garage. Usually 2 spots required per unit, requesting a variance to modify to 2 parking spaces in the form of a 2-car garage. Motion made to approve by Michael M, 2nd by Bob M. Approved by vote of 6-4.

Motion to adjourn – Bob M, Michael M – approved.

Open Forum: Do you like the new venue – seems to be yes with ease of parking, etc.