

Harrison West Society Meeting ~ February 19, 2025

Members present: Kathryn Burns Hill, Bill Hill, Diane Cumming, Terry Hofecker, Matt Kennen, Travis Young, Merica Fountain, Pete Schupska, Ken Wightman, Rob Mason, Michael Metz, Tim Price, Laurie and Jamie Patton, Ruth Dohner, Lydia Cumming, Julia Cumming

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

President's Report president@harrisonwest.org: Meeting Columbia Gas folks on 2/20 to talk about what will happen on Bradley and area. Introductions. Exec meeting 3/5 in formal dining room.

Minutes: Motion to approve Lydia, 2nd Pete, approved.

Treasurer: \$3980.05 – Several memberships added and \$5 paid for website. Deposited \$10 in membership and there is \$465 in PayPal memberships. Bigger bump next month.

Parks and Greenspace Report parks@harrisonwest.org: Pick up after your dogs. Probably start park cleanups in April. Can we clean the riverbank 3rd to Funky Town. Plan on doing cleanups from 3rd to Goodale. Probably looking only at trash and invasive species. Also work to maintain what we've done on the northern part. 311 for anything that shouldn't be there, and the city has the equipment to pull stuff out.

Membership membership@harrisonwest.org: 58 members total including 10 individual, 3 households, 7 senior, 5 Harrison West Heroes, and 1 organization since 11/24. To be able to vote in April, need to be a member by 3/2. January through December is full membership. Can we list membership?

Short North Foundation: Biggest news is that they have a \$80K pot of money, \$35K for first half in Goodale and remainder available for other areas. Permanent and culturally or art inspired. FGP had over 25 submissions. If they're getting art submission projects, can we ask to see what isn't approved to maybe move to our area? Some confusion about the money overall and where it may go. Apply for a grant based on proposals that may not be selected. Do we need to do an RFP for artists, etc. Reading of request for SN Foundation. First group won't get full \$80K, so others still have an opportunity. Simple application, but if not ready to proceed, may not happen. Need to be ready to proceed. Rob is working on ideas for art and reaching out to other sources of funding GCAC, Ohio Arts Council, and others. Possibly art that represents Native American history in Perry Street Park. First thing folks see when entering the neighborhood. The other parks already have art. Possibly reach out to NAICCO about possible interaction. They may have an artist that they'd like to find funding for. Working on the city's approach to art and how they might help. There was an ongoing art survey, and possibly protecting the art through the city. Need an inventory of art. Lots of reaching out and trying to figure out the best way to go. Concrete barriers at 3rd a and 5th mostly destroyed.

CPD:

Block Watch blockwatch@harrisonwest.org: Chris is out: alcohol violation at Ziggy's, theft from MV, residential thefts for total of 5 crimes.

Communications communication@harrisonwest.org: Update website, send out newsletter, welcome letter for new and renewal members. No progress on yard signs. Did do membership campaign with door hangers. Walked the neighborhood to deliver door hangers; wasn't as successful as previous campaigns. Will follow-up with renewal members and potentially non-renewing members. National Night Out is 8/5 so possibly combine summer party with NNO? Can we get a motion to do NNO in 2025 and combine with our summer party? Greenspot may be able to help as well. Ken W motion, 2nd Diane C – approved.

Social: Open – Combine NNO and summer party – yes.

Development: Open, received rezoning app for Thrive to rezone the town-home buildings and flat style buildings to allow apartments into that space. They're not ready to present tonight. Follow-up on the application to make sure that all parties are informed. Not sure of the changes. Making sure nothing happens until we have input, and what do the city officials think. Talked with Summit and he's been in contact with city planner and until we start our process, the whole thing is on hold. Plan is to bring it up, start the discussion, ask questions and we'll be prepared to give feedback to the city prior to their review. Rollup communication getting all ducks in a row to handle the proposal. Join now so you can vote when this comes around. Now that's it's an April vote, want to be a member by 3/1.

Motion to adjourn – Approved.

Open Forum: When we do our party and NNO, would HWS be willing to do a drive for Rico Pet Recovery and support non-profit with items that are needed. Can we be listed for the SNCA yard sale with addresses? Battelle isn't allowing people to walk through parking lot. Crossing at Michigan and Perry is perilous, can we get crosswalk repainted. Need to have an ask to the city to tell them what we like for crosswalks, flashing lights, etc. Traffic doesn't always stop, and visibility is challenging times of the day. Dog waste bags in some of the parks are being pulled out and blowing in the wind. 2006 Harrison West plan, did it ever come to fruition. What happened, can we revisit? Michigan Ave project? Maybe provide food for river cleanup with OSU students? Rain barrel reimbursement program, training program goes live around March 15. Online or live class to get rain barrel or compost reimbursement. Franklin Soil and Water Conservation.