

Harrison West Society Meeting ~ May 21, 2025

Members present: Tim Price, Michael Metz, Bob Mangia, Lydia Cumming, Julia Cumming, Chris Ruder, Jerry & Debbie Colvin, Terry Hofecker, Michael Tomko, Travis & Merica Young, Pete Schupska, Matt Kennon, Ken Wightman, Travis Tuttle, Ellie Inglesi, Jim Tennyson, Columbus Police Officers (Hauenstein and Webber).

Call to order: Michael Metz called to order at 7:07pm.

President's Report president@harrisonwest.org: Michael Liggett (Columbus Parking Dept) became aware that there was a discrepancy along the side Zeno's at Pennsylvania and 3rd. Michael and or Amanda will be at next meeting with recommendations for south of 3rd. Got a letter from Jerry Schwan that he is interested in joining the society. Since he's here, we'll let him introduce himself.

Jerry Schwan – moved here in 1946 on NW Blvd, went to school and dad built a home on Guilford in 1953. Now have a granddaughter that works there at Byrd Polar. Had a business here from 1959, and the amount of people I've met through my business, Godman Guild, and the Church, still carries on to this day. I'm aligned with AmSpirit and other organizations. Still work at Tom and Jerry's auto service on Kenny and Chambers. I've wanted to join for a long time.

Minutes: Motion to approve Julia 1st, Bob 2nd, approved.

Treasurer: \$4,842.78, now \$4,090.09. Insurance, but gained \$290 in memberships. Ahead of last year.

Parks and Greenspace Report parks@harrisonwest.org: Earth Day tree planting along the river bank in Perry St Park; lots of trees got planted. City and metro parks brought in a trailer with over 100 trees planted in the park and along the river. Side-by-Side cleanup next Wed at 5pm-7:30pm to cleanup boxwoods in island. Water your street trees, we do have some bags that we can loan out. Please cleanup after your dogs. Emailed Mark W about the dog poop bags that aren't being collected.

Membership membership@harrisonwest.org: Gained a few folks, now at 72 memberships.

Short North Foundation: No report

Art: Rob M – Working with Jeff Smith and waiting on the City to update public art policies.

Block Watch blockwatch@harrisonwest.org: Assault on Vermont and Menacing on 3rd Ave restaurant. 4/21-5/21.

Communications communication@harrisonwest.org: Update website, content for newsletter. Door hangers on new folks' doors. Michael checked in at fire station and got a number to call to see what they can offer. Probably have the National Night Out (NNO) event at Perry Street Park. Maybe do a non-motorized vehicle parade for kids. Will finalize the details; we need plenty of volunteers; and we do need a chair for the committee. Open chair also for Development Chair.

Social: Submitted grant application for NNO. Drumming up interest for Rumpke tour, need 10 people on Tues/Thurs in the Fall. Heard good things. NNO funding announcement should be out on 6/8. Should expect police, mounted police, fire, food trucks. Maybe a silent dance party. Need help promoting and marketing the event, ambassadors, etc. Have a volunteer sheet for the event. We'll talk each meeting, but wanted to make sure everyone is aware and engaged.

Development: Michael Tomko: Tivoli apartments' new owner. Have a contract to purchase, have nothing high-impact planned other than routine updates and maintenance to bring it to compliance, but not detract from the affordability of the complex. Not looking for variances and anything like that, but wanted to get your feedback early to see what you would like. Always happy to take questions.

Officer Elections: Nominations are still open. Merica volunteers for Social Chair. Nominations of current members for same positions by Chris, 2nd Travis, carried by vote. Merica approved as Social Chair. Travis Y nominated for Development, Pete 2nd, motion carries. Rob Mason nominated and approved as Art Chair.

Open Forum: Traffic study? Had session with Council Rep and Short North Civic Association (SNCA) about getting lowered speed limits on 3rd, 5th, and King. City testing various traffic calming measures throughout the city. Michael sent highlighted map of the areas where there are around 51 intersections that could use a survey to identify those that have what they need and those that don't. Minor parking issue at Perry and Vermont, parking sign and fire hydrant. Should the sign say "no parking", call the police non-emergency number and let them know that someone is parked in front of the hydrant. Maybe push back against gas company if they try to put the new meter in front of your house. Public Art, what is the status of what we can do? Italian Village is trying to get art, they did get various colored flags on utility poles. Wanted permanent signage to call out historical points of interest in Italian Village. They have a virtual online tour calling out spots. Could we have a Comfest booth? Can we get T-shirts made with HWS on them to wear out? Franklin County Soil and Water is online and you can take a short course to get rain barrels, compost bins, etc. Harrison West Observer site now available, please follow.

Motion to adjourn 8:58, Jim 1st, Pete 2nd.