

Harrison West Society Meeting ~ June 18, 2025

Members present: Tim Price, Michael Metz, Bob Mangia, Amanda Ford, Michael Liggett, Chris Ruder, Terry Hofecker, Travis Young, Pete Schupska, Matt Kennon, Ken Wightman, Travis Tuttle, Ellie Inglesi, Jim Tennyson, Frank and Kristin Yankovich, Kathy Burns Hill, Bill Hill, Matt Reinemeyer, Ruth Dohner, Jerry Schwan, Jim and Lisa Cray

Call to order: Michael Metz called to order at 7:04pm.

President's Report president@harrisonwest.org: Catherine Klein working on signatures for ballot initiative to remove DEI language. SB1 which applies to state colleges in Ohio. Bans on anything conceived to be DEI. Done away with resources for groups at OSU, and wants to not have discussion on sensitive issues. Overreach on college campuses. Ballot initiative to be added to ballot if we can get enough signatures. Introductions. July 2, 7pm for exec meeting, general meeting July 16th on 5th floor here. Chet coming to next meeting to talk about Neighboring, how the program works and how we can get a grant to help with those efforts.

Minutes: Motion to approve Ellie 2nd Jim. Approved.

Treasurer: Will get next month

Parks and Greenspace Report parks@harrisonwest.org: Playbook columbus.com. Survey link for Parks and Rec planning for the future. Coming up with 5 to 7 plans being worked on including pools, water access for all ages, and sports for adults and kids. Sewer update, N portion at Tuttle is being opened now. Looks like 2nd and Perry will be open by August. Tree planting and sidewalk repairs starting this fall.

Membership membership@harrisonwest.org: N/A

Short North Foundation: No report

Development: Travis: applicant's attorney not here yet. Want to move lot line at 3rd and Pennsylvania to claim parking area in back of the house behind on Pennsylvania. Same owner of both properties. 385 W Third delayed, reps not in attendance. The Thrive development, BZA reviewed the documents and letters and OK'd to change from condos to 60 apartments. Michael, Travis, and Summit spoke at the meeting. 3 ½ hour meeting in, some of the folks had checked out. Voted 5-0 in favor of Thrive. My ask is that anyone who submitted a letter, take a copy of that letter and forward to every city council member and we'll find out when it's on the agenda. Manipulation through capitulation. Thrive is playing council to get what they want which is more money. Last opportunity to make the case to city council that this isn't the right thing for the neighborhood. Will reach out with Councilperson Padilla.

Block Watch blockwatch@harrisonwest.org: Not reported

Communications communication@harrisonwest.org: Continued to post information on social media. In addition to the society meeting and monthly park cleanup reminders, the following items to know were posted:

- Save the Date Information for the upcoming National Night Out was sent out – FYI, we were awarded \$600 but we applied for \$1,000. Should be able to do something nice for this amount but will need to cut back on a few things or find sponsors/self sponsor.)
 - Construction Updates (Perry St could be open by August 2025)
 - Natural Gas Line replacement updates (making progress – 75% of the main line has been installed)
 - Stacey, our neighborhood liaison sent a link to a Deer Survey for those who have seen deer and would like to participate.
 - Development Commission Meeting information date for Thrive's rezoning application (this was on June 12)
- Most of these items was also shared on Facebook.

Next month be on the look out for more information on the National Night Out and possibly a save the date for the SWACO Recycling Tour.

Social: Received grant of \$600 for NNO on 8/5/25. August 5th planning committee for NNO. Let us know if you want to volunteer. Checking out food trucks for the event. Working on logistics. Frida's food truck will be at Jackie O's next Monday.

City Parking: Amanda Ford and Michael Liggett to present findings of updated parking study. Phase II of HW parking management plan. Area from 3rd to 1st studied and collected parking counts in the fall and the spring. Wanted to assess spill over after implementation of phase I. Will leave entire document behind. Most of the area is still fine, except for the northern part of the area. Still not the same pressure of phase I. Suggest a 30 day comment period. Enforcement so far around 90%, and we haven't had to write as many tickets, getting better over time. Will relook at the Phase 1 area at some point to see if there need to be adjustments. Restrictions are case by case, dependent on what else is in the area. Issues with workers showing up and getting tickets. Needs to be clearly marked in order to not get ticketed. City working with vendors to come up with solutions. Thought the 3 hour rule meant that you couldn't continue to park in HW, but apparently you can just move around the corner. Should be 3 hours. Would like it enforced that way. People "gaming" the system with the new buildings. Restrictions aren't necessarily working in this immediate area. Hospital workers are still parking at 7am and leaving for the whole day.

Arts: Mike moved to establish Arts as a standing committee, Chris seconded, approved.

Block Watch: 1 menacing, 2 thefts from MV 3rd and Ingleside, 2 thefts from Perry and Ingleside.

Open Forum:

Motion to adjourn 8:08 approved