

Harrison West Society Meeting ~ July 16, 2025

Members present: Tim Price, Michael Metz, Bob Mangia, Lydia Cumming, Julia Cumming, Chris Ruder, Diane Cumming, Frank and Kristin Yankovich, Becky Davis, Natalia Ruiz, Rob Mason, Brian Johnson, Ken Christopher, Melissa Salzman, Tony Celebrezze, Kaz Camerowitz, Ruth Dohner, Ken Wightman, Courtney and Janine Roberts, Susan and James Edison

Call to order: Michael Metz called to order at 7:03. Get started, let's do introductions. Name, street, have you danced in the rain?

President's Report president@harrisonwest.org: Exec meeting is on 8/6, regular meeting on 8/20. Normally forgo our exec and society meetings for August. Lydia, Frank, motion carries. See you at NNO. NNO – secured 2 food trucks, Pizza Rover, and Frida's Food Truck Mexican food truck. Have fire dept coming the first hour assuming no diversions. Might have a therapy pony there as well.

Minutes: Motion to approve with changes Lydia, 2nd Diane, passed.

Treasurer: \$3,934.09 May, 4,128.86 in June. We're \$153.85 ahead for the year.

Parks and Greenspace Report parks@harrisonwest.org: Side by Side next Wednesday, tackle the island on 3rd.

Membership membership@harrisonwest.org: 77 members currently total with all levels of membership. If you'd like to attend another area commission or society, let us know.

Short North Foundation: No report

Art: Rob Mason: Reimaging Columbus is doing a big reveal of what will happen to the Columbus statue, 8/16 at Whetstone. Our project is on hold due to city funding. We are looking for artists that we could consider here. Did find a few artisans at the Arts Festival who could possibly do this type of sculpture work. Italian Village has a historical signage project focusing on 6 installations in IV. Already have a virtual tour you can do to see what's currently in IV and how it was in the past. IV starting a STR group to try and keep us with the STRs in an area. Also doing a membership drive.

Block Watch blockwatch@harrisonwest.org: 9 crimes total and 2 MP. 1 burglary, 4 motor vehicle thefts, 1 assault, and 3 thefts from motor vehicles.

Communications communication@harrisonwest.org: Updating website, newsletter, etc. Pushing NNO, open to doing more if there is a business you'd like spotlighted, etc. Please share any ideas with me. Posted about Kindness Close to Home to add to community and neighborhood involvement. You can apply for an individual grant for \$50 to have a gathering of your immediate neighbors. Can you "neighbor" more effectively. Will send out follow-up emails and brought some fliers to be posted. Invite everyone to come. T-shirts – Michael's company had shirts made for an event, can you do anything for us? Waiting for quotes to at least get shirts for NNO for officers and volunteers. Motion for \$200 to buy initial shirts Brian, 2nd Natalia, motion carries. Volunteer sign up sheet coming around if you can help out, take pictures, etc. Going to do a bike/stroller/wagon parade for kids.

Social: Received grant of \$600 for NNO on 8/5/25

Development: Travis not here. Dave Kirk, Melissa, and Dave here to discuss ZoneIn phase 2. Focus of phase II is housing and economic opportunity. There are cards with QR codes to stay in touch with the phase II initiative. Links to a survey as well to reach out to area commissions and citizens. Starting early with Phase II to get engagement and opinions on what we're focusing on, areas to address, etc. Next 2 sessions 7/23 and 7/30 can get a view into the maps and comment on land uses and whether they make sense. We'll take that input into account. We'll create the actual zoning districts after the input. We're really looking for feedback. What's Next? Document with outlines of what's coming up. Only did 4% of city in Phase I, now looking to rezone the entire city in the future. This next phase will involve the areas around Harrison West, please take the survey and you'll get a link to the map. You can zoom into to properties or tracts and label them as what you think they should be. Without comments from the public, we can't put together the zoning districts. Trying to finish this next phase and then finish entire city by 2027. Came up with 6 mixed use districts ranging from 6 stories to taller downtown. We need different zoning districts to account for differences within an area. Trying to add affordable housing in the city. Had 4K responses to survey. City council passed phase I, slowly seeing projects coming on board. Now we need to look at streets like 3rd and King to see what they need to be to encourage development. Created Title 34 to move everything to make it easier to read and understand. Title 33 was patched so many times so we decided to develop new code. How do we best customize the zoning districts. There will be a historical preservation part of phase II. How do we get mixed use, how do we influence developers to get the right mix? How do we know that participation means that we'll be heard? Seems like the city wants more housing, regardless of consequences. What Thrive did to the city and the neighborhood was crap, they basically lied about the whole situation. 385 W Third Ave not in attendance, seeking a parking variance for the alley behind the house that faces Pennsylvania.

Open Forum: Officer Hauenstein came from UAC, having NNO in the Iuka Park neighborhood. Randall Lyons as well, he's the new Clintonville liaison. Community Crime Map.com via Lexis Nexis to get crime stats. Scatter Joy project on 8/10 to help families, if you're interested in having a lemonade stand.

Motion to adjourn approved