

Harrison West Society Meeting ~ October 15, 2025

Members present: Jerry Schwan, Merica Young, Tim Price, Bob Mangia, Michael Metz, Irene Butler, Ruth Dohner, Tony Celebrezze, Chris Ruder, Columbus Police Officers (Hauenstein and Webber).

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

President's Report president@harrisonwest.org: Introductions and something about Fall. 11/5 exec meeting 11/19 regular meeting at Harrison on 5th.

Minutes: Chris R and Bob M – approved.

Treasurer: Not in attendance.

Parks and Greenspace Report parks@harrisonwest.org: Cleanup at Side by Side 5:30-7pm next Wednesday 10/22. Tina Mohn meeting about trees and she will put us in contact with Rosalee at the forestry area. Roundtable after meeting to talk about trees. Sewer project almost complete, looking at end of year or possibly early next year. They will be replacing sidewalks, curbs, and trees. Hardscaping probably next year. Rogue plantings in front of Luckys. Cleanup after your dogs.

Membership membership@harrisonwest.org: Not in attendance.

Short North Foundation: Not in attendance.

Art: Not in attendance.

Block Watch blockwatch@harrisonwest.org: 8 crimes in the last month. 1 domestic, 1 fraud and forgery, 4 missing persons, 1 motor vehicle theft and 1 vandalism.

Communications communication@harrisonwest.org: Not in attendance.

Social: Founders inside backup on Sunday if weather is bad. Kindness Close to Home initiative gave us \$1K to have a neighboring event so we're having a Columbus Marathon block party in conjunction with Harrison on 5th and Founders Park Apartments. Broke Johnny food truck will be right behind Harrison between 5th and the trail. Looking to form relationships with groups and people we don't normally get to interact with. Harrison is looking at multiple activities during the event and Broke Johnny will be there serving breakfast and lunch 9-12pm. Pop-up tents and access to Founders if weather is bad. \$500 food allowance that we will use to offer \$3 gift certificates for the food truck for food or beverages. Beverage station also being setup with hot chocolate, coffee, water, bananas, etc. Have gift cards and still seeking others. Hoping for great attendance.

Development: Tony Celebrezze – Zone In phase II. Rezoned 12,000 parcels so far. Phase II is looking at the rest of the commercial corridors, with the rezoning of 70,000 parcels or 40-45% of the city. Have to have a legal policy to rezone parcels. Earlier this summer, a survey and map was sent out and had around 4K responses, and 3K interactions to discuss the rezoning of Phase II area. Going to go through the map. Maps have been adjusted based on feedback, and at the point now where the land use plan will be up for a vote in December. Have 3 mixed use designation to encompass city, suburban, and urban focal areas like 3rd Ave. here. Looking to require commercial on 1st floor to maintain business nodes in the area. Redistricting will then happen next summer. 220 square mile area to rezone and encompass. Documents should be coming out by the end of the year outlining the overall rezoning plan. Having an open house 10/22 downtown 5-7 141 N Front Street, look at the zonein.com site for details for the open house and 4 library events. Our concern is how to protect an area like ours, Dennison Place, etc. without it getting segmented by zoning changes. Protecting 3rd Ave businesses and other, but if it becomes 4-5 stories tall with 1st floor retail, then it would be shadowing the neighborhood. Recommendation is 3 stories max to protect the character of the neighborhood. Want to encourage commercialism while maintain the character of the neighborhood. South of 1st may make sense for higher density. Balance between property rights and zoning. Accessory dwelling units are being proposed by Councilperson Beatty. Also looking at rezoning church owned land for affordable housing.

Open Forum: CPD – zone 4 is getting 9 cameras to add security. 5th and High. N High and Hubbard N and S bound. Forno kitchen and bar at 1:15am confronted a man about an unpaid bar tab, struck victim and knocked out tooth. CPD found

suspect and was identified by person assaulted. Candy selling individuals in SN stealing stuff off patron's plates and an on-duty manager was assaulted for asking juveniles to leave. Suspects were identified, and the group is under observance, but they're 9 and 10 year olds. Need the courts to help out, juveniles tend to get released fairly quickly. Should be getting next generation technology to identify the perpetrators of crime now, more of a data driven model.

Motion to adjourn Chris, Irene 2nd – approved.

Irene Butler - Ohio Living Thurber \$50 organization membership - 11/6/25 Festival at Heritage Point 9am-2pm, quilts, OSU items, art donations.