

Harrison West Society Meeting ~ November 19, 2025

Members present: Ken Christopher, Del Christopher, Lydia Cumming, Diane Cumming, Julia Cumming, Irene Butler, Bob Mangia, Ken Wightman, Ruth Dohner, Chris Ruder, Tim Price, Merica Young, Travis Young, Jerry Schwan, Michael Metz, Columbus Police Officer (Hauenstein).

Call to order: Michael Metz called to order at 7:03:pm.

President's Report president@harrisonwest.org: introductions. Thanksgiving next week. 12/3 Exec meeting, 2nd floor. December meeting will be our holiday party, Dec 17th.

Minutes:– Motion by Travis, Bob 2nd, approved.

Treasurer: \$3,408.80. Spent \$649 in October for insurance and website. Spent about \$1k grant money on party between food, door hangers, etc. Renew your membership, get 14 months for the price of 12.

Parks and Greenspace Report parks@harrisonwest.org: Good news, beaver took out 2 pear trees in Harrison Park. City has planted 25 new trees from 2nd to Quality Place. Larger trees with a nice mix of various trees beside the traditional trees. Will talk to Jenny regarding MOUs on 12/1. Overview of the MOU request, wants the Society to sign a memorandum of understanding about what we're responsible for and the City is responsible for. Things like chemicals (no), overhauling beds, etc. Can be as detailed as possible. Just the first conversation on how specific we have to be, how much we have to take on etc. We need to coordinate with the city on events that involve the parks and the MOU. Not policing anything, just guidelines between us and the city. Trees in front of Lucky's disappeared, city is aware. They weren't properly planted. Please clean up after your dogs. Sewer project update: Rumpke having issues at Harrison Park. Good progress, site area still messy. Pipe is done, working on air vent pipe, should be done next week. Intersection should reopen in early 2026. Final roadway construction begins in the spring.

Membership membership@harrisonwest.org: Reminder sent out in newsletter for November.

Short North Foundation: Surprising meeting, wanted endowment spent. The remainder of the endowment will be given to the Friends of Goodale Park. SNF still a 501C and can help with grants, etc. but that grant is gone. Survey of Short North marker signs was done by SNF and they wanted to see if any of the signs in the neighborhood needed redoing. Sent information about a couple of signs, one in Side-by-side. Maybe add one by Lucky's and in the future at 1st, 3rd, 5th, etc.

Art: Not in attendance.

Block Watch blockwatch@harrisonwest.org: 1 assault, 1 commercial burglary, 7 thefts from motor vehicle, 1 residential burglary, 3 damaged vehicles, 1 felony assault, and 3 thefts. Swat incident on Michigan, not on list? Should we post the data to the web, could it be counter to folks hearing about the neighborhood. We can talk about it Officer Hauenstein with updates around the neighborhood. 10/24 at 8:53pm armed robbery on 1st. Fire arm recovered somewhat away. Suspect was arrested and charges are forthcoming. Still looking for 2 suspects. 10/27 10:02pm, 1151 N High for a fight. N 4th Street armed robbery and stolen vehicle, detective assigned. Robbery at UDF, female stole alcohol and fled onto 1st Ave. 11/15 robbery at UDF. 11/17 responded to Smith Place, someone walked out of a residential basement. Suspect located at Dennison and 6th. Charged with burglary. 11/18 6:13pm, shooting at 1160 N High Street, multiple gun shot wounds, transported to OSU. Verbal argument started at Rock City Church and ended at Stonewall Columbus. Suspect taken into custody, searched apartment and recovered fire arm.

Communications communication@harrisonwest.org: Website, FB, Instagram – coat drive 5:30-8pm at Harrison Park Condo center. Donations to Freedom a-la-cart. 12/17 is party day. Gas line work is almost done. Potential to add Zoom or online option to our meetings in the future. Concept would be small TV in room, hook up microphone. Probably have folks on mute initially to test. Might get folks who have kids, don't want to come out in the cold etc. to join us. More of a live stream initially as a trial run to make sure everything works correctly. Once it works well, could develop rules to make it more interactive. Try and see if it works. Interest based on weather. Neighbor wanted to come tonight, but wasn't feeling well. Voice to text is available, not perfect, but helps folks understand. Lydia/Bob move to trial the software for a virtual meeting audio and video. Motion carries.

Social: Holiday party on 12/17. Maybe do appetizers. Supply some, bring an app. Maybe get some of the Founders folks over here for the event. Might like to join the party, Harrison's too. Trivia and bingo again maybe. Already have several giveaways for the event. Marathon party was fun given the weather, food was good, and went well for last minute. Delivered hang tags about the Marathon party, probably do again for Spring party. Same location as last year. Food drive maybe? BYOB, we'll bring some wine. Move to spend no more than \$200 on holiday, Chris R, Merica Y – approved.

Open Forum:

Adjourn Irene B 1st, Bob M 2nd – approved.