

Harrison West Society Meeting

May 15, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:08

Quorum present

Presiding: Kristen Easterday, President

Introductions:

Presentations:

Car2Go – Josh Moskowitz – Car2Go is a car sharing company founded in 2009, they are currently in 9 locations in the U.S. and Canada. The program itself uses Smart Cars and GPS locating to find Car2Go cars within the home area (Metro Columbus). Anyone can register for the program with normal registration fee of \$35 (to be waived for the first few months of the program). Members are issued ID cards with RFID chips allowing entry into Car2Go vehicles. Members simply locate the closest Car2Go car on their phone, laptop, or tablet – walk to the car, and use their ID card and PIN to access the vehicle and keys. Rental rates are \$.38/minute, \$13.99/hour, or \$72.99/day. Cars can be returned anywhere in the home area, and can be reserved up to 30 minutes in advance. The Car2Go program is primarily designed to offer easy access to vehicles for local shopping, business meetings, etc. Car2Go will market the program at restaurant events and have “money grab” games where participants can earn free minutes and other prizes. Josh requested that we submit a letter of support to Erin Miller (emmiller@columbus.gov) should the HWS be in favor of the program by 6/1/2013.

Wheeler Park – Molly O’Donnell from Columbus Parks & Recreation brought design plans to offer and expanded dog park allowing ½ of the park to be open, while the other ½ of the park is in recovery mode – current park doesn’t allow this to happen. Fencing would be placed down the middle of the proposed design allowing common water and entrance access. Ken Whiteman made some suggestions about adjustments to the proposed entrance design, Molly indicated that these suggestions could most likely be incorporated, allowing entrance from with side of Wheeler Park.

Mobile Food Truck Pilot Program – copies of the proposed pilot were distributed.

Minutes: Copies not available at meeting

Treasurers Report: Dean Curry reported that the Society has \$2,156 available, with the recent addition of \$156.88 from the PayPal account. The Goodale Park Music Series has requested \$500 toward the music series for 2013 – the HWS is working through the budget to see if funds are available.

Development: Jacob Sukosd not in attendance.

Parks: Bob Mangia – IBS collected 8,000 pounds of e-waste on Earth Day, and volunteers planted 50 trees and 50 shrubs along the banks of the Olentangy River for Earth Day. The bike trail is now back open, and the HWS society will work with Superior Beverage to address the extension of the bike trail behind their building. Cocktails and cleanup will occur on 5/22 at 6:00pm. Craig Copeland raised the issue of bench disrepair of the benches located at Vermont Place. Craig agreed to get estimates to see if the HWS could possibly help repair the benches. Kristen Easterday agreed to see if there were remaining funds in the Gowdy Field fund.

Membership: Tim Price reported that HWS has approximately 82 current members, an email was sent to non-renewing members on 5/5, with 3 members renewing post-email. Mark Subel will follow-up with another email. A new dues structure was proposed and rates & structure will be placed on www.harrisonwest.org for member comments, etc.

Communications: Mark/Matt – still need writing contributions to the website, sponsorship, etc.

Social: No report

Short North Foundation: No report

Block Watch & Police: S. Smith not in attendance. Mark Subel pointed out that the latest crime report and map was posted to the website.

Motion: Motion to support Car2Go in Columbus made by Bob Mangia, motion passed unanimously – Dara Schwartz to draft a letter to send to the City.

Elections: Bob Mangia proposed the elections and by a vote of attending members, the vote passed:

President – Kristen Easterday VP – Dara Schwartz agreed to continue until a new VP can be elected

Secretary – Mary Martineau Treasurer – Tim Price

Stephanie Dougherty was proposed as the new Social Chairperson, Jacob Sukosd to remain as Development Chairperson, Bob Mangia as Parks Chairperson, Mark Subel as Communications Chairperson, and Dean Curry will now be the Membership Chairperson.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:12pm

Attendance: Sandy Allen, Craig Copeland, Dean Curry, Dean Curry, Kristen Easterday, Gretchen James, Bob Mangia, Tim Price, Dara Schwartz, Mark Subel, Chris Thompson, Ken Wightman, Matthew Williams