

## Harrison West Society Meeting ~ September 17, 2014

**Meeting** called to order at 7:06 PM      **Quorum** present      **Presiding:** Gretchen James, Vice President

**Minutes:** Motion to approve September minutes, S. Dougherty, seconded, D. Carey. **PASSED.**

**Presentation:** Erik Maxwell, Arch City design on Katalina's, 1105 Pennsylvania Ave to present plans for sidewalk dining. Purpose is to get more usage during inclement weather. Upon looking into the awning situation, realized into the current right of way with the deck. Currently the design would go 3 feet into right of way. City is OK with it but want us to release the city from liability and fees for property usage. Gotten city board approval, need HWS approval. J. Sukosd: looking at expanding current seating? E. Maxwell: lease is \$500/year. City says we need 6 foot aisle with minimum of 4 feet for ADA requirements. With the current 12 foot sidewalk, wanted a few overflow tables. Don't need an outer fence by code because not serving alcohol. J. Sukosd: Structure all self-contained within the non-right of way property? EM: Looked at the aesthetic; currently the building is angled. Don't think the awning will be part of the lease with the city. Cutting back on awning area. Covering the deck in some fashion is the plan, to get more space throughout the year. Currently planning to cover 640 sq. ft. Building is 785 sq. ft. Not extending awning past the face of the building on the side of the building facing 3rd – would cut off light. D. Curry: Color of awning? J. Sukosd: We don't have review of the awning color. EM: Won't be pink! JS: Do we start running into a zoning situation with coverage, space – does the awning become a different calculation than just a deck? EM: Awning is not "permitted" and doesn't add sq. footage, so approved without addition of parking or variance. JS: Proposal is for a sidewalk dining lease. Main concern is extension of current seating. Essentially just asking for more space, adding 12 seats without adding to the deck. M. Williams: Heating? Kathleen: No, just on the deck. EM: City will inspect for compliance 1-2x/yr. This is a contained space, won't have tables all over the sidewalk. M. Subel: Pay for permit and to lease the space? EM: Flat fee \$500 covers usage and permit. Kathleen: I hate enclosed spaces and the heaters, they're usually cheesy. Will do my best to keep it tasteful. D. Curry: Realize space is at a premium, only concern is someone could put a seat on the end, which would probably take away your 6 foot clearance. EM: Jacob and I discussed. Kathleen can tell staff not to let people do that. Could happen, but we'll monitor it. Kathleen: Look at Brown Bag in German Village as an example. EM: We're actually much better on width than Harrison's or Apropos. B. Mangia: tables to go in at night? Kathleen: Chairs only. JS: So the request is for approval of the sidewalk lease area. **MOTION: J. Sukosd, B. Mangia second. To approve the plans for sidewalk dining at Katalina's. PASSED.**

**President's Report:** K. Easterday absent.

**Treasurer's Report:** T. Price. \$19.12 in PayPal account. \$3170 in bank account, giving us \$3189.71. Outstanding \$500 check to Harrison West Jazz stage.

**Development:** J. Sukosd. Demolition started at Trotters. Harrison Park construction started on new townhomes with the units facing Harrison Park Place first. G. James: K. Easterday wanted me to share results of meetings with Patti from City of Columbus regarding the parking study. We shared our concerns regarding speed and safety on 3rd. City took our recommendations and came back with an understanding that we needed adjustments. City recommendations not congruent with ours, K. Easterday met with Patti again. Compromise is removal of just 3 spaces at 3rd and Perry. J. Sukosd: as you'll remember the city's recommendations were removing ALL spaces, which was not good for us. G. James: concern of City was increase in accidents; they will come back and renegotiate if too many occur in the next year. In addition, other traffic calming measures including incorporating more trees. City also would like to add 2 crosswalks at Perry & 3rd, one on east corners and one on west corners. B. Mangia: originally they resisted that. All agree that K. Easterday = awesome. G. James: Idea is proposed from M. Subel previously to do artwork in crosswalks. We would pick the art, but we would have to maintain it. K. Day: Crosswalk at Michigan also proposed? JS: Not part of agreement currently. GJ: Patti doesn't believe that the City owns or maintains speed on the 3rd Ave bridge. Reaching out to county/state to determine jurisdiction. GJ: What Kristen needs now is for us to vote to approve these compromises. Will draft letter including information about tree addition for traffic calming. M. Subel: Parking lines being added? GJ: Yes. JS: That was part of the city's initial offer, at 1st and 3rd. Striping parking areas is meant to be traffic calming.

**MOTION: G. James, Approve compromise recommendation regarding traffic calming measures and crosswalks. D. Curry: Second. PASSED.**

**Parks:** B. Mangia. Park cleanup on Wednesday, the 22nd, 6-7:30, cleanup and cocktails. Saturday the 25th also at Harrison West Park, 9-11, Matthew to provide donuts! City was responsible for mulching the entire Harrison Park area. That was a windfall for us. City got back to us about UIRF money for bike path connector. Feels too costly to proceed with trying to go behind the properties because Superior Beverage doesn't want to give on their end. Brad holding off. Steve and Mike transplanted perennials from Trotters Association to Side by Side Park. Riverbank cleanup on Olentangy between 3rd and 5th last Saturday. M. Williams: what Brad did puts the society in a difficult position, because now we

have to go tell the City we can't use that UIRF money. Getting ready to put a 5th sculpture in Harrison Park - \$30K from Gowdy field plus \$60K from city. Call for artists coming through. First request that people fill out survey at <http://www.columbus.gov/planning/hpart>. Next step will be getting requests for qualifications out, then submit proposals. I will give list to Lori Boudreau at the city for an artist review panel. They will review qualifications and narrow down to 3 finalists. Neighborhood will vote on those 3. Let me know if interested in serving on panel. Relatively small commitment. J. Sukosd: How does artist get their name on the list? MW: A call will go out on JCAC website, anyone is able to go on there, see what requirements are (portfolio, etc.), submit qualifications to Lori and then you will be in the "mass call" before the panel. JS: My neighbor is a retired professor from OSU so someone from the neighborhood should be on the list. She just finished a sculpture for the city of Dublin. B. Mangia: Time frame? MW: Shooting for installation around spring of 2016. G. James: Thanks for your work, Matthew.

**Membership:** D. Curry. Flow cleanup of river was fun, pulled out a lot of stuff. Membership pretty quiet. One new member since executive meeting, up to 120 for 2014. Anyone joining now gets remainder of this year + all of 2015. Probably only have 10-15 members up for 2015, so see the website to join. If you know someone in the neighborhood, even if they don't want to get involved, get them to sign up. Neighborhood improvement costs money. Household is \$25/year. Inexpensive. Pay online on our fabulous website.

**Communications:** M. Subel. Check us on Facebook, Next Door, website. If anyone wants to be featured on the website, come see me. Looking for volunteers to help out with the Jazz Stage next year.

**Social:** S. Dougherty. Marathon coming through next weekend. Hospital sending group of people to 3rd and Pennsylvania, both sides of road to line up and cheer marathon. That's our "zone" so come out and cheer the marathon. Kristen running point starting around 9:30 AM. K. Day: Marathon came by and gave me \$ to give out drinks? SD: I got them in touch with you. KD: Giving out drinks to marathoners? SD: It's for the self-guided bike tour following along the marathon. **MOTION: M. Williams. Spend up to \$50 to purchase noisemakers. B. Mangia second. PASSED.** JS: If you're south of 3rd don't get trapped by Marathon – go south on Michigan. If going north, good luck. May have to go north to 5th. They actually come up High to 5th, to Neil, up to campus, then back to Grandview. Really, just stay home. S. Dougherty: Holiday party coming up. Thought is to have it at Zeno's.

**Short North Foundation:** D. Carey. SNF has agreed to act as our fiduciary agent to receive \$250 grant for "project engage," from Neighborhood Best Practices Conference, as they are a 501(c)(3) organization and we are not. Short North parking study results to be released soon, K. Easterday will attend meetings. High Ball coming up next weekend, Friday/Saturday.

**Block Watch:** D. Burke absent. GJ: Told me there was nothing to share.

**Police Report:** Officer Steve Smith absent.

**UIRF:** D. Carey: Nothing to report.

**Open Forum:** K. Day: we have a rat problem. Put more money into the parking lot than ever this year. Neighbors are contacting me about that front part that I'm not responsible for. Trash problems. Don't know what else to do, but it can't be me. Orkin 3x/month, they say it's not them. Harrison West issue? M. Subel: Yes, seeing them along the river. Don't know the latest. B. Mangia: tried bait boxes and those worked. GJ: Your manager contacted Kristen, and they reached out to city health department to come out and assess. For extermination, don't know what they were going to do but we can follow up. Will add K. Day to email chain. K. Day: Bees everywhere too. JS: Just that time of year. KD: Introducing Ashique, will help us get more involved with the community. D. Curry: What's going on with the overhead tree trimming? MW: Ongoing process. Will discuss with Kristen. G. James: Short North group working with Columbus Foundation to brainstorm projects/priorities. Will keep you posted. Also K. Easterday discovered contact for Short North parents' groups – Anna Evans.

**Meeting adjourned: 8:16 p.m.**

**Attendance:** Md Ashique, Dan Carducci, David Carey, Dean Curry, Kathleen Day, Stephanie Dougherty, Joe George, Gretchen James, Barbara Lehman, Erik Maxwell, Bob Mangia, Tim Price, Jacob Sukosd, Matthew Williams