

Harrison West Society Meeting ~ June 21, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM at Zeno's **Quorum** present **Presiding:** Tim Price, President

Minutes: Motion to approve May minutes by D. Carrey, Second R. Sears minutes PASSED.

Presentation: Nancy Kotting, German Village Society. Columbia Gas pulling meters outside of basements and putting them outside and in front of historic homes. In a nationally recognized historic district placement of gas meter on the façade it creates an adverse effect. State historic office can stop the process if federal funds being used. Columbia Gas paying through customer rate hikes. Confirmed that it's an adverse effect. PUCO has jurisdiction over the issue. Found precedent in PA, RI, DC, and DE. Grassroots, community action will need to get it done. Planned out advocacy action and then initiated it. Had media plan, knew route to navigate jurisdiction issues. According to PUCO and Columbia Gas they are safe whether inside or outside when installed according to specs. Discussion whether regulators should be on the inside or outside. Columbia says safer on the outside. This is false. Pipeline safety person at PUCO says so. Consultants nationwide say so. Columbia Gas explanations have changed constantly. It's about \$\$\$\$. Filed temporary restraining order until formal complaint can run course. It's been thrown out. Now: tried mediation 3x in the offices of PUCO. Columbia Gas never backed off position of meters on the outside. Violation on façade if facing (back is ok). Asked pipeline safety expert says 5 things to look for in an urban area: 1. Vehicular damage, 2. Climate (deep freeze). 3. Snow, 4. Vandalism (theft), 5. Ice fall. Expert: in urban environment best placed on the inside. 678 pages of complaints 110 reportable incidents with gas meters over 7 years. 90% were those on the outside. We don't know based on data whether safer on the inside or the outside. Formal complaint filed, they answered, we answered back, waiting on ruling. Filed motion to intervene in the tariff. Language calls for retention of meters indoors in local and nationally designated districts. Rep. Boggs drafted language. Looking for a co-sponsor R. Homeowner: how to stop Columbia from entering house and removing the meter? Legal action only applies to GV want to apply to all districts. Ask to wait and see how complaint pans out. They will eventually turn your gas off. The only thing that has stopped it in other states is citizen action. Other providers but Columbia owns all of the equipment. What about egress rights? Acceptable to put on the rear façade. Utilities have a permanent easement. Saves them \$ in the long run.

Development: J. Sukosd. 989 Pennsylvania latest proposal involved demolishing the current house and building a 3 story, 3 family townhouse. City planning dept. did not support. Exec told them no and would not support. Re-evaluating their options. Battelle: zoning package app submitted to the City. City responded with lots of questions and more detail requests. Wagenbrenner working through City requests. Info submitted to the City is available to view at CV17-034 on the city's website. Parking: don't know what it will be yet. As of right now, by current zoning standards site requires 1,600 parking spaces and they are proposing providing 1,000. Any discussion about making Perry permit parking only. No. Don't know what public street parking will look like within the site. Will parkland be deeded to the City? Wagenbrenner says plan to dedicate as a city park but Wags also wants to maintain. Parking Study finished and applications for permit parking can be renewed. Suggest united front going to the city for all areas affected.

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President's Report: T. Price. Parking plan: City Council vote on 7/29 to initiate the pilot parking program. 7/6 at Goodale Park shelter house or 7/13 at Junior Achievement for meetings. Public hearing 7/19 in Council chambers. Will get link on website to the proposal. All still open to changes. Habitat for Humanity presentation in August.

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Treasurer's Report: paid on all bills

Parks: B. Mangia. Harrison West Park at 4th and Oregon completed except power washing. Other parks scheduled to cleanup. Saturday AM there are weeds in both Harrison Park and Side by Side. FLOW has events scheduled in July. Check olentangywatershed.org for details. Need volunteers! Jazz Series coming. Clean up after your dogs.

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Membership: D. Curry. 96 members. Can sign up at the meeting. Dues are important for keeping us afloat. Volunteers just as important to keep things going, especially Communications Chair.

Short North Foundation: No report.

Block Watch: Car/garage break-ins. Free chip for bikes from CPD can help you get your bike back if found (not tracking but recovery). Lost pets. Always looking for volunteers. Facebook page tracks incidents in the neighborhood. Doorbell cameras are very useful. 8/1 National Night Out at Goodale Park. Love volunteers. blockwatch@harrisonwest.org

Open Forum: Jim Dick believes property line goes down center of RR track. Northside Branch Library preview. It's about to open. 3:30-6:30 tomorrow opens for real. Planning to be back at the HW Community Center next month. Stay tuned. Tonia- older adult program moving forward, doing survey to elicit services requested. Sidewalk update on W. 3rd? NO! Snyder Barker plans for Ingleside/Superior Beverage, hit snag with missing a variance on the zoning app. From MFG to

AR2. Cell phone tower can't be made to go away and it can't be on an AR2 plot. Will need to be part of the variance request that says that they can have a cell tower of a certain height on an AR2 zoned property. They are moving forward, asbestos remediation, soil sampling done. Leigh: if anyone interested in signing the Fair Districts gerrymandering petition. Tim: Pastor Morris has passed away. Interim pastor, church has 8 members: close and sell rehab or bring in a restart pastor. Will keep posted. Pastor Morris was very involved for a long time.

Meeting adjourned 8:07 PM. Motion to adjourn L. Oldershaw second D. Curry by ADJOURNED

Attendance: Sandy Allen, Craig Copeland, Dean Curry, Ruth Dohner, Josh Hinderliter, Caitlin Holland, Brian Johnson, Nancy Kotting, Bob Mangia, Michael Metz, Susanne Miller, Zack Nelson, Leigh Oldershaw, Tonia Peterson, Diane Plunkett, Chris Ruder, Danielle Scully, Robert Sears, Katherine Tarantino, Arthur Thomas, Brenn Waldman-Hinderliter, Ken Wightman, and Jamie Zucal.