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Harrison West Society Meeting ~ June 15, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM at 575 W. 1st Ave. **Quorum** present

Presiding: Tim Price, President. Introductions.

Minutes: Motion to approve May minutes by C. Ruder second by B. Johnson. PASSED.

Officer Hall: Been in the unit for about a year; prior to that served a number of roles in the CPD, including serving as an investigator. Community liaisons work with community groups on larger issues. Call the emergency line for immediate assistance. Normal patrol officers do not have access to other areas of the city but community liaisons do, so we can usually speed up the process if you need help in another division of the city. You can contact me at: fhall@columbuspolice.org. Officer Hauenstein covers north of 2nd Ave. but I will serve as your primary contact. May 24th – 6th of June; commercial burglaries are lower than normal, residential we have had 2. 14 thefts from motor vehicles. The city is working with the scooter companies to put up geofencing in Goodale. CPD is currently understaffed so it might take a while to get to lower level issues.

Non-Development: T.Price. Clint Wilson (Black and Veatch) and Bob Rautenberg with Granite – Working on behalf of the City of Columbus on the 2nd Ave. sewer project. This will provide relieve overflow from the sewer, and is mandated by the EPA. The contractors for this project can't mobilize until Oct. 1st, so this is likely to be the start date for the project. The project will involve tunneling from Gowdy Field under Olentangy River Road and 315 until it reaches 2nd Ave just west of Perry St. The tunneling will all be done deep underground and should not cause any vibration. The construction at 2nd Ave. will be for an access shafts. The first will be at the end of 2nd Ave., the second will be at 2nd and Perry. The shafts will be lined in 2023, and the project will be completed in 2024. Improvements (repaving, new sidewalks, new curbs, boat ramp parking, removal of the pump station, burial of electric, and landscaping) will be made to the area after the project is complete (likely 2025). The gas company has already started rerouting lines in prep. for the project. They will be done in the next few weeks. There is also a water line that will be relocated just south of 3rd near the alley. This is a very small project involving the replacement of a 3 inch line with a 6 inch line. It will not impact residents. The end of 2nd Ave. to Perry St. will be impacted and the northern portion of Harrison Park will be used as a laydown area. Access to the construction site will be off of 2nd, coming from Harrison Park Place. There will be no impact north of 2nd. For those on the alley – we will coordinate with emergency services so that they have access. Everything will come southbound through the alley. 4 trees will be removed from the park but they are smaller/unhealthy. Larger trees are being protected. The construction site will be fenced with a privacy screen. Neighbors request that trucks and workers be respectful while working near homes. To file complaint you can contact the Department of Utilities.

Development: T.Price for D.Carey, development@harrisonwest.org. Eric Zartman and Michael Shannon for 840 Michigan - Requesting approval for a 13ft setback instead of a 16ft setback for one side of the building. The previous owner constructed the building in such a way as to make it not compliant with the variance granted by City of Columbus council in 2020. Need this variance to move the project forward. If we approve it, it can go through council before their Aug. recess and construction can begin again. **Motion to approve variance as presented. M. Metz, 2nd. L. Oldershaw, 10-1 approved.**

President's Report: T. Price, president@harrisonwest.org Next Executive Committee to be in person 7/6 at the Hyatt House on W 1st.

Treasurer's Report: M. Metz, balance \$5,024.49 treasurer@harrisonwest.org.

Harrison West Arts: B. Mangia and L. Oldershaw. The Olentangy Trail Mural is underway, and is scheduled to be completed by the end of July. Working with FLOW to install a pollinator planting around the mural. To celebrate the mural, we will be having a community clean-up in partnership with Keep Columbus Beautiful. We are also commissioning a mock-up for the tunnel, and will then begin fundraising for improved lighting and the tunnel mural installation. The Harrison West Jazz Stage is a go! The neighborhood band poll closed on June 1st. The top four bands have been contracted. Urban Jazz Coalition will be on Sept. 4th, Colin Lazarski's NOLA Quintet will be on Sept. 11th, James Gaiter's Soul Revival will be on Sept. 18th, and Tony Monaco will be on the 25th. So far Ajumama, Ninja Bowl, and J-Pops attending. Please send all food truck ideas Leigh's way! Two other exciting things: we are currently working on creating an art and architecture tour for HW in partnership with Columbus Landmarks. Much of this tour will be based on oral history so if you have any stories you are willing to share,

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please let us know! We are also considering reaching out to CASTO to see if they might incorporate some artwork into their new development.

Parks: B. Mangia. We need volunteers to adopt beds/cut honey suckle, you can do it on your own time and takes about an hour a month. Next park clean-up is at Side by Side Park next Wednesday, the 22nd from 5:30 to 7:00. Spoke to Tina Moan at Rec and Parks about the impact of the sewer project on the park. They will take out the dead trees in the lawn area. Also looking into creating a pollinator garden in the park but that probably won't be done until after the sewer project. Perry St. Park is on hold because the Founders HOA currently doesn't have enough members to vote on design. Clean up after your dogs.

Membership: M. Metz, Open. membership@harrisonwest.org. Please be a member. Members can participate in votes. The more people we have who are active, the easier it is for us to gauge neighborhood opinion and give back feedback.

Communications: L. Oldershaw, communication@harrisonwest.org. I am temporarily filling the position of communications so if you have any info you would like us to share with the neighborhood please reach out. No updates for now.

Block watch: L. Oldershaw, blockwatch@harrisonwest.org. I'm returning as Block Watch Captain. Today we met one of our new CPD Liaison, Officer Franklin Hall. We have two liaisons, Officer Hall and Officer Mark Hauenstein. Officer Hall is going to be our primary contact. For neighborhood updates (including block watch related content) please join the HWS Facebook group "Harrison West Block Watch." At the last meeting we also discussed concerns about Races locking us in. The City of Columbus has agreed to give us designated routes for any races that surround us. These routes will be posted on the Block Watch page, and the HWS social media pages as well as the website.

Social: Open. social@harrisonwest.org.

Short North Foundation: T. Price. We need a volunteer for the SNF Rep position.

Open Forum: S. Miller – Does anyone have an update for the new 3rd Ave turn lane at Perry St.? T. Price – That was part of the agreement with Thrive for Founder's Park. Originally, they were going to put a turn lane on Perry but it was too dangerous so we asked them to move the turn lane to 3rd. Suggestion to make Perry St. and Michigan Ave. one way to create more parking. M. Metz – one-way streets are faster and more dangerous so the city is unlikely to support that. C. Ruder - Westminster Thurber is 100 this year; 1-5 tomorrow they have a presentation open to the public.

Motion to adjourn B. Mangia second by M. Metz ADJOURNED. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Present: Leigh Oldershaw, Gwen Evans, Diane Doult, Dan Lehman, Kristen Frissora, Jared Gambrell, Anthony Palanci, Holly Higgins, Kaitlyn Donnelly, Diane Plunkett, Brian Johnson, Rina Rotolo, Steve Hornyak, Michael Metz, Chris Ruder, Matthew Wolf, Ken Wightman, Bob Mangia, Ed Krieger, Tim Price, Susanne Miller.