**Harrison West Society Meeting ~ July 20, 2022**

**Meeting** called to order at 7:02 PM at 575 W. 1st Ave. **Quorum** present

**Presiding**: Tim Price, President. Introductions.

**Minutes: Motion to approve June minutes by D. Carey second by B. Mangia. PASSED.**

**President’s Report**: T. Price, [president@harrisonwest.org](mailto:president@harrisonwest.org) Next Executive Committee Meeting will be held at 575 W. 1st Ave. or the Harrison Park Gazebo on the 3rd of Aug.

**Development**: D.Carey, [development@harrisonwest.org](mailto:development@harrisonwest.org). The city is planning a major overhaul of development, CRA = Community Reinvestment Area. These are areas that receive tax abatements in exchange for building in blighted areas. The city is now trying to use this tool to incentivize affordable housing in already gentrified neighborhoods. This will change what it means to be a CRA. For our neighborhood specifically, the city intends to expand AC Humko to cover the rest of Harrison West and a portion of Victorian Village. There are multiple tiers of CRA, we are market ready. Despite us being market ready, the city has created a study in order to comply with State Law which requires a demonstration of blight in the area in order to approve a CRA. Developers do not have to use the CRA but if they want a tax abatement then they will either have to meet the affordability criteria by including affordable housing, or pay a fee in-lieu. The city is presenting this as a way to incentivize affordable housing. We are not sure this tool will accomplish this, in part because of the fee in-lieu. Another potential issue is that it operates as an incentive for new construction in general and this might put our naturally occurring affordable housing at risk of demolition. Another concern is that it serves as a developer giveaway. This is a desirable area for new construction and we are not sure it needs incentivization. We have voiced our concerns to the city. **Motion to send a letter to the city saying that we oppose the findings of the “blight study” created by the city, J. Edison. Seconded by B. Mangia. All in favor, PASSED 7-0, D. Carey and T. Price abstained.**

**Treasurer’s Report**: M. Metz, balance $5,024.49 [treasurer@harrisonwest.org](mailto:treasurer@harrisonwest.org). Another $67.56 in dues that have been paid through PayPal. Invoice for webhosting just came in, but it shouldn’t be substantial.

**Harrison West Arts:** B. Mangia and L. Oldershaw. The mural is now scheduled to be completed at the end of August, but rain continues to cause delays. We will be hosting a river litter pick-up in celebration of the mural on Aug. 14th. We are hoping to start the pollinator space clean-up at the end of August but we are still waiting for the city to let us know if we can use FLOW volunteers to spray herbicide. The Jazz Stage signs have been ordered and the post cards will go out soon.

**Parks**: B. Mangia. The July 27th 5:30 -7:00 PM park clean-up will focus on Harrison Park in preparation for the Jazz Stage. Two sculptures need repair (Community and Brassia Orchid), Community needs to be moved. We have insurance that will cover part of the cost for repair but there will be 2 $500 deductibles. We have will be submitting a grant application to SNF to see if we can make up some of this cost but we need to use some HWS funds to cover the rest. **Motion to use up to $1200 to cover repairs for Brassia Orchid and Community and to relocate Community, B. Mangia. Seconded D. Carey, PASSED 9-0.** Parties associated with the creation of Perry Street Park will be meeting in August. The bid for the park is higher than the money that was set aside for the park so Thrive is requesting the use of TIF money to supplement, etc. Clean up after your dogs.

**Membership**: M. Metz, Open. [membership@harrisonwest.org](mailto:membership@harrisonwest.org) . Please be a member. Members can participate in votes.

**Communications**: L. Oldershaw, [communication@harrisonwest.org](mailto:communication@harrisonwest.org). Please join our Facebook group “Harrison West Block Watch and Neighborhood Group” for updates.

**Block watch**: L. Oldershaw, [blockwatch@harrisonwest.org](mailto:blockwatch@harrisonwest.org). N/A.

**Social**: Open. [social@harrisonwest.org](mailto:social@harrisonwest.org).

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

**Open Forum:** N/A.

**Motion to adjourn T. Price second by D. Carey. ADJOURNED. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.**

**Present**: Leigh Oldershaw, Michael Metz, Chris Ruder, Bob Mangia, Tim Price, David Carey, Sandy Allen, James Edison, Susan Edison.