**Harrison West Society Meeting ~ September 21, 2022**

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

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

* **President’s Report**: T. Price, president@harrisonwest.org Next Executive Committee Meeting will be held at 575 W. 1st Ave. on the 5th of October. The Harrison Market Authority met this week. They approved acorn lights, got rid of irrigation. No confirmed budget. The project still has to go to bid.
* **Minutes: Motion to approve June minutes by M. Metz second by B. Mangia. PASSED.**
* **Presentation - Jason Jenkins, City Bond Package:** This bond is like a bond that a home owner would purchase, it’s not a tax increase. Risk would only exist if we didn’t pay it off, and we lost our bond rating. Then we would have to pay it back at a higher interest rate. We have never had to do that since 1957. We are stronger than ever, and have a major rainy day fund. We feel comfortable saying that we can remedy it if anything goes south. If it passes it will probably be paid back in under 2-3 years. There are 5 issues that will total 1.5 billion. Issue 14 deals with health, safety and infrastructure. Police, etc. real time crime observation, we will bring in dark fiber (city owned high speed internet). This will help us develop a real time crime center that will link up all of our cameras and help us add new cameras, and then we can dispatch resources as needed. We will have a staff monitoring. We will also update police stations and fire stations. Issue 15 – rec and parks. Asking for 200 million for new pathways, bike trails, playgrounds, upgrades, installing ACs, new rec centers for areas that do not currently have them. Issue 16 is for 200 million for affordable housing. 80 million will go to obtainable rental units, developers will come with bids, and we will use that money to leverage lower income housing. The idea would be to have these rents remain affordable for perpetuity. The rest would be for homeownership. There is a land trust and we would partner with Homeport. We would also try to help people develop credit lines, skills, and provide classes to become a homeowner. Then we would try to preserve existing houses. Houses that go to the land bank or get condemned will be preserved and then sold at a rate that is attainable. 30 million will be used to create programs to look at families experiencing homelessness. Issue 17 is for public service, sidewalks, streetscapes, lighting, resurfacing, bridges that we own. Issue 18 is a 550 million package for infrastructure. The rain showed need. We will restructure some of our major sewer systems that dumps into the river, install sump pumps to drain some of our older neighborhoods and prevent flooding. We want to re-structure the entire sewer system in the older neighborhoods, restructuring storm drains, also street lighting. Want smart lights. These tell us what lights are out and where we need to replace the light. They also provide data about sun sets and temperatures. This can help inform the installation of tree canopies. Tree canopy is terrible in opportunity neighborhoods. Need to provide tree canopy so that we can cool down these neighborhoods. Smart lights can also help control the flow of traffic, speed, etc. by recording traffic data. We also want to upgrade our power grid. All improvements will go together so that we don’t have to waste money by doing things twice. The city pays it back with a portion of water sales and a ¼ of every tax payer dollar. If you have questions you can contact Jason Jenkins: jtjenkins@columbus.gov / 614-915-6145.
* **Presentation - 2nd Ave sewer repair update**: B. Mangia. Granite intends to mobilize the first week of oct. They will start with a gravel access drive, site stabilization, bike path detour, and the beginning of the tree clearing. They are making slight adjustments to the fence at 2nd and Bradley, so that the mail carrier can get in and out and ped traffic is easier. They are also reaching out to refuse to see if there will be issues; they do not foresee any. If there are any issues please let us know so that we can keep it in the loop.
* **Treasurer’s Report**: M. Metz, balance $5,120.84 treasurer@harrisonwest.org.
* **Harrison West Arts:** B. Mangia and L. Oldershaw. Mural is supposed to be done by end of September however rain might change this. Raising money for the pollinator space. CASTO has generously agreed to meet with us to see if we can incorporate new art into the new development. Ken Wightman purchased $200 more signs that can be used next year! Thank you! The Jazz Stage is in full swing.
* **Development**: D.Carey, development@harrisonwest.org. We have received letters for CASTO variances and rezoning and 840 Michigan.
* **Parks**: B. Mangia. parks@harrisonwest.org. We have money coming in the mail for the sculpture repair. $1929.87 of the total cost will be paid by insurance, $1000 deductibles for the insurance will be paid by the HWS. A neighbor reported trash issues on the bike path between APCO and Goodale. Perry street park: Acorn lights, more historical benches, dog waste stations near entries, etc. have been approved based on neighborhood feedback. Irrigation was pulled entirely out of the plan. They are also rethinking the location of the Perry street park signs. They accepted all neighborhood feedback. If you have additional feedback then we can submit it. The cushion for the budget was increased from 5% to 10%. The entire park budget is now 1.18 million. $850 thousand covers 1.18 acres.
* **Membership**: M. Metz, Open. membership@harrisonwest.org . Please be a member. Members can participate in votes.
* **Communications**: L. Oldershaw, communication@harrisonwest.org. National Veterans Memorial Museum is offering free Jujitsu and yoga classes. [https://nationalvmm.org/resilience/veteran-jiu-jitsu/](https://nationalvmm.org/resilience/veteran-jiu-jitsu/?fbclid=IwAR1sAGEW3e4m273sRLhxBHebZqKiHiVasof0mLDBHCG3RlIb7MkZ8MuWj8U) and [https://nationalvmm.org/resilience/balanced-warrior/](https://nationalvmm.org/resilience/balanced-warrior/?fbclid=IwAR3cDihMk3tNIlyGp51padqZX3CTejPx0Ygr-J8dsN1jTcEQtD5ad9duxPY). The Columbus marathon will be running down 3rd Ave from Neil to Perry on October 16th. Please join our Facebook group “Harrison West Block Watch and Neighborhood Group” for updates.
* **Block watch**: L. Oldershaw, blockwatch@harrisonwest.org. Crime between Aug. 1 – Aug. 31: 1 Burglary from a Motor Vehicle, 1 Motor Vehicle Theft, 2 Residential Burglary. As always, don’t leave anything in our car, keep your doors locked, and if you have a Hyundai or Kia with a key start you might consider buying a club.
* **Social**: Open. social@harrisonwest.org.
* **Short North Foundation**: T. Price. We need a volunteer for the SNF Rep position.
* **Open Forum:** N/A.

**Motion to adjourn M. Metz second by C. Ruder. ADJOURNED. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.**

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