**Harrison West Society Meeting ~ October 19, 2022**

**Meeting** called to order at 7:09 PM at 575 W. 1st Ave. **Quorum** present

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

* **Minutes: Motion to approve September 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 Hyatt House on the 2nd of Nov.
* **City of Columbus Board of Zoning**: Tony Celebrezze. Here tonight to give a zoning code change update. The city is getting a huge number of variances so we realized that the code was not reflective of what our community wants. The city is working with a consultant to rewrite zoning code. The current code was very tough for anyone who couldn’t pay for legal representation, and there were lots of areas that weren’t predictable for folks. We started by looking at other cities. Now we have started to look at the code itself. We are starting with transportation corridors. There is potential to add a lot of residential in these areas. I will be back in January with maps. Tonight, we want to start the conversation. We want to know what you want to see. There is also an equity aspect. We want all neighborhoods to thrive. Once the zoning changes are finalized they will go to council. When the overall plan is complete, then we will start looking at the neighborhoods. Currently we are considering changing zoning in commercial corridors. This would include 3rd Ave. The proposed BRT should not affect HW. First half of January will likely be when we have the first phase finalized. We can post a neighborhood questionnaire. We have until January 1 to submit feedback.
* **Development**: D.Carey, [development@harrisonwest.org](mailto:development@harrisonwest.org). There is a proposal coming down the pipeline for a new build and lot split at the corner of Perry and Bradley (1089 Perry Street.). They presented at the last executive meeting. At that time they were requesting 9 variances (parking, landscaping, vision clearance, density, set back, rear yard, etc.). At initial discussion our biggest concern was how the parking was set up. They were requesting a large curb cut for a one car sunken garage and a on car parking pad. General consensus among the board was that the cars would have to back onto Perry and would not be easily visible from the street, possibly creating a safety hazard for both cars and pedestrians. This reconfiguration would also possibly reduce the amount of parking in the area, and the parking pad was split in two by the lot split. Aside from the parking, the scale of the building is a little large on Perry.
* **Treasurer’s Report**: M. Metz, balance $6591.36. We gained $1949.07 from insurance but this money, in addition to some of our dues money, will go to art repair. [treasurer@harrisonwest.org](mailto:treasurer@harrisonwest.org).
* **Harrison West Arts:** L. Oldershaw. Ashley Pierce will be putting the graffiti coating on the west side of the mural this week. The pollinator space has had its first herbicide treatment. This is a non-toxic formula that kills non-natives. We are going to meet with CASTO to discuss the potential addition of artwork to the new construction on Neil Ave. Betsy Pandora of the Short North Arts District has also shown an interest in incorporating artwork into this development.
* **Membership**: M. Metz, Open. [membership@harrisonwest.org](mailto:membership@harrisonwest.org) . Please be a member. Members can participate in votes. We currently have 59 members. Oct., Nov. Dec. membership renewals will take you though this year and next year.
* **Parks**: B. Mangia. [parks@harrisonwest.org](mailto:parks@harrisonwest.org). Still need people to adopt beds. Still working on getting the art repaired. Got the check from the insurance company. The “Harrison West” planter on 3rd Ave. was hit by a car. Please report the damage to 311. The more people who report it the more likely we are to have it repaired.
* **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). Between September 1 and September 30, 2022 Harrison West saw the following reported crimes: 2 Burglary from a Motor Vehicle, 1 Motor Vehicle Theft.
* **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.
  + **Park –** Will there be more trees and can we minimize the lights for wildlife? Can we plant fruit trees? There will be more trees but we cannot reduce lighting for safety reasons. Can’t plant fruit trees for maintenance reasons.
  + **Holiday Party?** – Will discuss at next meeting.

**Motion to adjourn T. Price second by D. Carey. ADJOURNED. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.**

**Present**: Leigh Oldershaw, Michael Metz, Chris Ruder, Bob Mangia, Tim Price, David Carey, Harvey Miller, Susanne Miller, Chris Welker, Tania Peterson, Sam Peterson, Julie Stuart, Kathy Sherry, Holly Higgins, Emily Chase, Rod D., Kathy Wiggins, Tony Celebrezze.