

Harrison West Society Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2026

579 W. 5th Ave, Harrison's on 5th – Sky Lounge

Attendance: Del and Ken Christopher, Steve and Ali Mortinger, Diane Cumming, Travis Tuttle, Frank and Kristin Yankovich, Bob Mangia, Rob Mason, Travis and Merica Young, Irene Butler, Jerry Schwan, Lydia Cumming, Michael Metz, Julia Cumming and Officer Halenstein.

Call to order: Michael called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 p.m.

President's Report: Michael Metz

- Member & Guest Introductions
- Trash Clean Up: March 28th – Very successful! We collected a truckful of trash.
- Executive Meeting – 5/6 @ 7 PM, Harrison on 5th at 579 W 5th Ave.
- Society Meeting – 5/20 @ 7 PM, Harrison on 5th at 579 W 5th Ave.

Minutes: Lydia corrected in the minutes that the game night is the second Wednesdays. Bob moved, Travis seconded, to approve the minutes as amended. All in favor, motion carried.

Monthly Reports:

- Arts Committee – Robert Mason. Next week, the Friends of Goodale Park Art-in-the-Park initiative will be presented to Short North Civic Association at Thomas Recreation at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21. Rob will attend.
- Block Watch – Chris Ruder – Provided statistics for March 1 to April 9: 1 MV theft, 1 Burgl., 2 Thefts, 3 Burgl. from MV (Total 7 incidents)
- Communications Report - Lydia Cumming
 - Website Revamp: A million thanks to Chris & Lydia – the website is now mobile friendly!
- Development – Travis Young
 - Attended zoning meetings to learn what Columbus is planning. He learned that multistory apartments will be permitted on 3rd and there are no requirements for parking. Travis will keep attending meetings and asking questions.
- Parks Committee Report – Bob Mangia
 - Park Clean-up: Bob thanked everyone who showed up at the March park clean up. The next one is at the Side-by-Side Park – 4/22 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Bring gloves, a hand trowel to dig weeds, etc. The city removed the garbage cans from Side-by-Side Park to save money. There is a dedicated ranger for the bike trail, who will speak to anyone who is setting up camp. Report to 311 if you see something.
- Social – Merica Young/Travis
 - HWS Event: Game Night – May 13, Founders, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Come when you can!
 - Community Event: Hops on High – May 9, 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 - HWS Event: OSU Baseball Game - May 12, 6 PM (614 Nights) – We are looking for people who want to go! Tickets are \$6, \$1 hotdogs and \$4 beers. Watch for a Facebook post or RSVP president@harrisonwest.org.
- Treasurer Report- Julia Cumming. Current balance is \$4,813.56. Up \$1,234.623 since the beginning of the year.
- Membership Report – Julia Cumming - Time to renew your Membership for 2026!
- Elections: May 20th Meeting – Nominations are now open. Michael moved Michael as President, Travis as Treasurer, Lydia as Vice President, and Tim as secretary. Diane Cumming seconded the nomination.
- Officer Halenstein Report: He sent Chris Ruper crime statistics. He acknowledged concerns about the homeless and they are working to address this issue for their safety. He encouraged us sign up for National Night Out!
- Short North Foundation – Robert Mason
 - We are advocating to make 2nd and Perry St. a 4 way stop. Please help request this as a 4 way stop by calling 311. Let Columbus know you are concerned about safety when the street reopens.
 - Short Term Rental Hearing at 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. on April 21st at Columbus City Hall, 90 W Broad St. The Society would like a physical presence to bring the home the point that we need regulations. Also, Written Testimony may be made by April 20th to Council Remmey. Chet, Short North Foundation President, is working on a letter that each Short North community organization could sign. Chris moved, seconded by Travis, to authorize Michael to sign this letter.
 - Snow Angel/Warrior – Michael gave a list of individuals who shoveled for their neighbors! Becky, Mike and Steve, Tom, Jim and Lisa, and Travis and Merica.

Open Forum:

- Chip your pets! Merica - If they are chipped, check with your vet to make sure the chip is working because sometimes chip businesses go out of business.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.