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Harrison West Society Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2026

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

Attendance: Steve and Ali Mortinger, Diane Cumming, Travis Tuttle, Bob Mangia, Rob Mason, Lydia Cumming, Michael Metz, Julia Cumming, Irene Butler (Ohio Living), Chris Ruper, Rob Mason and Officer Halenstein.

Call to order: Michael called the meeting to order at approximately 7:47 p.m. (Bruno Mar Traffic Jam!)

President's Report: Michael Metz

- Member & Guest Introductions

Minutes: Rob moved, Lydia seconded to approve the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Monthly Reports:

- Arts Committee – Rob Mason – SNCA website has renderings of the art going into Goodale Park. June 12th – 14th is the Columbus Arts Festival Downtown.
- Block Watch – Chris Ruder – None
- Communications Report - Lydia Cumming – Website improvements include event calendar. Tell Lydia if there are any events that you think is relevant for the neighborhood for the calendar. There is a fundraiser tomorrow at Harrison on 5th. It's now easier than ever to know what's happening in Harrison West! She is working on a Rumpke Recycling Tour in the fall. We'll know on Friday if we received the grant for National Night Out.
- Parks Committee Report – Bob Mangia – Harrison Park Cleanup is next Wednesday (5/27) and the next month after to prepare for a special event. Bob moved to spend up to \$100 to plant red, white and blue petunias for the \$250. Lydia seconded. All in favor, motion carried. He reported that the intersection of 2nd and Perry is even closer than ever to opening. (The alley side will be opened around August.). The request for a stop sign is not moving forward, so please report unsafe driving.
- Treasurer Report- Julia Cumming. Current balance is \$4,050.87. Expenses included monthly website fee (\$10) and officer insurance (\$752.69). The balance is up \$471.94 since the beginning of the year.
- Membership Report – Julia Cumming – We have 55 memberships (42 individuals, 6 seniors/students, 5 “Heroes”, and 2 organizations).
- Short North Foundation – Robert Mason – Dennison Place is having a “gathering” on June 14th on Highland– Uhas-Sauer, a historian, will be discussing how that neighborhood evolved. Short North Yard Sale on June 6th – see their website for who's registered! (Ohio Living is a participant – visit them on Neil and Collins)
- Social – Next Game Night is June 10th. The 614 Ball Game night was May 12th. We are partnering with Harrison on 5th to host a 120-piece wind symphony from Dublin at Harrison Park Gazebo on Monday, July 20th from 6:30 – 8 p.m. in celebration of the 250th Anniversary (Harrison on 5th will take care of the cost). National Night Out is August 4th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. We hope to host another concert in September at the Gazebo with Harrison on 5th and an “Octoberfest” in October.
 - A sign in volunteer sheet was passed around for the concert. Lydia and Chris will work on a way to sign up on the website. We should get a table banner, flyers, a banner with grommets (discussion to be continued at June's meeting)
- Elections: May 20th Meeting –Nominations from April's meeting were: Michael Metz, President; Travis Young, Treasure; Lydia Cumming, Vice President, and Tim Price, Secretary. Chris moved that the nominations be moved by acclamation. Bob seconded. Michael asked if there were any objections. Hearing no objections, Michael declared the nominees were elected.
- Officer Halenstein Report: Many people are concerned about homeless in the parks, but we can't police our way out of it. We need to find another way. Friday – May 29th – He'll be a part of the Special Olympics at OSU and he highly recommends going to this event. He provided information on the Safety Initiative and Operation Moonlight. He heard our discussion on Doo Dah Parade and he said they are doing a raffle – some lucky volunteer will get to carry Officer Halenstein's taser!

Open Forum:

- AirBNB – Lydia shared updates on a new city code specific to STR. Proposed are: (1) notifying residents similar to zoning changes if a STR is permitted; (2) handling bedrooms in the basements as a special case because of safety; (3) treating multiple units as a hotel/motel category; and (4) requiring a preauthorization for police to come into a STR if there is an issue. We have ~1,500 rentals in Columbus.
- Columbus Tree Coalition – Lydia shared she joined this group. The mission is to grow the tree canopy in Columbus. It is made up of nonprofits. The goal is to be a one stop shop for trees.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:39 p.m. Irene moved to closed, seconded by Diane, all in favor, motioned carried.

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