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Harrison West Society Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2026

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

Attendance: Jerry Schwarz, Michael Metz, Travis Young, Ken Christopher, Travis Tuttle, Rob Mason, Irene Butler (Ohio Living), Chris Ruder, Bob Mangia, Lydia Cumming, Tony Celebrezze, Merica Young, Julia Cumming and Officer Halenstein.

Call to order: Michael called the meeting to order at approximately 7:06 p.m.

President's Report: Michael Metz

- Member & Guest Introductions (Tony Celebrezze, Zoning)

Minutes: Ken moved; Bob seconded to approve the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Monthly Reports:

- Arts Committee – Rob Mason – Friend of Goodale Park's website has renderings of the four artworks that are going into Goodale Park. They are making progress!
- Block Watch – Chris Ruder – None
- Communications Report - Lydia Cumming – Getting the word out on great upcoming events: July 8 game night, July 20 concert in the park, and August 4 National Night Out. Working on a volunteer form that would allow people to register on-line. Signup Genius was investigated at recommendation of a member and it looks promising. Next step is to do a free trial. Chris has been working on the website's membership page. He is also getting a quote for a banner to use at outdoor events with the society's name, logo and website information.
- Development – Special Guest presentation by Tony Celebrezze on Phase 2 Zone In. He started with a quick update on local properties. Requests for the half built and open field properties near Buttles and Michigan to be mowed and cleaned up were made. The property developers are involved in a law suit and the building permits have since expired. Do not expect any progress in the near future. Phase 2 involves commercial parcels. Council will be back in session on August 23 and begin the 60-day comment period. Similar to Phase 1, there will be opportunities to comment on the proposed rules and maps. Legislation will pass in November. Recommended to sign up for ZoneIn Updates and for the popular Development Tracker on the zoning services website.
- Parks Committee Report – Bob Mangia – Harrison Park Cleanup is next Wednesday (6/24). He is speaking to City Parks about addressing the laydown area in Harrison Park by the alley: the field has grass but way too much rocks on the surface. Regarding the issue of traffic Islands that are in poor shape around the neighborhood: Battelle is willing to do restoration work, but someone else would need to assume ongoing maintenance. Questions - do we want to repair these islands or could we start over with a better design? Who can assume responsibility? Thrive seems to have left the picture. How do we ensure TIFF funds are spent where they need to be spent? Tony Celebrezze asked Michael to email him about this so they can continue this discussion.
- Treasurer Report- Travis Young. Current balance is \$3,819.87. Expenses included monthly website fees and flowers for Harrison Park (\$100.00).
- Membership Report – Travis Young – We gained two more members in the past month.
- Social – Next Game Night is July 8. We are partnering with Harrison on 5th to host the Dublin wind symphony at Harrison Park on Monday, July 20th from 7 – 8 p.m. Please help pass out flyers! National Night Out is August 4th from 6 - 8 p.m. We hope to host another concert in September and/or a Block Party and/or a Car Show and/or an "Octoberfest" in October. If these events sound good, let us know if you want to help. If you know anyone who lives on Vermont, please ask if they would be interested in having a block party as this would be a great location for a car show, etc. Requires 80% agreement of homes to allow for street closure.
- Short North Foundation – Robert Mason – Upcoming events include Goodale Music Series (starts July 12, Sunday Afternoon); Screen-on-the-Green Series (starts July 7, Friday at dusk); and Short North Tour of Homes.
- Officer Halenstein Report: He offered spinners and small toys for swag at NNO. Clean and Safe Corridor Week begins next week in the Short North. This includes homeless outreach, roadway cleaning and pothole repair, following up on 311 complaints, parking enforcements, use of the new Short North Security Ambassadors, target on nuisance properties, and more. The Short North Security Ambassadors wear lime green and are trained to de-escalate situations. Call or text Ambassadors when there is urgency without emergency at 614-636-5100.

Open Forum:

- Bob asked people to call 311 if their yard waste does not get picked up.
- Tony shared that next Monday Council Member Remey will hold a hearing on proposed legislation on AirBNBs and encouraged people to come and share comments. Legislation will be passed by the end of the month.
- Julia was given a Thank You card for her services as an officer– one year as secretary and two years as treasurer.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m. Bob moved to closed, seconded by Tony, all in favor, motioned carried.

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