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Harrison West Society Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2026
579 W. 5th Ave, Harrison's on 5th – Sky Lounge

Attendance: Michael Metz, Travis Young, Ken Christopher, Irene Butler, Chris Ruder, Bob Mangia, Lydia Cumming, Diane Cumming, Ruth Dohner, Claire (Harrison on 5th), Sen Bill DeMora, John Looman, Steve Mortinger, Ken Wightman

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

President's Report: Michael Metz – Introductions, street, and favorite new or old vacation spot. Sen. Bill DeMora present. Senate currently on recess. Back after the election. Property taxes is one of the biggest issues. Housing is an issue obviously in the area. Sub-metering is also an issue with how consumers are being charged. Sub-metering companies should be treated like utilities. PUCO working on rules that would limit the process. 9/2 exec meeting, regular meeting 9/16. Review minutes and approve.

Minutes: Correct previous month and add missing member, motion as amended. Lydia, Diane 2nd, motion carried.

Monthly Reports:

- Arts Committee – Rob Mason – N/A
- Block Watch – Chris Ruder – None
- Communications Report - Lydia Cumming – announcing activities on calendar, FaceBook, and website. Added Sign-Up Genius to allow sign-up for events. Adding two more events coming up. Any feedback on previous events? Full busload from Thurber and Harrison.
- Development – Construction of new apartment building
- Parks Committee Report – Bob Mangia – Cleanup in Harrison West Park 8/26 5:30-7pm. Can migrate to Side-by-Side if needed. Trash cleanup on 8/29 9:30-11:30 meet at Harrison West Park, Matt supplies everything for pickup. Meet at Zeno's for lunch after. Clean up after your dogs.
- Membership Report – Travis Young – $3,187.47 total treasury.
- Social – Music Mondays 8/31 and 9/28 at the Harrison Park Gazebo. Kelly with Harrison on 5th is working on the artists for the event based on available budget. Motion for additional funding for Augus event. $50 permit for 2 events, may need another $150-200 for artists. Chris R moves to spend no more than $300 for both. Irene 1st, Bob 2nd, approved. Holiday party is coming up, start thinking about place, date, time, etc. 10/18, Columbus Marathon is coming up. Got a grant for $500 for food truck and $300 for entertainment.
- Short North Foundation – Robert Mason – N/A.
- Officer Hauenstein: National Night Out was a success, did get some comments about T-shirts. Anything we can do better? If you applied for grants, please make it about safety.

Open Forum:

- Mary had a wagon stolen off porch. Seen being pulled by a couple of folks. Homeless camp at Goodale and Vine.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:13 p.m.