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Harrison West Society Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2026
579 W. 5th Ave, Harrison's on 5th – Sky Lounge

Attendance: Michael Metz, Diane Cumming, Lydia and Julia Cumming, Ken Wightman, Irene Butler, Chris Ruder, Bob Mangia, Tony Cellebrezze, Officer Hauenstein
Call to order: Michael called the meeting to order at approximately 7:08 p.m.
President's Report: Michael Metz - Introductions. Fav fall flavor. 10/6 and 10/20 exec and regular meeting.
Minutes: Irene 1st Diane 2nd – approved.
Monthly Reports:

- Arts Committee – Rob Mason – N/A
- Block Watch – Chris Ruder – 4 crimes: motor vehicle theft and theft at Tivoli. Assault at Alexandrias Court, and missing person on Harrison Ave.
- Communications Report - Lydia Cumming – Rumpke facility tour November 12, 9-10:30am. 8/28 cleanup event, thank you. Great social events. Have a list of people interested in Rumpke tour. Be there by 8:45am. Please sign up here and we'll send you a reminder.
- Development – Tony Cellebrezze on Zone-in phase II. Encompasses most of the rest of the city, a follow-up to phase I. Growth strategy covers whole area broken into office, manufacturing and mixed use. Can vote on proposed zoning districts on 3rd, apartments on the S side subject to rezoning. Many changes on public feedback, you can comment on specific properties on the map. Created Urban General district to keep areas like 3rd to 3 stories instead of rebuilds. Please go to website before 10/24, have 2 weeks after to make changes and introduce and vote prior to Thanksgiving. Emerging mixed use is what planners think is emerging into something it isn't. Urban center encompasses apartments and higher buildings. Story heights, setback, and other details are included in the map. Some districts have an affordability notice. Want to be aware of properties with existing use to maintain those properties. No longer have parking ratios. Review boards will remain. Mixed use can be several things including residential on the 1st floor. Are # of units involved, mostly stories or height. Somewhat dependent on parking. Tony Cellebrezze proposing to knock down old 1 story building to build a 2 story building on the same footprint as the old building. Need side yard setback variance based on existing conditions. Height variance from 11 current feet to 20 feet to get the 2 stories. Make the roofline of garage match the house, may have to go higher. Not an accessory dwelling unit, will have cold water for art study utility sink. Bottom floor will be workshop, no cooking, no bathrooms, etc. Dormers on both sides to catch the light. Talked to all the neighbors to get approval. Lot coverage variance, existing condition to add family room in the future, asking for variance now. Bringing existing conditions into compliance. Under 6 variances, simple. Motion to approve: Chris 1st, Bob 2nd, vote unanimous.
- Treasurer - $3,413,81.
- Parks Committee Report – Bob Mangia – 9/23 Side-by-Side cleanup. Cleanup after your pets. Anyone who would like to help with honeysuckle cleanup, reach out to parks@harrisonwest.com. The HW tunnel at 2nd and the river has been reseeded, dog station is back, pump station removed, overhead wires gone, poles down. End of October for completion. Waiting on manhole covers coming on 9/26. Wall is done, signs in.
- Membership Report – Travis Young – 3 new members since last meeting.
- Social – Summer wrap-up, Monday 9/28 90s music by Spice Boyz 6:30-7:30pm at Gazebo, similar to previous events. Backup of inside the Harrison Park community center. 10/18 is the Columbus Marathon with the usual traffic issues that come with. We're almost at the end, working to put together a cheer party at Perry Street Park. Have a food truck, maybe a DJ. Marathon grant of $800 to cover expenses. Invite your friends. Nov Rumpke tour, Holiday Party at Community Center on 12/16.
- Short North Foundation – Robert Mason – N/A
- Officer Hauenstein: We're still waiting on a crime analyst, but seems Lexis-Nexis is working well. Went to SNCA meeting last night, issues up there. Same issues as some other cities, dealing with the grouping issues, mostly young folks getting together. Share concerns with us if you have anything. Flock cameras are offline, doing an audit to see what abuses are happening. From my experience, haven't seen wide-scale abuses of the system, does help to solve crimes. Any human interaction can lead to issues, abuse or mistakes. 5th degree felony for abusing the system.

Open Forum:

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10 p.m.