

HARRISON WEST NEWS

A Neighborhood on the National Register of Historic Places

Another SRO P&D Meeting

Harrison Westers *really* are interested in what's planned for Humko. How else to explain the second standing-room-only P&D meeting in a month? More than 30 Harrison Westers gathered on February 22 to see Wagenbrenner Realty's updated plans for the Humko site.

By the end of the meeting, we discovered that our suggestions would change the project from a "development" to an "extension of the neighborhood."

Among other suggestions: intersperse singles, doubles, and triples north of First; one and two bedroom apartments, rather than three bedrooms; more single family houses; more off-street parking; the "Clubhouse" becoming a "Community House" accessible to the entire community. See Pages 4 and 5 to learn Wagenbrenner Realty's response to these suggestions and visit www.harrisonwest.org for more plans and pics.

Rave Reviews for the Harrison West Extension Plans

We did it! In a Win-Win solution, Wagenbrenner Realty and Harrison West created a splendid example of urban planning that the whole neighborhood can and should support. As one enthusiastic participant raved, "This is the best thing to happen to Harrison West in 20 years!"

The crowd at Cafe Corner on March 5 saw plans by Architectural Alliance architect Rob Harris that extended First Avenue all the way to the new Park on the river, and lined it with single family homes on the North and Victorian Gate-style apartment buildings on the South.

The plan provides maximum public access to the new Park and maximum views of the Park from Percy, a new street west of Perry.

The plan also seamlessly continues the Harrison West street, sidewalk, and curb lawn grid into the Harrison West Extension.

Developer Mark Wagenbrenner discarded the "Harrison Heights" name in favor of calling his project "Harrison West," "because we want it to be part of your neighborhood from the beginning."

See the Plans on Pages 4 and 5 and on the website.



Architectural Alliance Architect Rob Harris (right) and developer Mark Wagenbrenner explained the new plans for the Humko site development to the Planning and Development Committee at Cafe Corner.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 19

Harrison West Design Constitutional Amendment to extend Harrison West boundaries Brownfield Letter of support vote Brownfield review

The March 19 meeting will be a critical step in the further development of Harrison West. Please plan to be there.

NEXT MEETING

The Harrison West Society will meet
Wednesday,
March 19
at 7:30 PM
First Brethren
Church, corner of
Oregon and Third

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HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES February 19, 2003

Submitted by Veda Gilp, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM with a quorum of voting members present (32); President Dave Butler presiding.

Routine Business

Matt Tangeman motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting; passed.

Treasurer's Report Treasurer Tom Maxwell reported a balance of \$5,704.19, with current bills paid.

Old Business and Committee Reports:

Newsletter and Website Veda Gilp reported that the newsletter deadline is third Friday of each month. The Website is running smoothly and is updated weekly.

Crime Report Officer Steve Smith reported three burglaries, two assaults, and one stolen car in January.

Membership Matt Tangeman reported. Mary Funk made a motion to allow up to \$150 to produce and mail to membership info to the neighborhood; passed. Tangeman will hold a membership meeting on February 24 at 7:30 at Cafe Corner.

AC Humco Sale Rob Harris reported on the project and asked for a letter of support at the March meeting. The Planning and Development Committee will discuss the project further on February 22 at 10 AM at Cafe Corner. The Committee will send comments to Rob Harris by Wednesday after the meeting.

Planning and Development The next P&D meeting will be February 22, 10 AM at Cafe Corner. The regularly scheduled P&D meeting

will be March 5 at 7 PM at Cafe Corner.

Harrison West Garden Tour It was decided to hold a garden tour in mid-June. Volunteers were solicited to create a program and sell ads.

New Business & Announcements:

Pocket Park Art Debby Colvin asked for a letter of support for Art for Parks for the Short North Pocket Parks. Pastor Richard Morris motioned to write such a letter; passed. Veda Gilp is to create the letter and email it to President Dave Butler.

HWS Meeting Date The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, March 19, 2003.

Pastor Richard Morris announced the Financial skills for Life series.

Tom Robinson is asking members to support the mARTi Gras by buying tickets to the Fat Tuesday Ball.

St. Francis is celebrating Mardi Gras with a March 1 lasagna dinner.

Mary Funk motioned to adjourn at 9:10 PM; passed.

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Harrison West Society meets 3rd

Wednesday of each month, 7:30 PM.

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What's Coming?

by David Butler, President

This year is proving to be an important year for Harrison West. The redevelopment of the former AC Humko site will surely bring good things to the southern part of Harrison West, including a new riverfront park for our neighborhood. ("South of Third" one day may refer to some of the most beautiful homes and streets in Harrison West.)

The Society also will be working with Campus Partners and the Ohio Capital Corp. for Housing to positively impact the Section 8 housing in the neighborhood as they continue with their purchase of the Broad Street portfolio of properties.

On the social scene, we have many great events in the works, including bringing back the Harrison West Garden Tour this spring. We're also planning on an even bigger neighborhood block party this summer. Please stay involved as we work to make this an even greater neighborhood.



Harrison West Society Membership

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Harrison West Development May Revitalize the Humko Site and “South of Third”

We all know that the Humko site has been a scab inhibiting the development south of Third Avenue for the last 10 years, while the neighborhood north of the factory has improved greatly. Most of us can remember the horrible smell, the noise and dirt when the company blew the stacks on a long weekend, the greasy pall that settled over the neighborhood on hot summer afternoons when there wasn't any wind. The tank farm never added much to the ambiance of Harrison West, either.

All that may change as the factory site is developed as single family homes, condos, and apartments. The Harrison West Society believes the development of the Humko site as shown in these plans will drive development and improvement of the neighborhood as a whole.

The Planning and Development Committee believes Wagenbrenner Realty's plans for the site are an excellent example of urban planning. We especially support:

- the Parkland dedication of 3.44 acres along the Olentangy River
- the extension of the neighborhood street and sidewalk grid
- the positive mix of 1, 2, and 3 family residences similar to the neighborhood mix
- the return of the formerly abandoned Percy Street
- the on-street parking as indicated in the plan which reflects parking throughout the neighborhood
- the plans for a Community House that the Society can use
- the sensitivity of the developer in naming the project Harrison West and referring to it as an “extension of Harrison West”

From the beginning of this process, developer Mark Wagenbrenner has actively sought the input of the neighborhood, has positively responded to neighborhood contributions, and has created an environment conducive to open and civil dialogue. He has dramatically altered the plans three times in response to neighborhood concerns, ideas, and input.

The P&D Committee believes that this Wagenbrenner Realty project, especially the inclusion of the neighborhood from the beginning, will stand as a model for future ventures of this kind.



Single-family houses such as these should line First, Second, Perry, and Percy. Duplexes and Triplexes will be mixed in, just as in the neighborhood now.



The condominiums might look like these, still in the style and scale of Harrison West houses.



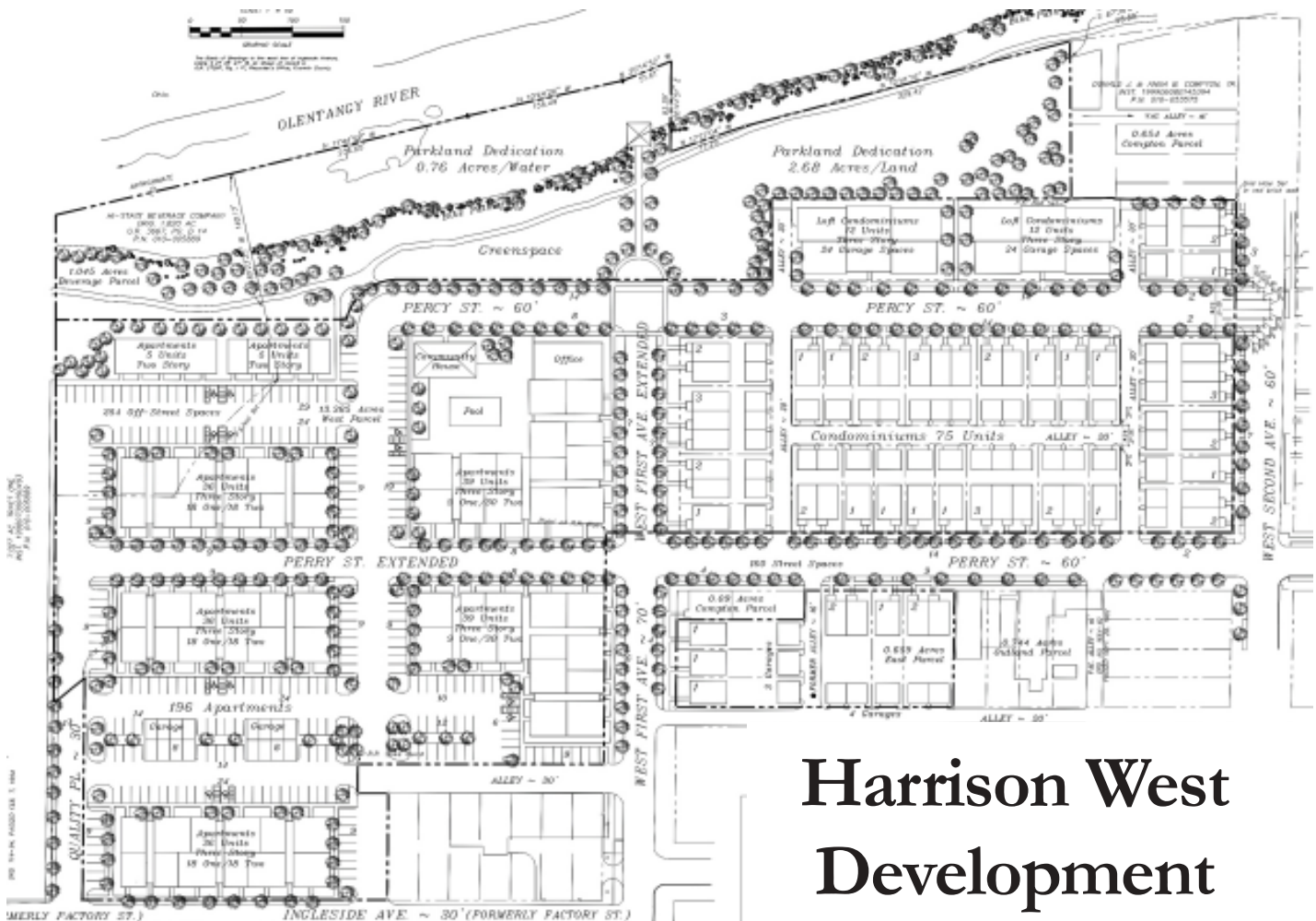
Apartments would be similar to Victorian Gate in the Short North, with the parking mostly hidden behind and between the buildings.



The Humko site today is a blight on the neighborhood.

This is the Humko site in greater Harrison West. Development of this acreage will affect the neighborhood in every way from the average value of the housing stock to the average age and income of the inhabitants. It is impossible to overstate the impact this development will have on Harrison West both within the next 5 years and the next 50 years.

Visit the Harrison West website at www.harrisonwest.org to see larger scale plans.



Harrison West Development

Community Capital Development Corporation moves to Michigan Avenue

The area's largest SBA lender, Community Capital Development Corporation (CCDC) recently relocated its offices to 900 Michigan Avenue, the former American Cancer Society building.

CCDC offers a variety of loan programs for small business owners to help them as they are starting up, expanding, or buying a building.

In addition, CCDC offers classes to help business owners create their business plans. Classes are offered monthly and many are held at CCDC's new offices in Harrison West.

For more information on CCDC's small business loan programs, call them at 614-645-6171 or visit www.ccdcorp.org.

Wightman Saves P&D Meeting from Cold, Cold Rain

The 30 Harrison Westers who met on Feb. 22 to review plans for the Humko property literally were out in the rain, because Cafe Corner didn't open that morning. (Pete Andronis' back went out and he couldn't get out of bed.)

Ken Wightman brought everyone in from the cold, however, by inviting them over to the house he has for sale at 1151 Harrison. Folks who were there can report that the \$179,900 house is newly renovated, with a beautiful kitchen and great woodwork. Thanks, Ken.

Green Thumb?

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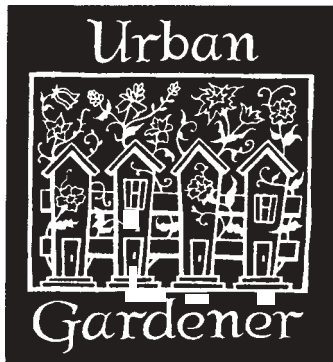
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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Elemental

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Here's a sandwich for you: portobella and eggplant with herb goat cheese cream and roasted red peppers. Who says a vegetarian can't eat well?

If your vegetarian has a meat-eating spouse, he or she would be delighted with the beef tenderloin sandwich topped with apple horse-radish sauce.

But Pat and I decided on Panko crusted walleye with house hash. Panko are those flaky Japanese breadcrumbs that give such a crispy crust. The walleye was a whole fillet that was so large it ran over the edges of the platter and was cooked perfectly. It was a lovely piece of fish. The house hash is potato chunks hashed with onions, peppers, and a touch of vinegar. This was served with Asian slaw of red cabbage with rice wine.

Pat is the "Woman Who Knows Everyone," and it turned out that she knew several men in the party at the next table, which is why I am able to critique several other entrees for you.

The grilled pork loin chops with apple pecan cream and au gratin potatoes were huge, tender, cooked perfectly, and tasted as good as they looked.

The oiliness of the grilled salmon was offset nicely by the sweet-tart of the sundried tomato vinaigrette.

The roasted chicken breast is a presentation. It is stuffed with fennel, dried cherries, and asiago cheese, lapped with wild mushroom sauce, and sided with au gratin potatoes. This is a whole breast from a large young chicken and the asiago cheese and cherries give it a smoky cherry taste not to be missed.

I promised chocolate, didn't I? Here it comes: peanut butter chocolate cake. Reeses Cups for grown ups. This is a sweetly tender chocolate cake upon which reposes a very rich peanut butter mousse topped with an even richer chocolate mousse. I know you won't believe it, but Pat and I together could not finish one serving! Oh, but we wanted to! We enjoyed our dessert with big cups of Scottie McBean roasted coffee.

Here's where I confess that we split everything except the coffee. The two of us enjoyed an excellent meal including appetizer, dessert and coffee for \$15 apiece plus tip. If you don't share these huge portions, you'll be asking for a Go Box. So go to Elemental.

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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Elemental

by Veda Gilp

During the height of the bad snow, Pat Lewis and I ventured carefully out to Elemental, the trendy cafe at the corner of Oak and Parsons. We loved it.

When you go, park at the GLC lot or the CVS lot but not in the Music Hall lot. I write “when” not “if” because you’ll go – the food’s really that good.

Yes, there is chocolate.

Begin with atmosphere – sunny yellow walls, lots of windows, interesting art, and “cafe hip” music at a decibel level which encourages conversation.

Bread service is good – a mild sourdough with a firm crust and tender crumb. We asked for refills.

Appetizers are inventive – lamb and goat cheese quesadilla with herb sour cream; house made pate, vegetable terrine and assorted cheeses; crab cake with yellow pepper aioli and red pepper remoulade.

We ordered the shrimp fritters, which unfortunately probably won’t be on the menu by now. They were TERRIFIC! Golf ball sized rounds studded with whole salad shrimps, deep fried at the proper temperature so they were light but not greasy, and served with an incredible spicy sweet-sour mango dipping sauce. When you go, ask them to put these fritters back on the menu.

We passed on salad, though the Elemental house salad of mixed greens, dried cherries, bleu cheese, and raspberry vinaigrette looked lovely.

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