

HARRISON WEST NEWS

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A Neighborhood on the National Register of Historic Places

Neighborhood Master Plan Is In the Works

A Neighborhood Master Plan is the blueprint for a neighborhood. It outlines the neighborhood's long-term goals in terms of street grids, housing stock, businesses, development, and amenities.

The Harrison West Society is working on the neighborhood's first ever Master Plan. This Plan will guide the neighborhood for years to come.

For instance, the Harrison West Society wants to open Buttles West to the river and the Society wants all streets and sidewalks in Harrison West to return to the neighborhood street grid.

Your input is needed. We'll discuss it at the March 17 meeting. This issue will affect the neighborhood for the next century. Be at the meeting to make your views known.



Affordable Housing Situation Discussion at March 17 Meeting

Big changes are on the horizon for the affordable housing in Harrison West. Nearly all of the affordable housing, which is subsidized through a government program known as "Section 8," is being purchased by the Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing (OCCH) and will be managed by Community Properties of Ohio Management Services (CPOMS).

Representatives from OCCH and CPOMS will be at our March 17th meeting to discuss this purchase and the exterior and interior renovations and improvements that will be made to the units. There will be an extended question and answer period following their presentation, so that Harrison Westers who have issues with the properties and the tenants will get answers.

Interior improvements will include new cabinets and fixtures, new paint, adding air conditioning, and replacing flooring and carpeting. Exterior improvements will include new doors and windows, renovations to porches, trim-work, exterior painting, fencing and landscaping.

Also, the representatives will discuss their vision for the management and security of the properties into the future. CPOMS has emphasized that it plans to manage the units much better than did the previous owner, Broad Street Management. Broad Street was indifferent to the property, its tenants, and the neighborhood concerns.

CPOMS's management of the units will include a social services program and perhaps an off-duty police officer security program. CPOM is also committed to enforcing leases and evicting tenants who do not fulfill their obligations under the lease.

Please be sure to come to the March meeting to discuss these important neighborhood issues with the OCCH and CPOMS representatives. This is a good opportunity to work toward making the affordable housing residents in Harrison West good neighbors.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 17

**Area Commission
Variance Vote
Boundary Vote
Master Plan
Tif Update
Affordable Housing**

Isabelle Toth, Manager of the affordable housing in the neighborhood, will be there to answer your questions. We'll vote on a number of important issues, so it's important that you be there.

NEXT MEETING

The Harrison West Society will meet
Wednesday,
March 17
at 7:30 PM
First Brethren Church, corner of Oregon and Third

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HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES February 18, 2004

Submitted by Veda Gilp, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM with a quorum of voting members present (19); President Dave Butler presiding.

Routine Business

Minutes Pastor Richard Morris motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting; Passed.

Treasurer's Report Treasurer Tom Maxwell reported a balance of \$4,623, with current bills paid.

Old Business and Committee Reports:

Boundaries Dave Butler reported on the boundary and constitution change. It was decided to table the issue until the March meeting so all members could be notified.

Area Commission Dave Butler discussed what we will need to do to establish an Area Commission. Stephanie Celebreeze motioned to appoint Debra Heimann Chair of the Task Force required to create the Commission and to send a letter notifying the City of our decision; Passed. Harrison West Webmaster, Chris Palmer, agreed to create a space on the site for Area Commission news.

Crime Report Officer Steve Smith reported that the crime spree seems to be ending, as all crimes are down this month and theft from auto are down to 7.

HUMKO Update Rob Harris reported that the development is well into legal matters, including downzoning. The Master Plan has not changed, and has gone through most of the 16 departments required for approval. Waggenbrenner will be doing a traffic study, and is looking for a variance for the

parcel at Perry and First so model homes can be constructed there. Dave Butler reported that the design of the new park will be paid for with TIF monies.

Planning and Development The next P&D meeting will be March 1 at 7 PM at Cafe Corner.

New Business & Announcements:

Craig Copeland announced that the Army Corps. of Engineers have postponed funding the study about the removal of the Fifth Avenue lowhead dam on the Olentangy until October.

Dave Butler reported that Victorian Village has asked for Harrison West houses to be on the Tour.

Pastor Morris announced that Caffè` Apropos` wants to have a Harrison West Night soon.

HWS Meeting Date The next meeting will be March 17, 7:30 PM at the First Brethren Church. Adjourned at 8:50 PM.

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Police Liaison Officer Steve Smith made some eye-opening comments at the last Harrison West Society meeting. He acknowledged that our neighbors wouldn't break into a car for a pack of cigarettes. But the people who are breaking into cars are doing so for as little as the spare change you left in the ashtray, or the CD you left on the passenger seat, or the opened pack of cigarettes on the dash. If you must park on the street, save yourself hassle and expense: leave nothing in your car overnight.

Crime is down a bit: just 5 burglaries, 1 larceny, 4 thefts from cars, and 6 malicious destructions. Officer Steve says, "major improvement in crime trends this month from previous months, but that doesn't mean that we can all relax. Please be vigilant to your surroundings and the people around you, as well as securing your valuables."



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7:30 PM Harrison West Meeting
- Thursday 6:00 PM Little Women (5-18)
- Friday 7:00 PM Open Prayer

Our church is open to all.
Please come.

New Park Plans Greening Up

The Harrison West Park Committee has been meeting regularly to work out plans for the new almost-seven acre park along the river at the Humko site.

The preliminary name for the park is Harrison Park, and the new street which will run from Second to First Avenue is Harrison Park Place.

To date, plans include a grove of trees, a formal Tree Walk with art, a Tot Lot for kids, a Dog Lot for dogs off leash, a bike path, a gazebo and amphitheater, and picnic tables.

It's shaping up to be a beautiful addition to Harrison West. Park Committee Chair, Mary Funk, is working her Committee members hard to make it so.

Join in March to Vote in May

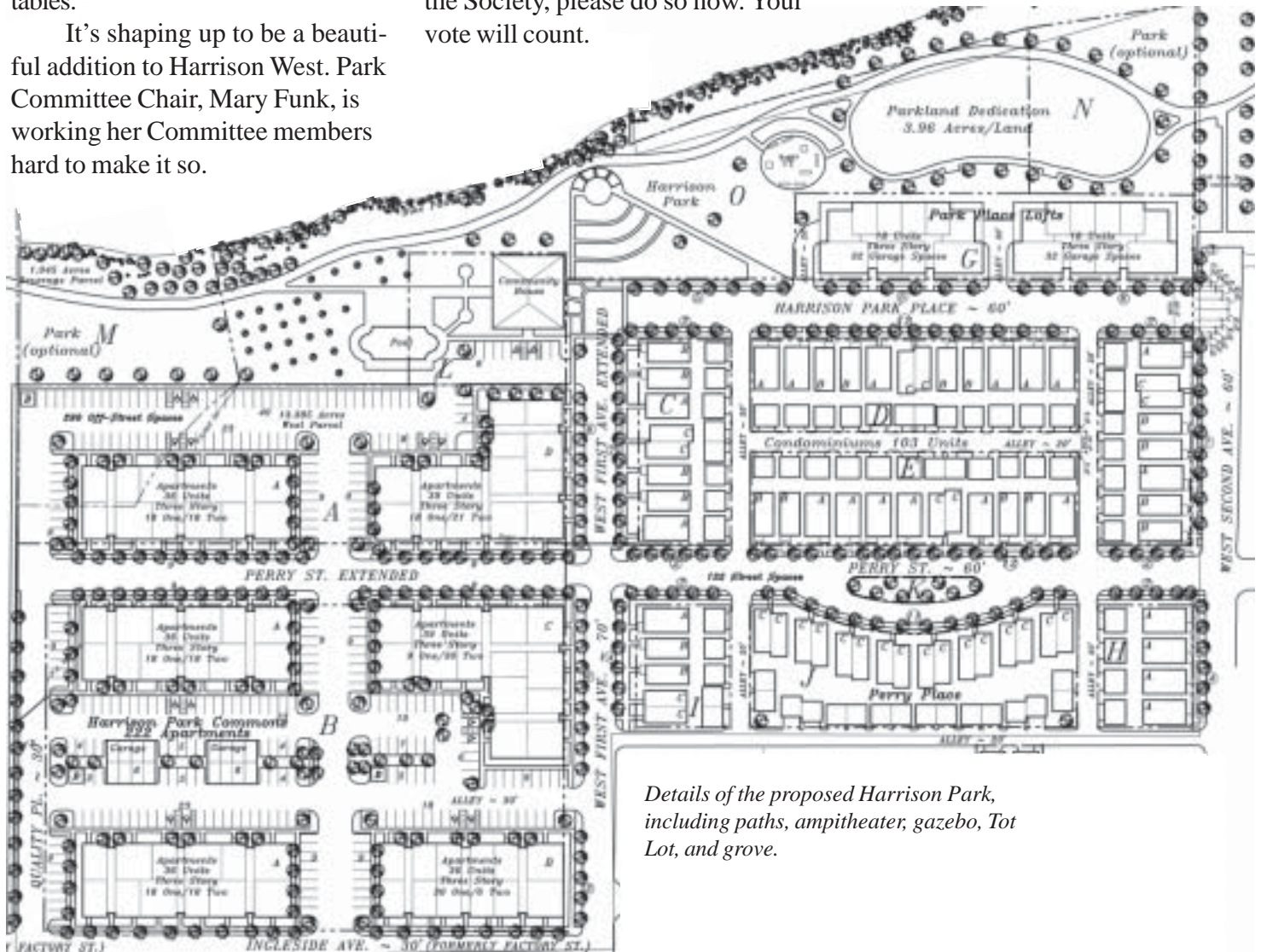
Membership Chair Tony Celebrezze says the membership is at an all-time high, but with all that's going on in the neighborhood, that's understandable.

The Harrison West Society is making plans and making decisions that will affect how the neighborhood looks in coming years, what happens to property values, and even where we picnic.

The Society welcomes everyone's ideas and comments to make the neighborhood better and stronger. If you haven't yet joined the Society, please do so now. Your vote will count.

We Want Our Senior Citizens Back

Months ago, the Seniors at the Center on 4th Avenue were moved out so their building could be renovated. Nothing has happened to the building, but the Seniors have been consigned to Sawyer Tower. At the last P&D meeting, the Society decided to ask for assurance from CPOM that Harrison West will get its Seniors back when their building is finished.



Details of the proposed Harrison Park, including paths, amphitheater, gazebo, Tot Lot, and grove.

Victorian Village Tour of Homes Looking for Harrison West Houses

It's that time of year again when Victorian Village begins planning the Tour of Homes. This year, Tour organizers want to include some Harrison West homes in the Tour. Will you share your beautiful home with Tour guests? Contact Pat Lewis at PKLCMH@aol.com.

I SAID / SHE SAID is Studio 16's First Show of New Year

Harrison West's very own art gallery is opening an exciting new show by artist Angie Galipault. I SAID / SHE SAID runs March 5 to April 6.

Studio 16 is at the corner of Third and Michigan.



for an Area Commission

Myths & Misconceptions:

An Area Commission does not tell you what color to paint your door. But it DOES give the neighborhood a voice with developers.

An Area Commission will:

- o Protect our neighborhood
- o Require developers to notify us about projects
- o Level the playing field
- o Give the neighborhood control over development and our destiny

Caffe` Apropos` Typifies Harrison West Changes

Harrison West is changing for the better, and the opening of Caffe` Apropos` in the space formerly occupied by the scabrous Michigan Market proves it.

Espresso lovers will find an Italian Espresso machine. If you're not into extremely potent coffee, you can treat yourself to Frappes, Smoothies, and Lattas as well.

Biscotti, scones, muffins, bagels, giant cookies, Cheesecake Factory cheesecakes, fruit tarts, and Black Forest Torts ensure you'll have a sweet something to go with your coffee.



Owner Anton Wood has created a warm, inviting coffee house modeled on European cafes. The decor is decidedly upscale. He roasts and grinds coffee beans, and creates his own blends.



Comfy seating and a flickering fire make the cozy corner a favorite on cold nights.

butter in the middle, and premium chocolate on the top.

The biscotti is Anton's find: it's crispy on the outside and chewy on the inside.

Zuppa supplies fresh sandwiches, soups, and salads daily.

As a wine boutique, Caffe` Apropos` stocks more than 500 varieties ranging from champagne to Yellowtail Merlot. Some wine (and some coffee) is organic.

The wireless connection is Net Gear; the surround sound is Bose; the DSL will handle 100 users.

Hours are 7-7 Monday through Friday, 9-9 Saturday, and 9-7 Sunday; 294-5282; visit www.TheBeanStock.com.



John Chiasera is enjoying Mackinaw Island ice cream. Caffe` Apropos` is scooping about 6 flavors of this rich treat.

Area Commission Will Help the Future of Harrison West

An Area Commission will help build and protect value in our neighborhood. It will give the neighborhood some power with developers. It will mean that in the future, anyone who wants to build something such as this apartment building (right) will need to work with the Harrison West Society to create something more in keeping with our neighborhood design and housing goals.

It is time for us to determine what our neighborhood will look like in 10 years. With an Area

Commission, our neighborhood will have the power to stop bad development like the Phoenix Group's proposal for the Humko; and to encourage more good development, like what is now planned for Humko.



With an Area Commission, Harrison West will have the power to control its destiny and to protect the fabric of our neighborhood.

We'll be discussing the Area Commission at the March 18 Harrison West meeting. Come talk about it.



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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at A Taste of Bali

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Brown sugar figures in many dishes at Taste of Bali. We were pretty sure we found it in the fried diced potatoes with Indonesian herbs.

Fish paste or fish base also appears in many dishes, including, we decided, the peanut-based salad dressing!

Bali does a nice string bean sauteed with garlic; it's still crisp and very garlicky.

Set 3 was the selection of hot dishes, including Egg Balado. This is a hen's egg hard boiled, then deep fried, then drenched with a tongue-searing chili sauce. Four of us did not finish even half an egg. It was weirdly un-tasty.

Rendang is sirloin cooked for hours in spicy coconut sauce. Think you wouldn't like coconut, meat, and spice in the same dish? Think again. It was wonderful.

So was the Ayam Bumbu Rujak, which begins with grilled

chicken which is then stewed in red coconut sauce. Very sweet, peanutty, and heavily coconut. It's #22 on the menu and would make a wonderful meal by itself.

We thought we had been daring with our choice of main dishes, but our courage got a real test with dessert.

For one thing, there was no chocolate! And the Dutch colonized Indonesia!

There was rice -- warm sweet black wild rice in coconut milk. It was chewy, creamy, and nutty, and so good, we left not a single grain.

Yam marbles in coconut milk are tougher to describe. Think sweet potato-flavored gummi bears in milk heavily sweetened with brown sugar.

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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at A Taste of Bali

by Veda Gilp

A Taste of Bali is going into my restaurant favorites collection. The food excellent and exotic, and Reza, our server, was determined to help us understand and enjoy the dishes of his country.

Friends Joy Reeve, Jean Godby, and Debbie Stollenwerk, and I decided to sample much of the menu by ordering the Rijsttafel, which is a sampler of several dishes as well as rice. The two "special sets" we ordered included mild and spicy meat, vegetables and various sauces. We liked most of what we found.

Because some of our group did not care to eat incendiary food, we ordered Set 1, which is not spicy, as well as Set 3, which contained items that caused us to breath fire.

In Set 1 was Ayam Kalasan, marinated chicken fried in brown sugar and herbs. It was way too dry, but had there still been some juice in the chicken leg and breast, it would have been delicious.

The Terik Daging, sirloin cooked for hours in sweet coconut sauce, also was too dry, but again the taste was excellent.

We decided the dryness was the result of overcooking, because other dishes were very moist.

Sate Ayam, grilled chicken with peanut sauce, was a tasty combination of sweet and spicy. The accompanying cucumber pickle was exotic and just the right crunchy contrast to the tender chicken.

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