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Perry Street Remodel Voted Down

At the last meeting of the Harrison West Society, members voted against supporting the proposed remodel of 1088-1096 and 1104-1112 Perry Street because the property owner failed to meet the recommended actions set forth by the Harrison West Society.

The Society recommended that the five-unit buildings be reduced to four units (by combining two units), thus bringing them into the R-4 zoning compliance, and that more self-parking be provided.

Neither the parking nor the density issue were properly addressed by the applicant, leaving the Society with no reason to support the proposed development.

In addition, Society members thought that the lower quality construction combined with overdevelopment would be a taking of adjacent property rights and inappropriate to the future of Harrison West.

Growing Our Neighborhood

by Mary Funk, Harrison West Society President

I am honored to have been elected President of the Harrison West Society. The Society is very strong right now, but working together we can make it even better. I'm excited about working with all of the members to improve, protect, and grow our neighborhood.

The following issues are most important to the neighborhood now:

1. Increase membership Major changes for the Society and the neighborhood are coming, and we'll need all our neighbors to help plan for them and manage them.
2. Establish an Executive Committee The good news is that we need an Executive Committee because the Society and the neighborhood are so strong, so successful, and have such big plans. We're big enough, have enough money coming in, and enough going on that we need more structure and more managers.
3. Expand our working relationships with surrounding societies such as NECKO, Dennison Place, the Circles, and Victorian Village to give us all more strength and capabilities.
4. Harrison West 30th Anniversary When we formed the Society in 1976, we weren't sure the neighborhood would even survive, let alone prosper, and look at us now. We deserve a celebration.
5. Long-term planning for Harrison West In 2002, when Past President David Butler took office, Humko was still a factory, traffic calming hadn't begun, Broad Street Management was allowing all its affordable housing in Harrison West to totally degrade, Side by Side didn't belong to us, we had only the income the membership and the newsletter brought in, our boundaries were Fifth, Harrison, First, and the river, and we had only two tiny parks. All this has changed. And more change will come. We need to anticipate so we can guide, control, and manage this change to the best advantage of our neighborhood and the people who live here.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 15

Review of the Executive Committee

Jeremy Dossett - Code Enforcement Officer For the Harrison West Area
Vote on the Split of 1068 - 1070 Michigan Avenue

Summer Party Planning

It's going to be an exciting meeting that we keep as short as possible. Please join us.

NEXT MEETING

The Harrison West Society will meet
Wednesday,
June 15 at 7:30 PM
First Brethren Church, Third & Oregon

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HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES May 18, 2005

Submitted by Veda Gilp, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM with a quorum of voting members present (26); President Dave Butler presiding.

Routine Business

Minutes Chris Ruder motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting; Passed.

Treasurer's Report Treasurer Tom Maxwell reported a balance of \$4,954 with current bills paid.

Old Business and Committee Reports:

Developments

Perry Street remodel: Attorney Connie Klema explained site plans and planned renovations. The units will be converted from apartments to condos. No other changes requested by the Society have been made, and the project still requires parking, setback, and use variances. Veda Gilp motioned against supporting the project due to density and lack of parking; Passed.

Park Committee Update Debbie Colvin reported that she and Bob Mangia moved plants from the Side by Side park so park building could begin June 1. The Martha Walker Garden Club gave Harrison West \$170 in plants for parks and green spaces. Debbie Colvin motioned up to \$125 for mulch for all the parks if necessary; Passed.

Harrison Park Update Rob Harris reported that home sales have been so successful, Developer Mark Wagenbrenner review the project and has decided to lower the density and build condos rather than apartments.

Summer Party Stephanie Tresso Celebrezze and Veda Gilp agreed to create a theme and the invitations. Call for volunteers to create the party.

Crime Report Police Liaison Officer Steve Smith reported that it's

been quiet, crime-wise, in Harrison West. Theft from auto remains the major crime in the neighborhood.

Planning and Development Dave Butler reported that the revisions of the Riverfront Vision Plan for the Harrison West Reach are in the final stages. The next meeting will be June 6, 6 PM at the First Brethren Church.

New Business & Announcements:

Election of New Officers Elections Chair Bob Mangia reported that the election was uncontested. Chris Ruder motioned that nominations be closed; Passed. Mary Funk (President), Rob Harris (Vice President), Veda Gilp (Secretary), Tom Maxwell (Treasurer) were elected by acclamation.

Cake and Ice Cream Outgoing President Dave Butler was presented a "Thanks for everything" cake by the Society. Mary Funk motioned to confer on Dave Butler and family a permanent honorary family membership (nonvoting) in the Society; Passed.

Guest Former Council member Rich Sensenbrenner was present as a guest. Mary Funk motioned to make Sensenbrenner an honorary member of the Harrison West Society "for his dedication to Harrison West and neighborhoods such as ours all over the City;" Passed.

Garden Tour Debbie Colvin reported that her garden would be on the Recreation and Parks Open Garden Tour on Sunday, May 22.

Council of Historic Neighborhoods Pastor Richard Morris reported that the Council of Historic Neighborhoods planning session was a success.

HWS Meeting Date The next meeting will be June 15, 7:30 PM at the First Brethren Church.

Adjournment Tony Celebrezze motioned to adjourn; Passed. Adjourned at 8:55 PM.

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Harrison West Society meets 3rd

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FLOW Events

Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed (FLOW) will hold two rain barrel demonstrations in June.

Using rain barrels is one way of managing storm water. They capture rain water from our downspouts that we can later use to water our yards and gardens while also reducing the amount of storm water running off our property. A local gutter professional will demonstrate the correct methods of rain barrel installation to our downspouts. A cost-share on rain barrels will be available to Lower Olentangy watershed residents who attend these workshops.

June 15 and 29, early evening in a backyard. Call 267-3386 or Email flow2004@sbcglobal.net to sign up and get exact time and location.

Spinelli's Deli Adds Summer Salad

Spinelli's Deli has added a grilled chicken and summer fruits salad to its menu. Mandarin oranges, strawberries, pineapple, and pecans put a splurge on leaf lettuce.



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Sidewalk Facts

The Society has been receiving questions about sidewalks in the neighborhood, specifically who owns and maintains them. Here's the info we got from the City:

Sidewalks are the responsibility of the property owner. The property owner is responsible for paying for and maintaining sidewalks for any needed repairs and other maintenance, such as snow and ice removal. To report a sidewalk in poor condition, call (614) 645-5660.

Property owners pay for sidewalks by property tax assessment.

Surprisingly enough, a few properties in Harrison West do not have sidewalks. All properties in Harrison West should have sidewalks. If a property owner has not installed sidewalks, the City may do so. If you want more information, please contact Rick Garrabrant at (614) 645-6391.

Currently in Harrison West, there are no circumstances where the City provides sidewalks and curbs at no cost to the property owner.



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Harrison Park Progressing

Harrison Westers have been asking "Where's the development?" about Harrison Park, since progress seems slow. Harrison Park is under way. Although development may seem to have slowed, the project is making its way past major hurdles.

The removal of a 100-year-old factory aided by a 3 million dollar Clean Ohio Recovery Fund went smoothly. The complex issue of extending the street grid and dedicating the land to the City came next. Designing the new park to make sure that it is the best that it can be took more time. These invisible, yet important, aspects of the development are now finished, paving a clear path for construction.

The first phase of home construction will start this summer with the building of nine residences on the east side of Perry Street, directly north of First Avenue. The home plans are completed, the addresses are secured, the permits have been filed, and reservations have been secured. Strong home sales mean

more than half of the home sites being reserved.

Potential buyers are leaning towards the single-family homes, so Wagenbrenner Development has reduced the numbers of duplexes to meet the market demand. Approximately 48 of the potential 64 homes will be single family.

(Harrison Westers will remember that two years ago, Wagenbrenner brought his project to the Harrison West Society with NO single family houses. Working closely with Society members, he reduced the numbers of apartments and added single family housing. Market demand has done the rest.)

South of First, the planned apartments are changing. Strong local sales and increased interest in home ownership in Harrison West are steering the development to all for-sale units. Condominiums ranging from 800 to 2600 square feet will be constructed along First Avenue leading to the new riverfront park. The First Avenue park entrance will be centered on a brick and iron gazebo diagonally.

Many years of dedication and hard work by local residents have lead to Harrison West being a highly desirable location for new home ownership. By meeting market demand, Harrison Park will continue to grow and develop in a manner that complements the neighborhood.

Park Committee Reports on Website

For more than a year, a dedicated group of neighborhood volunteers have been working with Gary Schmidt and POD landscape design to create the best riverside park possible. Their work is available on the website at www.harrisonwest.org.




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Harrison West neighbors will remember that BrickStreet brought the Side by Side sculpture to Harrison West. The organization also is responsible for facilitating the Cliff Dwellers mural on High Street on the Burgundy Room building and the Couch in the pocket pock at Greenwood and High.

Cliff Dwellers was painted by Curtis Goldstein and Michelle Attias, local mural artists.

The Couch was created by artist Robert Huff. BrickStreet Arts commissioned the Public Art in conjunction with the Short North Improvement District.

BrickStreet Arts was founded by Harrison West resident and Past President Maddy Weisz.

Crime drive by shooting drug related

Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Due Amici

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In the interest of menu exploration, I ordered wild mushroom pasta with wild mushroom and prosciutto sauce. Dive in. Swoon. Repeat. The raviolis are filled with shiitake, porcini, portabella and crimini mushrooms; roasted garlic; shallots; cream cheese; fontina and parmesan. I believe it, though the "wild" part is a misnomer.

It was so good, I asked if it was made on the premises (remem-

ber the Wedding Soup? Couldn't believe they came from the same Chef.). They didn't. Turns out one of the owners is Don Zillmack, the owner of Pastaria in the North Market. All the pastas and sauces come from Pastaria, so they all are delicious and dependable.

Since Eadie Gourmet always goes the extra distance for her readers, I persuaded my luncheon companions to try dessert. We tried the sorbet trio of amaretto, coconut, and raspberry plus the sorbet and cookies.

The sorbet is outstanding -- very fruity and fresh.

The cookies are good, very pretty in different shapes, but they all tasted the same. Go with the sorbet.

The dinner menu repeats the lunch with the addition of larger entrees of delicacies such as crab cakes; gorgonzola-stuffed, bacon-wrapped beef tenderloin with mashed potatoes; veal marsala; and pork chops.

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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Due Amici

The awesome trio behind the Columbus Metropolitan Club -- Jane Scott, Executive Director, Lori Marlow, Program Coordinator, and Tracy Shearer, Membership Coordinator -- and I lunched at Due Amici recently and loved it. Located at 65 E. Gay Street between Third and High, Due Amici is a newish, trendy restaurant catering to the ravenous downtown professionals at lunch and the beautiful people at dinner. They let me eat there anyway.

Start with the crusty, chewy bread, please, and fruity olive oil for dipping. Ask for parm cheese for the oil; it's better that way.

Move on to a really good baby greens salad with red onions, gorgonzola, blueberries, raspberries, golden raisins and balsamic vinaigrette.

Tracy's Caesar was a classic Caesar, with a hint of anchovy paste. She add a grilled, herbed chicken breast and had a meal.

Lori ordered the Italian Wedding soup to go with her baby greens. Don't. This soup comes straight from the GFS frozen soup case. It's OK, but why bother when so much else is so good?

Model-thin Jane ate an Italian sandwich of cappocola, pepperoni, salami, vinaigrette, lettuce, tomato, and banana peppers on focaccia with a side of EXCELLENT french fries with parmesan cheese sprinkles. Yum. Kinda like a sub, but better. Did I mention the fries were splendid?

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