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Conservation Neighborhood Legislation

At the Neighborhood Conservation District public hearing held by City Council member Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, several dozen people from about 9 neighborhoods spoke their piece, and most of them were firmly in favor of the idea.

The caveats were the way the legislation is written and the demands it makes on the neighborhoods.

Most people thought the legislation as written had no teeth to enforce the legislation and no penalties for those who ignored it.

They also thought the 60% positive signatures from the property owners was demanding too much from neighborhoods where people work long hours and where volunteers would be collecting the signatures.

The few speakers against the legislation seemed not to understand it or to have petty gripes about it or their neighborhoods.

Harrison West Society Holiday Party



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The Society's goal is to improve our membership by 10 percent over 2006. With 256 members, that means we need to renew everyone and get 25 new members. Sign up your neighbors, get to know the folks across the street, and don't forget those new people who moved in down the block.

Tony Celebrezze is doing a great job as Chair, but he depends on the rest of us to help.

Why the big push to get members? Because the more members the Society has, the better the City treats us. And the more great ideas we have for running the neighborhood.

NEXT MEETING

The Harrison West
Society will meet
Wednesday,
January 17 at 7:00 PM
First Brethren
Church, Third &
Oregon

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Minutes
Energy Savings at Home
Zen Sushi Coming to
You
Fifth Ave. School to Close
FLOW
442 W. Second
Light Looking

HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES

November 15, 2006

as submitted by Jim Slone, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with a quorum of voting members present (10); Vice President Mary Funk presiding.

Routine Business

Minutes Bob Mangia motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Passed.

Treasure's Report Treasure Becky Borlaza reported \$2,917.88 in the checking account, plus what is in savings and CDs.

Old Business and Committee Reports:

President's Report

VP Mary Funk reported that the TIF signatures no longer are needed. The county and city were not aware that we needed them. Without the signatures we will be leaking only 1.5% of the millage or approximately \$10,623 each year.

Budget and Finance Chair Scot Robinson had nothing to report.

Civic Relations/Conservation Chair Jacob Sukosd reported on the Conservation meeting at City Council which was held at the same time as the HWS meeting. There were 11 speakers, three of which were from Harrison West. All but one were in support of the Conservation District. Many of the neighborhoods wanted to be one of the two neighborhoods chosen for the pilot. To be eligible to become a Conservation District 60% of the residents need to respond and 60% of those responding need to be a positive response.

Constitution and By Laws Chair Chris Ruder reported that he is in the process of setting up a meeting in January.

Elections Committee VP Mary Funk stated the need to elect a replacement for the Office of Secretary. She stated that Jim Slone would like to be considered for the position. Mary asked if any one else would like to be considered. No one else stepped forward. Chris Ruder nominated Jim Slone to be the next Secretary; Passed. Mary said that she would notify Rob Harris to update the letterhead with Jim's information.

Parks Chair Bob Mangia reported fall cleaning was progressing. If anyone is interested in helping with the clean up please contact Bob. The Side-by-Side park is almost done.

P&D Chair Jacob Sukosd reported that the BZA just got the lot on Michigan. Current review showed no problems for HWS but P&D will keep an eye on it. The Executive Committee met with the owners of 422-424 W. 2nd Ave. There is currently a single family home and an undeveloped lot at this address. The owners are proposing a three-story 52-foot brick building without porches or gables to be sold as

three condos. (See the article in last month's *HWS News* for a picture.) Each unit will have a single car garage as part of the first floor along with an "office" and an external surface lot parking space in the rear of the property. The immediate objections at the Executive Committee meeting were that the scale was wrong for the street and the combining of the lots would require an exception from the zoning that HWS worked hard to put in place. The owners were asked for a follow-up proposal.

VP Mary Funk suggested that we send a letter to the BZA to note our concerns regarding the R3Z zoning, demolition of the current home, and combining of the two lots into one. Pastor Morris motioned authorizing HWS to send a letter to the BZA if after reviewing the owners second proposal it is needed; Passed.

Social Acting Chair Sandy Woolard reported that the Holiday Party is set for December 20. Deadline for RSVP is December 15. The Holiday Party will be held at Victorian Midnight Café which will be reserved just for us. Gil Borlaza had talked to Bob Mangia about passing a sign up sheet for door prizes. Sandy also requested help in contacting businesses to donate door prizes. Food last year was paid for by Mark Wagenbrenner. Food this year will be humus, pita bread, chips, and small sandwiches. Bring a side dish. The back patio will be available for smokers. Parking is available at the Fifth Ave. Elementary School. Chris Ruder motioned to allow HWS to pay up to \$500 toward expenses for the party; Passed.

Crime Officer Steve Smith reported 3 car thefts (1 was an attempt), 4 burglaries (1 was new construction), 3 malicious destruction, 1 misdemeanor theft (downspout), and 1 theft from auto. He also reported that the police are proposing a new law for junk dealers similar to the law for pawn dealers. The proposed law would require junk dealers to record the name and address of anyone they believe is trying to sell property that appears to be new. VP Mary Funk asked what the coverage would be for our neighborhood during the OSU v. Michigan game. Office Smith stated that a lot of the force would be at the stadium or in the OSU area for crowd control. Response in our area would be limited to high priority call only. Scot Robinson motioned to have HWS pay \$200 for food for the officers for Friday evening; Passed.

ADAMH didn't show so they will be rescheduled for another meeting in the near future.

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New Business & Announcements:

HWS Meeting Date The Holiday Potluck will be held in lieu of the December 20 meeting. The next meeting will be January 17, 7 PM at the First Brethren Church. **Executive Committee** will meet Wednesday, December 6, 6 PM, First Brethren Church.

Adjournment Jacob Sukosd motioned to adjourn at 8:30 PM; Passed. Meeting adjourned.

Fifth Avenue Elementary to Close

The Columbus Public Schools, through its Facilities Master Plan Revision Committee, currently is considering closing Fifth Avenue Alternative Elementary for International Studies on Forsythe Avenue. Fifth Avenue Alternative Elementary School is the neighborhood elementary school for all of Harrison West.

The school board will be presented with recommendations for closing schools at their meeting on December 19.

If you are concerned about the closing of our neighborhood elementary school, please contact members of the Columbus Public Schools Board of Education and indicate your support for keeping Fifth Avenue Elementary open.

Contact information for the school board members can be found at Columbus Public Schools website www.columbus.k12.oh.us/.

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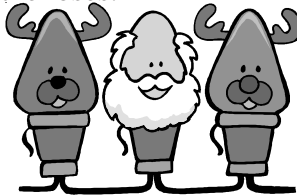
Non-Harrison West Resident (non-voting) \$10

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Get Out of the House and Look at the Lights

Harrison West is lighting up the night with all the holiday lights neighbors are stringing. Check out the always-fantastic house on Second and Harrison. Michigan down near First is bright enough to land a 747. Perry has some lovely lights, too. Even Pennsylvania near First, long a dark hole at the holidays, is getting in the mood.

It's the holidays. Take some time to admire the lights, since you can't smell the roses.



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442 West Second Plans Don't Meet Harrison West Standards

The P&D committee met with the owner of 422-424 W. Second to discuss redevelopment plans for the double lot that he recently purchased.

The owner is proposing to demo the current single family home and build a 3 family, brick building that would fill both lots. The proposal includes parking for both cars.

The P&D committee made many recommendations as the proposal was not well received.

First, the neighborhood is against demolition of historic buildings, and even the worst of the worst have been renovated in HW.

Second, the Harrison West plan strictly prohibits the combination of lots to build multifamily homes. This development would also go against the down zoning that the neighborhood worked for to prohibit 3 and 4 family homes, and restrict the neighborhood to 1 and 2 family.

Also, the building massing does not fit with the neighboring

homes. The structure would be 50 wide and 35 feet tall, with a full three stories of living space.

The P&D committee suggested renovating the current home and building a single or two family on the vacant lot. The P&D will continue to work with the developer to insure a product that will serve the neighborhood for the next 100 years.



Keeping Sidewalks Clear Is Not Just Attractive -- It's Safer, Too

Everyone is so busy now that it's easy to forget to rake up the last of the leaves from the sidewalk and curb. But those leaves will make it harder to shovel the snow and melt the ice that will be coming. Besides, you'll track them into the house.

While you're at it, be sure to remove the hose from the outside bibs — it's not enough just to turn off the water.

Not too late to get a can of "Good Stuff" to fill leaky places in the foundation and around windows.

Checking the furnace is a good idea, and be sure to replace that filter.

A fire in the fireplace makes it toasty, but is your chimney clear?

Now's also a good time to lubricate the moving parts of your garage door with WD 40.

Clean the gutters.

It's all stuff that needs to be done before you can settle down and enjoy your holiday season.

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FLOW Gets Grant for 5th Avenue Dam Study

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New meeting time is 7 PM.

Resolution: Start Saving Energy

By Gilbert Borlaza

Homeowners often assume that implementing a household energy saving plan requires a significant investment. It is true that a single compact fluorescent (CF) light bulb costs more than a standard incandescent bulb. But whereas an incandescent bulb may last for 500 to 2000 hours, typical CF bulbs can last up to 8000 hours. A goal to start saving energy must be viewed as a long-term plan.

Installing CF bulbs throughout your home is a simple way to begin a household energy-saving plan. Start by putting CF bulbs in the four most frequently used light fixtures in your home. The Earth Day Network (www.earthday.net) states that this simple act can prevent the emission of 5,000 pounds of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. Through this small change in your home, you can make a significant impact to the environment.

In addition to their increased lifespan, CF bulbs will also save you money throughout their useful life. To generate the light output comparable to a standard 60-watt bulb, a CF bulb only consumes 15 watts. Over 8000 hours, the cost to operate a standard 60-watt bulb is approximately \$48, whereas the operating cost of a CF bulb is closer to \$12. Consider your potential savings if you replace four or more bulbs in your home.

CF bulbs can be used in almost all applications that use an incandescent bulb, though frequent switching on and off may reduce their lifespan. As such, they are



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best used in fixtures that are on for longer periods of time, such as a family room or foyer. I installed a CF bulb in my porch light, which is turned on for several hours each evening. I also installed CF bulbs in nearly every ceiling fixture.

According to the Earth Day Network, "If every household in the U.S. replaced one light bulb with a

CF [bulb], it would prevent enough pollution to equal removing one million cars from the road."

Start doing your part today and make a new year's resolution to conserve energy. In addition to saving the environment, you'll also save money.

Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Zen Sushi

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Since we had a baby with us, the owner and his wife were especially attentive, because they have a baby, too. So did our server. So did the people in the booth behind us. Does this say something about the restaurant or about the Short North, do you think?

(And no, the baby did not eat sushi. I fed her formula. Yuk! I can attest that babies do not have taste buds. However, in my family we start all the kids on sushi as soon as they begin eating

solid food, so it won't be long.)

Don't miss the seasoned mini octopus, which come wrapped in rice and nori, with their little red tentacles sticking up in the air.

Service is leisurely, since you basically serve yourself from the conveyor belt. We noticed people lingering over piles of empty plates and empty beer bottles. It's very casual and friendly.

Here's good news! Jimmy, the owner, promised that he is beginning delivery through the area shortly. That means you can

call Zen at 222-1000, order your favorite sushi, and have it delivered fresh to your door!

By all means, go to Zen Sushi. It's one of the perks of living here in the best part of town.

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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Zen Sushi

by Veda Gilp

Had a delightful evening with my family, including the new granddaughter, at the new Zen Sushi restaurant at 505 North High next to the Hampton Inn. The Abbracci valet parkers very kindly parked our car, too.

Zen is beautiful in light woods, neon green, and black. It's draw is threefold even if you don't count the easy parking:

1. Sushi is really fresh and good.
2. Prices are very reasonable, especially for the Short North.
3. The sushi comes to you on a conveyor belt, so you choose what you want and grab it as it comes by.

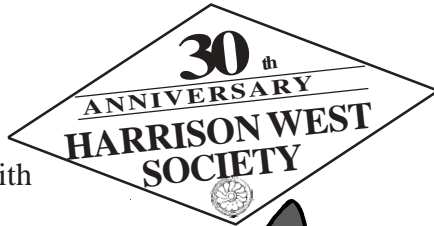
We had a great time matching the menu pictures and descriptions with the plates whizzing by. Blue plates are \$2, red plates are \$3, and black plates are \$4. When you're finished, the server counts the plates and bowls on the table and hands you the bill, just like in Tokyo.

You also can order off a full menu of tempura, salads, sashimi, Bento, rice bowls, grilled things, satay and noodles.

I had salmon, shrimp, octopus, tuna, lobster salad (really good), and tempura sushi. I also ordered salmon and tuna sashimi off the menu.

My kids and niece pronounced their miso soup extra good. I thought my gyozas would have been better steamed rather than fried, but they don't have the facilities for steaming at this time. The filling was excellent, though.

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