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Research and Technology Corridor Unveiled

by Scott Varner, legislative aide for City Council member Mary Jo Hudson

With hopes of double the number of high-paying high-technology jobs in the heart of the city, Columbus City Council recently unveiled plans for the 315 Research and Technology Corridor.

The Corridor, which stretches along Route 315 from Riverside Hospital to the north to the Center of Science and Industry (COSI) to the south, is a collaborative vision shared among government, academic, and business interests in Central Ohio. This area comprises more than 10,000 acres – the largest Research & Technology Park in the country.

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Our Future: Innovative Leadership and Community Involvement

Rob Harris

President of the Harrison West Society



Harrison West is located in one of the most sought-after locations in Franklin County. Directly north of the downtown area and within walking distance of the vibrant Arena District, the community is nestled comfortably between Victorian Village and the Olentangy River. According

to the recently released plans for the 315 Technology Corridor, this community will be an integral part of the tech-oriented growth in the future. How lucky we are that the geographic location of our neighborhood has given us both a desirable place to live and a nurturing ground for new business and building projects.

While our neighborhood's core strength has been built on the hard work of individuals over the past thirty years, our future will rely on innovative leadership and community involvement. As president of the Harrison West Society I intend to work with our current membership and the community to guide the society toward future growth. To implement that plan, our focus for the coming year will be to increase the connectivity between the membership base and the leaders of the Harrison West Society.

Last year we structured the Executive Committee in such a way that officers and committee chairs could meet as equals to discuss suggestions for future action. We will continue to fine-tune this interaction to more fully address the concerns and needs of the community this year. It is my personal wish that all members of the society and all residents of this neighborhood will become more involved so that the Harrison West Society can truly be the voice of the community.

We have submitted our Tax Increment Finance stream for bonding. The proceeds from the bonds will be used for the purchase and development of a new riverfront park, which will be our cooperative extension of the Riverfront Vision Plan implemented by the City of Columbus. In addition, the City has earmarked the million-dollar balance from the sale of Gowdy Field for other community parkland acquisition in Harrison West.

Add to this the many social events, variance requests, and community meetings, and we will have a busy and productive year. I am thankful that we are growing, with nearly 200 members.

As the newly-elected president of the Harrison West Society, I want to thank each of my neighbors for the support and involvement they have given to the Society over the past years. I encourage those of you who do not currently participate to join us in fostering a vibrant community here in Harrison West.



**Next Meeting:
Wednesday,
June 21**

Liquor Option

Council Historic Neighborhoods Presentation

Area Commission

Audit

Garden Tour Wrap-up

Block Party

NEXT MEETING

**The Harrison West Society will meet
Wednesday,
June 21 at 7:00 PM
First Brethren Church, Third & Oregon**

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HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES

May 17, 2006

Submitted by Veda Gilp, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM with a quorum of voting members present (32); President Mary Funk presiding.

Routine Business

Minutes Jim Slone motioned to approve the minutes with the following amendments: that the sentence "Veda Gilp observed that if Mary Funk is elected this year, it will be her seventh term as either President or Vice President of the Society, and that it would strengthen the Society if others began to fill those positions" and the sentence "Bob Mangia pointed out that HWEC support of a slate could send the message that no one else need even try to run for an elected position" be removed because they hadn't been said at the last meeting. In addition, Craig Copeland wanted a budget for all HWS parks, rather than simply \$500 for Vermont Place; Passed.

Treasurer's Report Treasurer Tom Maxwell reported a balance of \$5957, with current bills paid.

Old Business and Committee Reports:

President's Report President Mary Funk brought up a newsletter review process so the officers have better control of the material in the Harrison West News. Chris Ruder motioned to move the discussion to the Executive Committee; Passed.

President Funk reported on the issue of beer sales at Cafe Apropos, raising the question if the Society wants to oppose the beer license. Cafe Apropos owner Anton Wood asked for the Society's support, saying that he needed the income from beer and wine by the glass sales. After discussion focusing on parking and the difficulties the neighborhood has had with bars in the past, Debby Colvin motioned that the Society neither support nor object to the issue; Failed. After more discussion, Veda Gilp motioned to support the issue with City Council; Failed. After more discussion, Jacob Sukosd motioned to oppose the issue with City Council; Failed.

Audit Report Chair Chris Ruder presented the audit of the Treasurer's books, reporting everything in order.

Civic Relations Chair Pastor Richard Morris had no report.

Communications Committee Chair Stephanie Tresso was not present; sent a copy of a brochure for review.

Community Housing VP Harris had no report.

Conservation Committee Chair Seth Rothey reported that the City approved the revised conservation district wording on May 5, though he has not yet seen a copy, and that Mary Funk was to get him the City's CD-ROM on the Conservation District.

Elections Committee Chair Rick Kobee reported that the slate of officers was Rob Harris for President, Mary Funk for Vice President, Barbara Kobee for Secretary, Becky Borlaza for Treasurer. Bob Mangia nominated Debby Colvin for Vice President.

Membership Report Chair Tony Celebrezze reported 184 members.

Parks Committee Co-Chair Debby Colvin reported that the Garden Tour will be June 11, and will consist of fix gardens, all on Fourth, plus Side by Side Park. She asked that if anyone wanted to put their garden on the Tour, they contact her within the week. Co-Chair Bob Mangia reported that the Side by Side sculptures are lit now.

Planning and Development Chair Jacob Sukosd presented the Second and Perry lot split for discussion. Jim Slone motioned that the P&D Committee deal with the issues discussed and send a letter to the City that the Society has issues with the plans; Passed.

Social Tim Bledsoe reports that plans for the Block Party, July 21st from 6 to 10 PM in front of his house at 358 West Fourth are proceeding. There will be surprises, he promises.

Traffic Chair Craig Copeland reported on the Tech Corridor and that City Council has recognized that Harrison West needs to have a place at the table. Copeland suggested expanding the Harrison West boundaries across the river to the railroad tracks from Third to Fifth Avenues. Will meet with the new North Grandview Area Commission to discuss this issue.

Crime Report Community Liaison Officer Steve Smith reported 1 stolen car, 2 burglaries, 2 malicious destructions, 2 theft from auto, 1 kidnapping last month.

New Business and Announcements

Elections Rick Kobee asked Debby Colvin to explain why she wants to be VP. Chris Ruder motioned that the Secretary, Treasurer, and President running unopposed be elected by acclimation; Passed. The vote for VP was taken. Mary Funk 16; Debby Colvin 10.

Rob Harris reported that a letter was sent to SNNF regarding their acceptance of Steven Cross as the Harrison West Representative. Bob Mangia reminded the group of the North Market Apron Gala May 20, tickets are \$75. Executive Committee will meet Monday, May 22, 2006, 6 PM.

The Harrison West Society will meet June 21, 2006 at 7 PM.

Adjourned at 8:45 PM.

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Cafe Corner, Third and Pennsylvania, in addition to sandwiches both hot and cold, stocks a freezer full of ice cream bars such as Whole Fruit bars, Dove bars, real Drumsticks, Butterfingers, Nestle Crunch bars, Starbucks Mudd Pies and Toll House Cookie bars.

Cafe Apropos, Third and Michigan, not only roasts its own coffee, its paninis are delicious. Plus, their freezer is full of the famous Mackinaw Island ice cream by the scoop. Soon, they'll have a beer license, too.

Zeno's at Third and Pennsylvania and B. Hampton's at Third and Harrison are neighborhood bars with the usual bar food.

Subway, at Third and Harrison, also offers cold drinks and sandwiches.

Harrison West Summer Block Party July 21

The annual block party is coming and we will be celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Harrison West Society. It is being held on West Fourth Avenue between Pennsylvania Avenue and the eastern most alley. The event will be from 6-10 PM. Please bring a side dish to share with your neighbors. The Society will be providing games, soft drinks, burgers, brats, and condiments. Later we will have trivia questions for prizes. So come and meet old friends and make some new ones.



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It is home to the ninth largest public research university in the country, over 50,000 jobs, more than 1 billion dollars annually in research grants, an internationally prominent research institution and four major hospital systems including one of the leading pediatric institutions in the nation.

It's also situated next to great neighborhoods, including Harrison West. The 315 Research and Technology Corridor is perhaps the best-kept secret in America.

The City's efforts to date on this project have included:

- Initiated and championed City efforts to establish a high-tech research corridor along State Route 315 to fuel new job growth in this important high-paying job sector. Council has led the partnership effort, calling on the Chamber, Battelle, and OSU, among others.

In 2005, Council allocated \$138,000 of its set-aside \$2 million Jobs Growth fund to support planning efforts.

- Council allocated another \$100,000 of these funds to support the Entrepreneurial Steering Committee efforts to support high-tech start-ups. Called for accelerated capital investment to the SciTech Campus to accommodate job growth. Council allocated \$350,000 for an improved waterline in December, 2005.

- Established a Port Authority with Franklin County to help create new jobs in the corridor.

Housing is also a key component in this Corridor, as these high-tech companies look for safe, walkable communities located near their businesses. More details about the 315 Research and Technology Corridor will soon be released at www.columbuscitycouncil.org.



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Spinelli's New Summer salads include the Grilled Chicken Fruit Salad with greens, pineapple, mandarin oranges, strawberries, pecans and grilled chicken strips and a new Cobb salad of greens, tomatoes, cucumbers, avocado, Bleu cheese, bacon, hard boiled egg with Chardonnay Mango Dressing.

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Harrison West Garden Tour Wonderful Success

More than 200 people turned out for the Harrison West Garden Tour, making it one of the most successful Tours ever.

Visitors loved the gardens and the neighborhood, saying, "I didn't know how lovely this neighborhood was." Perhaps Harrison West should run its own House and Garden Tour.

Parks Co-Chair Debby Colvin deserves heaps of praise for putting the Tour together. The Tour booklet she and Veda Gilp created provided Tour visitors a guide while giving local businesses a forum to reach new customers. It also made a profit of more than \$1,000.



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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at China Dynasty

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It was a miniature loaf of white bread which had been steamed. Not even the duck sauce could save it.

Debby ordered, at my urging, the twice fried pork with cabbage. The sauce was ok, the cabbage was ok, but the pork was slightly "off" flavored so that she definitely didn't enjoy it.

I've had this before, and it was worth eating. It must truly have been a dad day at China Dynasty.

Jerry's Hunan Beef was a winner, loaded with tender bites of steak and crispy broccoli and

vegetables in a spicy, savory sauce.

My Szechwan string beans and tofu stir fried with minced pork, dry shrimp and preserved vegetables was outstanding. The fingers of tofu tasted of the sauce and the hot peppers which give the dish its heat. The green beans were still crispy, and redolent of garlic and hot peppers. I think this is one of the best dishes on China Dynasty's menu.

On other visits I've had the orange chicken sauteed with orange peel, which is very good, also.

Chicken with vegetables is tender sliced breast meat in tender vegetables in a light, delicate white sauce which enhances the vegetables.

The Sunday Buffet is very well attended every Sunday. At only \$13, it's a real meal deal, featuring

Of course, dessert isn't big with Chinese, and we were afraid any dessert would feature more of the steamed Wonder bread, so we went across the street to Graeters for ice cream with giant chocolate chips.

China Dynasty, 486-7126, Shops on Lane, east end near Wild Oats, open 11 to 10:30 PM. Carry out available.

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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at China Dynasty

by Veda Gilp

Debby and Jerry Colvin and I dined at China Dynasty at the Shops on Lane last week.

In some ways, this is one of the better Pan Asian Chinese restaurants in the city. The Grumpy Gourmet says so.

However, someone needs to keep reminding the servers and the cooks about what makes a "better" restaurant.

It's intimate, quiet, and comfortable. You can carry on a conversation without shouting. It's pretty and as serene as such a large restaurant can be.

BUT ... some of the servers have forgotten about service. Our server was such a one. My plastic coated menu smelled sour, as if someone had wiped it with a very smelly, not too clean dishcloth. When I mentioned that the aroma was very off-putting, the server sneered at me. As sneers go, it wasn't top of the line, but it was a definite sneer. He took a while coming back for our orders, too.

We were feeling adventurous, so we skipped the egg rolls, spare-ribs and dumplings in favor of crab rangoon and Silver Roll.

They forgot to put the crab in the rangoon, so it turned out to be cream cheese in a deep fried won ton skin. OK, but not as advertised. And at \$3.95, definitely overpriced.

The Silver Roll, however was surprising. What would you expect if you ordered "slightly sweet steamed threads of pastry dough"?

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