

NEXT MEETING **Thursday, 11 August, 7 p.m.**

- Scheduled speakers: Officer Terrie Price, Suzanne Gallagher
- Discussion to include acquiring and planting street trees

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Lawman wins back neighborhood for some North Side homeowners

By **ErinMarie Medick**
Dispatch Police Reporter

IN TWO MONTHS, TERRIE PRICE has accomplished what some North Side homeowners thought was impossible. He has given them back their neighborhood.

In April, a group of Harrison West homeowners hired Price, a Columbus police officer, to work special duty patrolling their neighborhood.

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years ago."**

It was a last resort. The residents needed help to combat problems stemming from some of the patrons of Zeno's, on the corner

of West Third and Pennsylvania Avenues.

The bar, which opened 10 years ago, has been popular the past several years with people in their mid-to-late 20s and Ohio State University students who want to escape the overcrowded campus bars. Its popularity has not only bothered residents of the area but also Columbus fire officials.

Zeno's, which recently increased its occupancy from 115 to 203, has been cited by fire officials five times for overcrowding since December.

Residents in the neighborhood west of Victorian Village say bar patrons for years have parked in their permit parking spaces, urinated and thrown beer bottles in their yards,

screamed profanities and drank and had sex in cars.

"It was crazy," said Mary Funk, who lives on Pennsylvania Avenue, just four houses down from Zeno's. "But Terrie has brought things under control. It seems like a neighborhood now. We should have done this eight years ago."

Price patrols the area of Pennsylvania Avenue, from 2nd to 4th avenues, and 4th and Harrison avenues from about 10:30 p.m. to 3 a.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

He also stops in the neighborhood on and off at other times to check for problems.

"It's sad that the community had to resort to something like this," said Price, a 16-year veteran of the division, who works as a motorcycle officer assigned to the traffic unit. "It's not the bar's fault. But many of their patrons think that because it's not their neighborhood, they don't need to care."

Price said it is not just the alcohol that makes some of the people act up. "It's the mentality of some people," he said. "There is a blatant disrespect for others."

Funk said it was a night last winter when she decided something had to be done.

"My hand was broken and in a cast and I went to park in front of my house to take groceries in. But there was no place to park. It was really aggravating, so I just double-parked to take in my groceries."

As Funk carried her things inside, a man who had just left the bar came up, spit on her and shouted profanities at her.

"That was the last straw," she said. "Your house and property is the single largest investment of your life. No one would want their family to live on a street like this."

Funk called Price for help.

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STATEMENT SUBMITTED BY ZENO'S MANAGEMENT

"Zeno's operates in good faith"

In the July 1994 issue of *Harrison West News*, HWS President Craig Copeland was quoted as saying that "Zeno's capacity had gone from 115 to 205 people and that it could exceed 300 if the adjacent house, which is owned by one of the principals in Zeno's and his wife, is torn down for parking. Review by HWS would be un-

necessary." This could not be further from the truth. Zeno's owners, Dick Allen and Chris Miller, questioned where this information had come from, since no one had talked to them. Both Allen and Miller were in attendance at the Society's 7 July 1994 meeting.

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Harrison West Society Minutes for 7 July 1994

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO order at 7:04 p.m., by President Craig Copeland, at First Brethren Church, 473 West 3rd Avenue.

Introduction. Craig announced that Pete Strimer, of the Battelle Permit Opposition Committee (BPOC), would be speaking later about the Committee's work.

Discussion. Craig discussed the status of the Moretti's Poultry situation. According to the City Attorney's office, currently there is a criminal charge (third degree misdemeanor) pending with the Environmental Court concerning the use of the trailer located next to Moretti's building.

The City Attorney's office has also stated that Mr. Moretti wants to compromise by removing the trailer and erecting a decorative fence around and on top of that area. He would then park his trucks in that area. Mr. Moretti feels that he needs the top fence to protect the vehicles

from vandals. Volunteers were solicited to attend the court hearing and to function as liaisons to the various agencies that are involved in the Moretti's matter. Craig pointed out that Moretti's would need a Certificate of Appropriateness for future moves if the Historical Resources Commission option is passed by Harrison West property owners.

Craig spoke about the payment of legal fees to Attorney Mike Zatezalo. A motion was passed that \$100 of the bill be paid if Mr. Zatezalo will give us a written bill detailing the fees remaining to be paid.

Treasurer's report. John Cowan reported that the treasury contains a total of \$697.58, of which \$340.00 is earmarked for legal fee payments. A motion was passed to pay newsletter expenses of \$115.00.

Secretary's report. A motion was passed approving the minutes as they appeared in the July 1994 newsletter.

More discussion. Craig introduced Dwight Phelps, the new editor of the *Harrison West News* and complimented his work on the July issue.

BPOC presentation. Pete Strimer, pastor of Third Avenue Community Church and one of the leaders of the BPOC, spoke about the Committee's work. He pointed out that Battelle's current hazardous waste permit allows for disposal of 500 gallons (10 barrels) and that the application now on the table calls for 10,000 gallons. Also, the list of permitted chemicals goes from 88 in number to 396. The latter total includes some highly radioactive materials. The planned permit is illegal

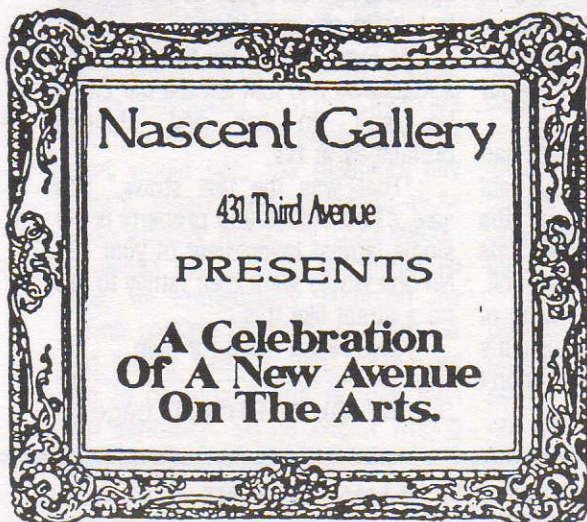
because the site is in a 100-year flood plain. He feels that even old permit levels are hazardous. The Committee's goals are to have Battelle use its money and resources to develop renewable resources. This would send a clear message across the country for similar projects. One of the recent victories by the Committee is a letter from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to the Ohio EPA stating that the method for determining whether the planned permit is acceptable is illegal. Also, problems have been pointed out by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and by an internal Battelle memorandum. (Craig pointed out that a copy of the planned permit is available for review at the Northside public library.)

Finally, Pete spoke about the crime prevention forum that will be held at Third Avenue Community Church in conjunction with the Church's Short Stop Teen Center and the Short North Business Association, on 6 August 1994, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Even more discussion. Robert Haverkamp spoke about the need of Harrison West residents to work together to stop crime problems.

Chris Miller and Dick Allen, co-owners of Zeno's, spoke about recent discussions about Zeno's. In response to the minutes contained in the July *Harrison West News*, Chris said that Zeno's capacity is now 203 and that, for the record, there is no reason and there are absolutely no plans to increase the capacity from that total. Chris asked from where the information concerning the increased capacity had come. Craig responded that he had received it from a City official. Chris said that there has been no talk between the owners to tear down the house adjacent to Zeno's and that it would make no sense to do so because only six to eight parking spaces would be created. He pointed out that not citations have been issued against Zeno's despite checks by the ODLIC.¹

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Collector's Night Opening

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July minutes

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He also pointed out that they have made tremendous strides in their efforts to control off-site problems, a fact with which every agrees from The Columbus Dispatch to Officer Terrie Price.

Dick said that there was no truth to the rumor that sidewalk sales were going on and that if anyone has proof of same they should produce it.

Finally, Chris thanked the Society for allowing him the chance to speak and pointed out that Zeno's supported his family and, therefore, it was a personal issue with him.

Craig invited Chris and Dick to submit an article to the Harrison West News if they thought it would be appropriate and they accepted.

Craig announced that a Subway shop is going in on Third Avenue next to Culpepper's in August.

Robert Haverkamp asked Craig about the status of the residence on Perry that had been cited previously. Craig told him that he would provide him with the telephone numbers so that he could follow up on the issue.

Pastor Morris pointed out that beginning on 23 July and continuing on the Saturdays thereafter, he could use volunteers to help with painting the exterior of the First Brethren Church.

A motion was passed to suspend the next week's planning meeting.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m. by President Copeland. ♦

1. Ohio Department of Liquor Control

\$4,900 grant awarded

Perseverance by the Pennsylvania Neighborhood Coalition has been rewarded. The Alliance for Cooperative Justice has awarded \$4,900 to the group for the efforts on behalf of our neighborhood. Congratulations to Mary Funk and her group for helping to make Harrison West a better place to live. ♦

NEW TO VIEW

A Collector's Night Opening

FOR YEARS SHE WORKED TO support her habit. For nearly a decade she begged, borrowed and stole from work, family and relationships. Finally, in the fall of 1992, Suzanne Gallagher, artist, found space. Space to paint and draw and "breathe the artistic breath."

"By accident I stumbled onto raw warehouse space with a tiny storefront in the Short North. I was given the first taste of owning a business, of running a business and living on my art," Ms. Gallagher said. "Then the building was sold."

Having relocated to Harrison West, she was fortunate in meeting Mr. Wilds, the new owner of the old Avenue building on the corner of Michigan and Third Avenues. "I soon started believing in the continuation of a dream," she said.

Nascent is tentatively scheduled to open in early September. This time the studio and gallery will share one space. Eventually, each month a guest artist will be invited to inspire the space further.

Ms. Gallagher said, "My one desire is to grow as an artist. And the only way I know how is to spend the best hours of the day in my studio. I have a product I believe in and now a place to display art year round. With relatively low overhead and wealth equating time to paint, I plan on being uncontrollably successful."

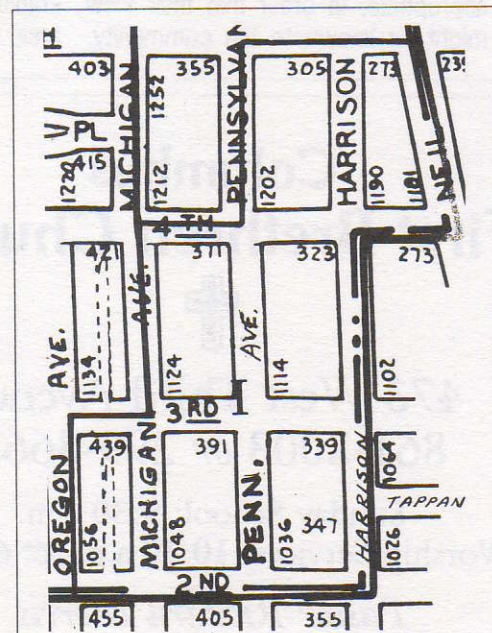
Ms. Gallagher is looking for individuals to invest 12 to 20 dollars to celebrate this new "avenue on the arts." She plans a big thank you on the eve of 8 September 1994, which she is calling *A Collector's Night Opening*, for everyone who purchases a ticket.

She concludes by saying, "I feel Harrison West, with all its raw potential, will be the springboard for many a creative endeavor. I am excited to be settling my home, and now my business, in a vicinity so convenient to Downtown and its booming inner city neighborhoods. I hope I can help with our area's growth and demonstrate continuing community support." ♦

33-1 option may be filed

A proposed liquor option dealing with on-premises consumption of alcohol may be filed by the end of August. Only Zeno's and Da' Cota's would be affected by the option; Culpepper's and Michigan Market would not.

Some residents of this small precinct feel the option is the only way to reestablish the neighborhood as a place to live and raise a family. ♦



Source: Franklin County Board of Elections

From the president CRAIG S. COPELAND

THE PENNSYLVANIA NEIGHBORHOOD Coalition is to be congratulated upon the announcement of the receipt of \$4,900 in grant money from the Alliance for Cooperative Justice. This will supplement the weekly door to door fund raising efforts Mary Funk has made for the last four months to hire Columbus Police Officer Terrie Price.

In the past 120 days Officer Price, patrolling on weekends, has issued 814 parking tickets — greater than 90% for permit parking violations — and more than 359 vehicles have been impounded. He has completed a total of 152 arrests, misdemeanor citations and summons.

Residents of the neighborhood are deeply appreciative of his efforts to bring peace and quiet, and relief from rowdy bar patrons during the late evening and early morning hours of Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Harrison West News is grateful to *The Columbus Dispatch* for granting permission to reprint their 6 June 1994 article profiling Officer Price's efforts on behalf of our neighborhood.

Zeno's owners have responded to an invitation to submit a statement *Harrison West News*, as they felt appropriate, in order that their view might be known to the community.

Their submission takes issue with a hypothetical situation given in the minutes from the 9 June 1994 meeting that was given as a prologue — along with three other local land use, zoning and architectural review issues — before a presentation given by the City of Columbus' Historic Preservation Office.

Since the bar had an occupancy permit for 302 for most of the month of April before the permit was voided, a reasonable question of City officials would appear to be 'how can the owners get from the present 203 back to 302?'

The hypothetical was made in the context of historic preservation because no architectural review process is presently in place for our neighborhood, although *Harrison West* is already listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

A 'Letter to the Editor,' on page 5, highlights the unfortunate situation at Third and Pennsylvania Avenues. These residents must deal with these issues almost every weekend. They have gone to great lengths and personal expense in order to cope with the situation.

They report it has been a considerable burden for the residents of this area to bear, the cost of a police officer, \$22.50 per hours, three nights a week, as well as the chronic property damage.

Sandy Woolard, former *Harrison West Society* president, has volunteered to work on a grant proposal for street trees for our neighborhood.

Many of you will remember her success several years ago in landing a large grant for planting the ornamental pear trees on Third Avenue between Michigan Avenue and the Olentangy River.

Budding arborists with ideas, or those who would like to volunteer to dig holes this fall, should attend this month's meeting — Thursday, 11 August — in order that the size of the project might be determined. ♦

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ANOTHER VIEW FROM 3RD AND PENNSYLVANIA

"Illegal parking...is only part of a problem"

The illegal parking by Zeno's patrons is only part of a problem property owners in our neighborhood have been subjected to for years. Their irresponsible patrons pose a serious health risk to us by frequently urinating, spitting and breaking beer bottles in our yards and on our sidewalks. (I can't walk barefoot or let my small grandchildren play in our grass.)

Their patrons vandalize our homes and property by trespassing, theft, breakage and tossing trash and beer bottles in our yards. (We have repaired our business sign three times in the last six months and are constantly picking up their trash.)

Their drunken patrons yell taunts and obscenities back and forth for hours, (Wednesday through Saturday nights) especially between the early morning hours of 1 and 2 a.m., as they leave the bar. (We had to relocate our bedrooms from the front to

the back of the house and keep our stereo on in an often futile attempt to block out their lewd language.)

There have been numerous bloody fights which spill out onto the sidewalk and street. There have been many occasions when patrons openly engaged in sexual activities, drug use and drinking in illegally parked automobiles and rented limo's.

Until we hired Officer Price, Zeno's management, despite our repeated requests, insisted on opening their front doors each night even though the music was at such a disturbing level we were unable to sleep (even with our windows closed) until the bar closed at 2 a.m. (We had to install expensive central air conditioning because we don't have the option of keeping our windows open on warm nights.)

To the news media, Zeno's management portray themselves

as responsible neighbors, yet in the four years we've owned our home, which is located directly across 3rd Avenue from Zeno's, and before money from our pockets hired Officer Price, they gave us only attitude — they could do as they pleased and the concerns and rights of the hundreds of people in this neighborhood were secondary to their right to conduct business.

I, and other residents, have no doubt that if and when Officer Price moves on, Zeno's management and patrons will continue doing business as usual. That is why we want this disruptive business out of our neighborhood! Not because their patrons, and I quote Channel 6 coverage of our attempt to vote this precinct dry, "take our parking spaces, block our driveways or get a little rowdy sometimes."

Linda and James K. Warren
West 3rd Avenue

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She had met him while he worked special duty at a nearby grocery store.

Price met with some of the homeowners. "He gave us solutions and preventive measures we could take," Funk said. "He said he could put us in touch with officers to work special duty for us. But we were so impressed with his presentation we asked if he would work with us."

Funk said 60 homeowners in Harrison West, a community of about 400 houses, participate in the special duty project. "We are the ones who have been directly affected by the problems," she said.

The homeowners each pay \$5 a week to pay Price. The group applied last week for a grant from the Alliance for Cooperative Justice, which is available from the City to aid communities in crime prevention. The grant would help the residents pay Price's salary and possibly allow hiring another officer to rotate hours.

When Price began patrolling the area, he immediately enforced the permit parking by going into the bar and telling patrons that some cars had to be moved. But no one took him seriously. So he began writing citations. But people threw the park-

ing tickets on the ground, he said. That's when he began impounding the vehicles. "I even warned people that their cars were going to be impounded," he said. "At first they didn't believe their cars would be towed and when it happened it got their attention."

Since then, Price has tallied 35 arrests, 16 citations, 217 impoundments and 471 parking tickets. Now most of his time is spent handling problems of disorderly conduct.



come from people who go to other bars in the area."

Miller said parking in the area always has been a problem. "A lot of people don't know that it's permit-only parking. The signs are not very clear."

Miller said signs have been posted inside the bar informing patrons about parking. "We've also posted a sign asking them to respect our neighbors," Miller said.

Price said, "Our goal is to have peace in the neighborhood and I think we're heading in that direction. The bar has been receptive to working with us." Funk said working with Price has been pleasant. "He has been wonderful to us,"

she said. "And I've met so many of my neighbors. We probably never would have talked if we hadn't banded together."

"It's possible for other neighborhoods to do what we have done." ♦

In good faith

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In fact, the occupancy at Zeno's was 115 under the old architectural plan that existed under the J&J Grill.

Based on the remodeling of the Zeno's building, the occupancy has been upgraded to 203 as of last month. This change in capacity could have been in effect for 10 years, but the owners just recently received the increase based on inquiries from neighbors. Zeno's has been operating well within the occupancy as anyone in the neighborhood would recognize.

Zeno's is continuing to work with neighbors to resolve disagreements and appears to be making headway based on a Channel 6 news piece.

Zeno's has worked to be a good neighbor not only in Harrison West, but in the larger Columbus community as well. Mr. Allen and Mr. Miller have supported such groups as The Godman Guild, Children's Hospital, Muscular Dystrophy, the Police Athletic League and Twig; and has sponsored volunteers for numerous neighborhood cleanups.

Finally, Zeno's has a full time employee who completes a daily trash detail in the immediate area. ♦

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