

Enter Harrison West Holiday Lights Contest -- it's Free & Fun

Inside: Battelle Parking Lot Plans

Society meets Thurs. December 12, 7:30,
at the Godman Guild
Legal Issues Surrounding Code & Law
Enforcement
Coffee and dessert served at 7:30 PM

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"A Neighborhood on the National Register of Historic Places"

Who Has the Best Lights?

Join the Holiday Lights Contest and Find Out!
It's the First Annual Harrison West Neighborhood Holiday Decorations Contest.

Prize getting your decorations pictured on the front page of the January *Harrison West News*.

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Judged after dark December 17, 18, 19 by your peers.

Facing Down the Semis

Why the Society is involved

The Harrison West Society took up the truck traffic issue because it involves more than just one business and more than just one block on one street. Today, the problem is on Third Avenue, but next week the problem could be at your front door. The issue is the health of our neighborhood -- all of it.

Selective Non-enforcement

At the heart of the matter is the fact that the City of Columbus is selectively enforcing (and not enforcing!) the law against certain semi truck activity on residential streets. For example, recently, City Police were seen and photographed stopping traffic so a semi truck could make a delivery to Moretti's Poultry. Though the truck was pulling out of a street clearly marked NO SEMI TRUCK, the officers were facilitating the trucker's convenience at the expense of residents on the street.

Asked if they were going to ticket the truck, they responded "No" and that ticketing was at their discretion! Try that one on the next cop who stops you for a traffic violation!

Clearly, the City has decided to respond to the problem of law-breaking businesses by ignoring neighborhood complaints.

We must set the precedent that Harrison West is a good neighborhood that deserves, demands, and intends to get respect and positive attention from the City of Columbus.

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Riverfront Forum Results

The three Riverfront Commons Forums on the use and development of the Olentangy from Lane Ave. to Rt. 104 gave the RCC Board and Executive Director John Dobie plenty to think about. Contrary to RCC's expectations, the majority of the 700 citizens attending made greenspace, in a linear park setting along the 6-miles of riverfront including Harrison West, their top priority.

The reoccurring themes included a "Capital Park for a Capital City" similar in quality to Central Park, New York and

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Society Sponsors Thanksgiving Diner

Members of the Harrison West Society organized a Thanksgiving potluck at the Fourth Ave. School Senior Center, Sunday, Nov. 30. Kroger's at 7th & High, donated a 21lb. turkey and Battelle Memorial Institute presented a splendidly decorated Holiday tree to the residents of the Senior Center. Mary Funk planned and coordinated the event that included the culinary talents of Mick Bennett, Tim Bledsoe, Craig Copeland, Carol McCabe, Joe Spinelli, and Maddy Weisz. A wonderful afternoon was had by all. Watch the News for an announcement of a springtime potluck.

Harrison West Society Minutes November 14, 1996

SUBMITTED BY: JOSEPH L.
SPINELLI

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Craig Copeland announced that The Short Stop Teen Center is asking for a letter of endorsement from the Harrison West Society for their funding proposal being submitted to the Alliance for Cooperative Justice's Crime Prevention Program. A motion was made by Tom Knapp and seconded by Steve Tway to approve a letter of endorsement. Motion was passed.

A motion was made by Veda Gilp and seconded by Helen Knapp to pay all costs associated with the printing of the Harrison West News.

A motion was made by Tom Knapp and seconded by Steve Tway to pay Mary Funk \$22.00 for her trip made to Cincinnati to research information related to the transfer of the liquor permit from the previous Michigan Market owner to the present one.

Veda Gilp announced that the first annual Christmas House Decorating Contest will be held on December 14, 1996. Anyone interested in entering into the contest needs to contact the Secretary - Joe Spinelli at 294-3637 by this date. The winner will receive a feature of their house on the front cover of the January issue of the Harrison West News.

Veda Gilp announced that the Harrison West newsletter currently is being mailed out to over forty (40) "important people" in Columbus and encourages Harrison West residents to promote membership in order to continue keeping city officials informed on "what's happening in Harrison West!"

Craig Copeland announced that Battelle donated a fully decorated Christmas Tree to the senior citizen building located on 1200 Michigan Avenue. The tree will be displayed in the Community Room.

Mary Funk announced that the Harrison West Society will be sponsoring the Third Annual Turkey Dinner for the senior citizens living at 1200 Michigan Avenue. Kroger has donated the Turkey and residents are invited to bring a covered dish on December 1, 1996 at 4:00 p.m.

Craig Copeland announced that a new coalition has been developed in Columbus called Urban Oasis. This coalition includes Victorian Village, Harrison West, Dennison Place, Franklington, Marion Village, Brewery District, Rivers Unlimited, Council of Historic Neighborhoods, Open Space Alliance and the US Canoe Association. The groups goals are to insure that there is a balance between public park space and commercial development along the designated six (6) mile area along the Scioto and Olentangy River - including Harrison West!

OLD BUSINESS

Craig Copeland announced that the city forester will be planting forty two (42) trees from the grant received by United Way in the next few weeks on Pennsylvania Avenue between West Third and First Avenues. A motion was made by John Cowan and seconded by Tom Knapp to increase the amount of trees to forty three (43) and the balance of the cost to be paid by the Harrison West Society. Motion was passed.

Craig Copeland announced that the benches in the newly renovated Harrison West park have been completely installed. The Columbus Foundation grant covered \$3,300 - which was the majority of the cost involved. A motion was made by Veda Gilp and seconded by Helen Knapp to repay Craig Copeland \$183.88 for the additional cost the Society incurred in installing the benches. Craig announced that the Society would hold a dedication in the park this spring.

Frank Patrizello reported to the Society on the Battelle parking lot being installed on Perry and West Third and Fifth Avenue. He complimented Battelle for the generous amount of shrubbery they will be providing around the lot so that the parking area blends into the neighborhood.

Joe Spinelli discussed the results of the mediation meeting between Morretti's Poultry and Harrison West Society. Joe and Pastor Morris attended the meeting to represent the Society with our attorney Bill Loveland. Moretti's Poultry was represented by Alex Morretti and his attorney Ed Erfurt. The meeting was mediated by the city of Columbus Community Relations Commission. After nearly two hours of discussion, both parties agreed to a resolution. This resolution will be typed by the Community Relations Commission and signed by representatives for both within a few weeks. The resolution will be available at our next meeting for review. For further information on this matter please contact the Secretary - Joe Spinelli at 294-3637 or Pastor Richard Morris at 299-3663.

Motion to adjourn 8:50 p.m.

Facing Down the Semis

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Hiring an attorney is an investment in our future.

The Harrison West Society has hired an attorney. We have been forced to do so because the City Attorney is not eager to pursue law enforcement against Moretti's

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Poultry. They have had years of chances to enforce the laws that would restore a residential character to our neighborhood around Moretti's Poultry, but they have consistently ignored the issue.

If this also seems that we're doing the City Attorney's job for him, we are. You should be asking yourself and your Mayor why our neighborhood has been forced into this position to get the law enforced on our streets!

Riverfront Forum Results

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Grant Park, Chicago; the Whittier Peninsula as a park with a 1,000-ft. setback; creating a river or "riparian" corridor along the river with a 300-ft. setback on each bank before new development is sited; complete the corridor along the river with low-impact, non-motorized trails on both sides.

Riverfront Commons Corp. will be guiding the expenditure of up to \$1 billion in public money and private projects along the riverfront in the next 10 years. The public forums demonstrated a clear demand for better parks and public spaces. The occasional suggestion for asphalt, concrete and neon was "the exception that proved the rule."

Once again, the people of Columbus are way ahead of the City leaders in terms of quality of life issues.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 7PM TO 10PM GOODALE POND AND GAZEBO GOODALE PARK ILLUMINATED

Bring your mittens for a festive walk through Goodale Park when Friends of Goodale Park and Victorian Village Society host an illumination of the Goodale Pond and Gazebo. Saturday night, December 21, donuts and hot drinks will be served at the Gazebo and luminarias will ring the pond in celebration of the holiday season and Goodale Park's central spot in our neighborhood.

The Victorian Gate Apartments courtyard will be lighted to draw people from High Street to the Park, where signs and greeters will welcome everyone to the festivities.

The illumination of Goodale Park will coincide with a special Saturday NightOut in the Short North, with galleries and shops staying open late and freeshuttle busses traveling between the Capital Holiday Lights at the Statehouse and the Short North.

Here's What the Society Did for You:

Pennsylvania Ave. could be renamed Maple Ave. now that Society has planted 42 "Armstrong" red maples along the avenue. The Society, matching an \$800 grant from the United Way contracted for the trees that will, in the fullness of time, match the ones planted about 15 years ago on Pennsylvania, north of Third Ave. One of the Society's long-term goals is to renew the street trees in our historic neighborhood.

Another matter members of the Society have been involved with is a negotiation pro-

cess with the City Community Relations Commission seeking some resolution regarding the lack of code, health and safety enforcement and subsequent adverse impacts upon the neighborhood related to Moretti's Poultry operation. The Society has been working in consultation with an attorney seeking an equitable resolution of these long-standing, unresolved issues.

Interested in becoming a stakeholder in your community? Come to the next Society meeting, December 12, 7:30 PM at the Godman Guild, 321 W. 2nd Ave.

Harrison West Society

Membership Registration

Please complete this form and mail it, along with your appropriate contribution to Joe Spinelli, Secretary, Harrison West Society, 465 Vermont Place, Columbus, Ohio 43201. Membership dues are paid annually.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

Select one: ☐ Individual \$10 ☐ Senior (60 and over) \$5 ☐ Sustaining \$20
☐ Patron (Business) \$25

Word is Out About Harrison West

Mary Funk told the November Harrison West meeting that one of her co-workers was lamenting that he wanted to live in this newly-discovered "hot" neighborhood, but that every time he made an offer on a house, it was already in contract! "What neighborhood?" Mary asked. "Harrison West," he answered. One of the houses he probably was referring to is 1002 Pennsylvania Avenue, which sold in three days to the first couple who looked at it. No price cutting, either, they KNEW they got a deal at \$119,900.



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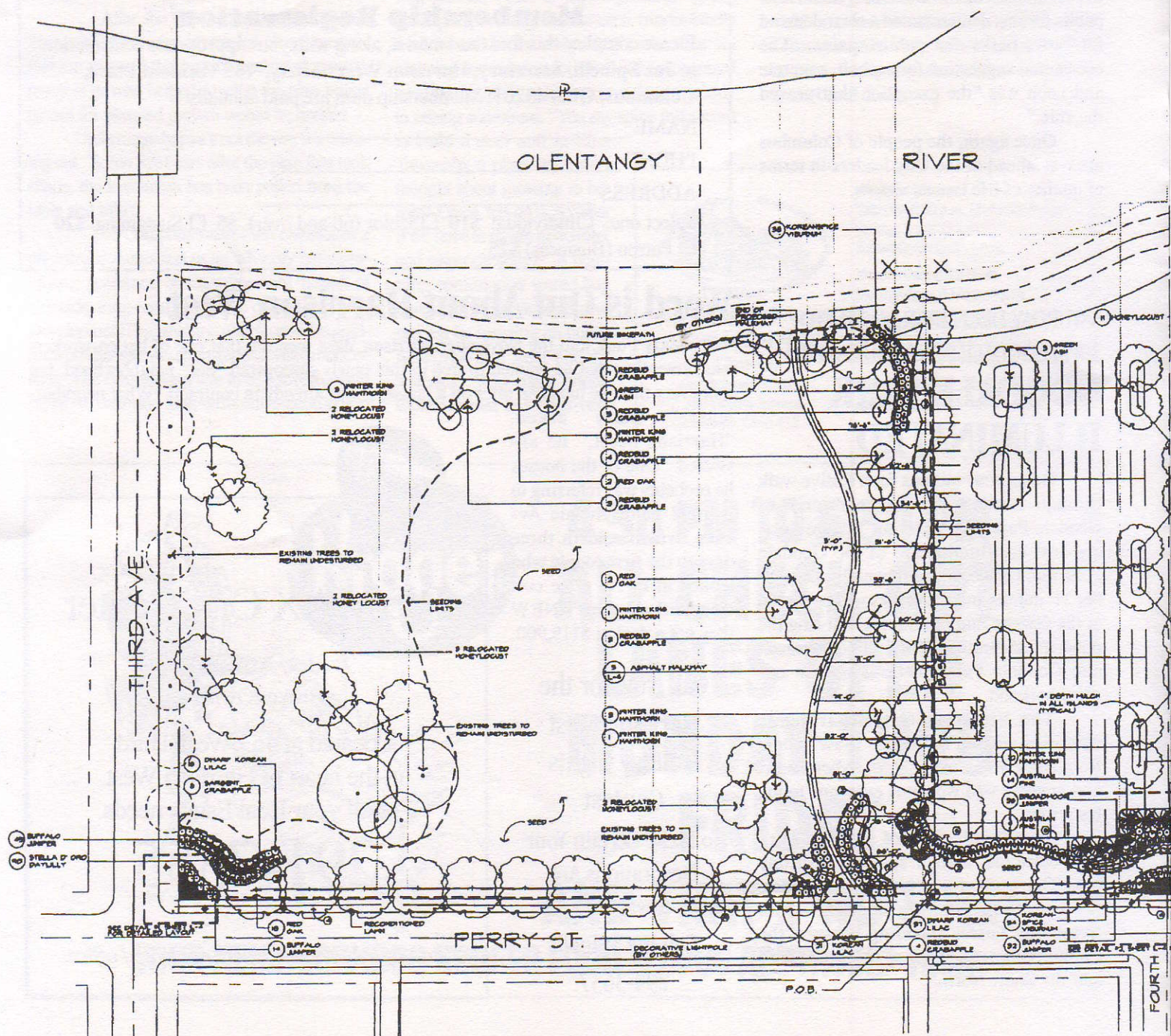
Battelle Parking Lot Plans

Battelle has done a wonderful job with plans for a good looking parking lot on Perry from 5th to 3rd. Along the way, they're putting in mounding to hide the cars from the street sightline, ornamental street and parking lot lighting, and hundreds of trees, bushes, and flowers. The pocket park at 3rd and Perry gets dressed up, too. It's all to be in place by Spring of 1997.

It is worth noting the paved path from Perry St. to the future bikepath along the Olentangy River. These amenities when combined with the plaza details at the eastern end of the new Third Ave. Bridge will make this an exceptionally pleasant setting along the river.

Harrison West Society members, Architects Frank Petruziello and Steve Shinn,

both worked with Battelle and their planners to help shape the final design. Included in some of the aesthetic fine-tuning: they successfully reduced the height of the parking lot light standards from 30-ft to a top height of 20-ft. tall. Battelle's parking lot represents a "Class-A" project that is being executed with a sensitivity for the concerns of the neighborhood.



Battelle's Plant List

Battelle is planning to install the following plants in the parking lot on Perry and the park on Third. Since these are all large, well-grown trees, shrubs and lillies, we can look forward to an attractive spring and summer.

Trees

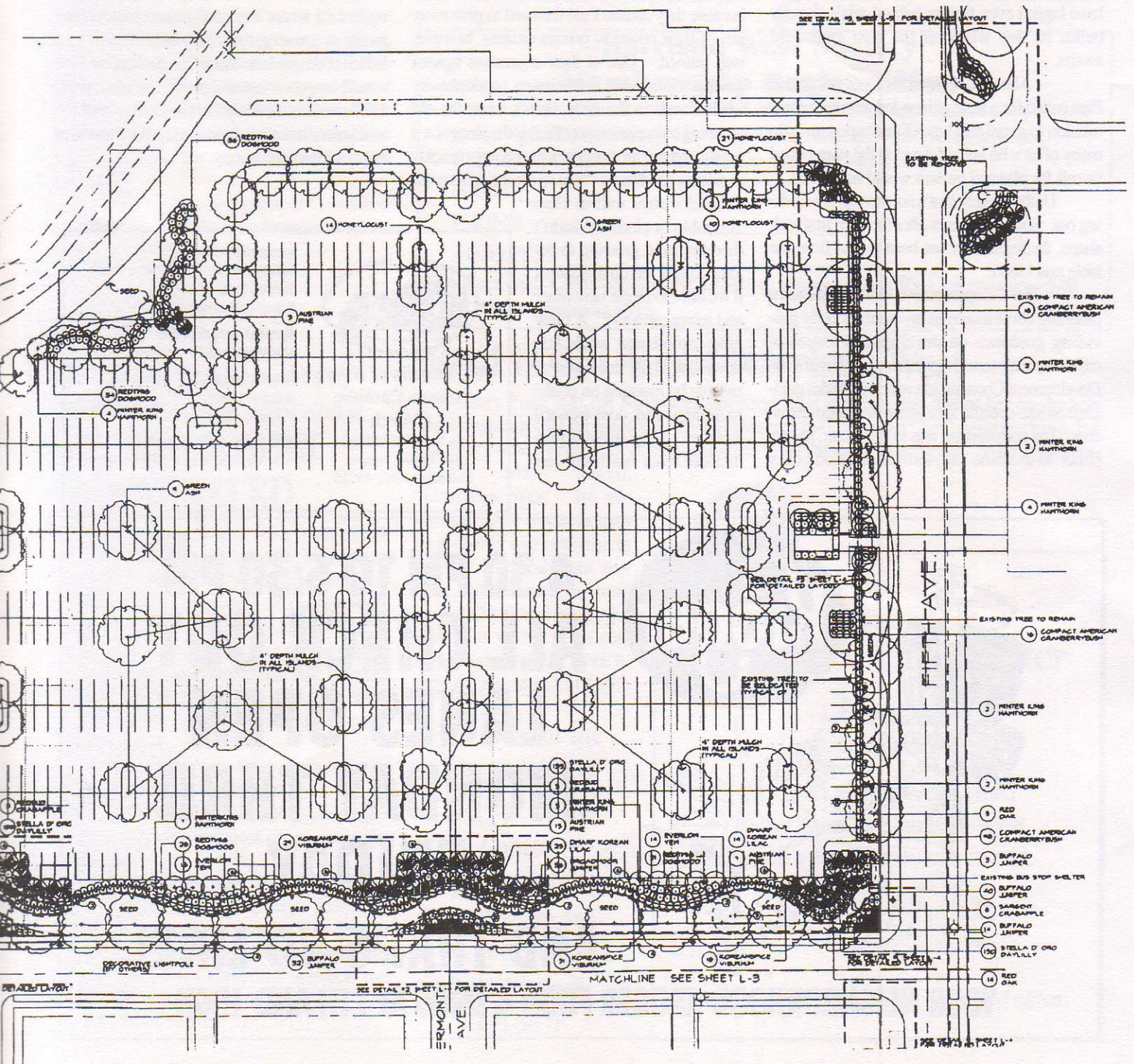
- 41 Red Oak
- 62 Honey Locust
- 30 Green Ash
- 28 Sargent Crabapple
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- 80 Austrian Pine
- 42 Redbud Crabapple

Shrubs

- 72 Broadmoor Juniper
- 179 Korean Spice Viburnum
- 295 Buffalo Juniper
- 222 Dwarf Korean L:ilac
- 117 Redtwig Dogwood
- 125 Compact American Cranberry
- 32 Everlow Yew
- 16 Burning Bush

Perennials/groundcovers

- 760 Stella D'Oro Daylilies



PLANNING COMMISSION UNPLANNED

by Andy Klein

For more than forty years, our city has made growth decisions without a planning commission. The result: an expensive game of "catch up" where suburban sprawl outraces infrastructure development. Sawmill Road is the latest example of what proper planning can avoid. Meanwhile, existing roads, sewers and parks have lagged even further behind while the city builds its way wherever the next greenfield awaits.

After the Columbus Comprehensive Plan called for a new, citizen-led planning commission to avoid this type of uncharted growth, many of us who helped develop the plan hoped its call for planned growth would be heeded.

Unfortunately, that's not the way it's working out. Some five years after the plan first took shape, the legislation has been pulled from the table and killed.

The Comprehensive Plan envisioned a planning commission as an advisory body providing guidance on development issues of citywide, long-term interest to complement the Development Commission which provides guidance on site-specific short-term development issues. The commission was to be a seven person panel to examine long-term annexation policy

and otherwise track implementation of the Comprehensive Plan, area plans and joint planning initiatives. Perhaps most ominously, the panel would have had the power to evaluate the Capital Improvements Program annually and make recommendations regarding its adoption, and make recommendations regarding the long range development ramifications of all new and amended suburban sewer and water service areas.

Senior staff in the administration and at city council agreed to kill the planning commission legislation before it was even introduced because they couldn't see the need to give away any of their power to private citizens, however well trained. One of their arguments against having a planning commission (undoubtedly used as well in the early 1950's when the old planning commission got offed) is the recognized need to streamline government and react quickly to arising conditions. "You say some folks want to build a steel mill in Etna Township, a place we hadn't thought about growing to before? Great, lets do it. So what if we have to create new water and sewer capacity?" A planning commission would bog down the whole development process by insisting on public hearings and cost-benefit analyses. Why make unpredictable what has been very

predictable in the past? Really, it's no wonder the planning commission died aborning.

The next target of the status quo likely will be the zoning code revision, which seems lost in the ozone. Question: who gets hurt by unsnarling a zoning code grown unplanned for almost fifty years? Answer: the keepers of the keys, zoning attorneys and the senior staff at development and city council who grant variances at will. If nobody but a few can understand a thing, that leaves the few with all the power. It's understandable that those who have the power to want to keep it. If I was a developer, or a senior city staff person making my living at growing the city, would I listen to a bunch of do gooders whose Comprehensive Plan would empower amateurs over professionals? Unlike mine, the vision of those who hold the real power remains unclouded by the illusion of citizen-based democracy.



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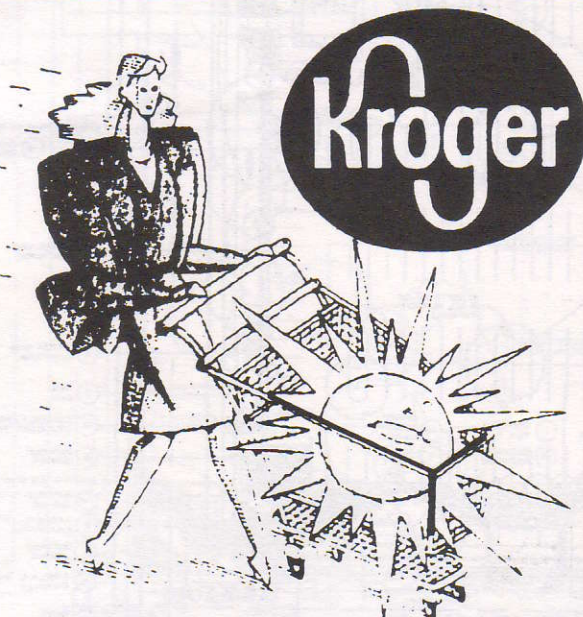
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Victorian architecture has been the subject of many books, but some of the most popular are the books about the "Painted Ladies." Books in the series, by Elizabeth Pomada and Michael Larsen, include *Painted Ladies*, *The Painted Ladies Revisited*, *America's Painted Ladies* and *How to Create Your Own Painted Lady*. The first books in the series were devoted to the beautiful and colorful Victorian homes of San Francisco. Then the authors began hearing from the growing number of homeowners around the country who were creating their own Painted Ladies, Victorian homes painted in three or more contrasting colors, with the intent of drawing attention to their unique and beautiful architectural details. The lovely old homes are made with materials and craftsmanship that are not reproducible today. These books celebrate the joy and satisfaction that come with preserving something priceless for the future.

Another book which will appeal to the Victorian enthusiast is *In the Victorian Style*, by Randolph Delehanty and Richard Sexton. This book traces the development of Victorian architecture, and how it was shaped by its cultural and historical environment. The book is enhanced by period quotations from Victorians themselves, tours the parlors and dining rooms, and explores the rarely seen details of the kitchen, pantry and bathroom.

The Secret Life of Victorian Houses, by Tim Fields and Elan and Susan Zingman-Leith, is about Victorian style — the way Victorians saw it. The book is full of surprising facts about how they really lived and how their lives were shaped by the wrenching changes of the Industrial Revolution. The authors touch upon the changing role of women, the pretensions of the middle class, and the new morality of the Victorian era. We also learn why Victorians loved collecting things, and why — despite all those collections — their houses had so few closets. It gives the reader revealing glimpses of the human impulses behind the wonderful Victorian legacy.

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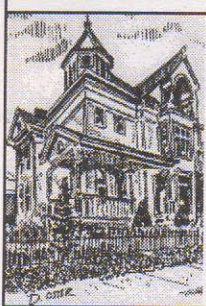
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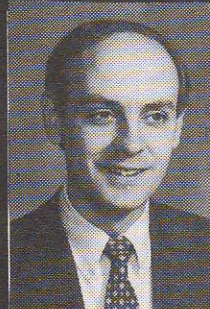
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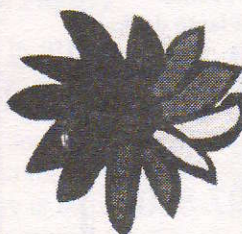
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