

What Does Harrison West Do Now?

What Direction Should Harrison West Take in 1998?

January 8 meeting to explore options and goals.

If ever there was a time for you to make your views known, this is it. Make time for this meeting.

Society meets Thursday, January 8, 7:30 PM at

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Harrison West in 98 and beyond

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The Year in Review

It was a busy and eventful year for Harrison West. Here are the high points of what happened.

◆ The Harrison West Society and President Craig Copeland spent hundreds of hours researching options and then "persuading" the County Engineer to design the Third and King Avenue Bridges in keeping with the historic character of our neighborhood, rather than the freeway bridges originally planned. The resulting \$3.5 million upgrade on



This architect's rendering of the King Avenue Bridge shows the influence of the Harrison West Society on the County Engineer's plans. Originally, this bridge, and the Third Avenue bridge, were to be pre-fab type freeway bridges.

each bridge will add to the property value, beauty and appeal of Harrison West.

◆ The Harrison West Society, Victorian Village Society, the Dennison Place Association and the Columbus Landmarks Foundation requested a Federal Hearing regarding further implementation of the Spring/Sandusky—670 highway project to ameliorate the impact the highway will have on our neighbor-

Harrison West in 1997

hoods. For instance, though Harrison West is entitled to noise remediation structures on I-670 and 315, they were not originally scheduled to be built. It seems that in 1982, the neighborhood didn't have the clout to demand such measures. Today it does.

◆ The Society continued to pressure the City to address Code Enforcement Issues throughout the neighborhood, and not just for residents.

◆ The Harrison West Development Committee requested \$1 million from the Urban Infrastructure Redevelopment Fund for some of the following: new street and alley lighting; traffic calming to route heavy truck traffic out of our neighborhood; purchase land for a large neighborhood park between Third and Fifth Avenues; permanent alley improvements.

◆ Represented the neighborhood's interests with AC Humko to ameliorate Humko's loud, noxious-smelling emissions.

◆ Organized a very successful Alley Clean Up and two River Clean Ups.

◆ Sponsored the Second Annual Holiday Lights Contest in Harrison West, which had the effect of brightening up the whole neighborhood for the holidays.

◆ Persuaded the City to begin scheduled street sweeping in Harrison West.

◆ Rededicated the Harrison West Park, including new benches, landscaping, and fence. Heavy-hitter speakers included City Council President Mike Coleman, Council members Matt Habash and

Richard Sensenbrenner, Columbus Parks and Rec Director Gary Fenton, and Battelle spokesperson Barbara Sills.



Council President Mike Coleman at the Harrison West Park Rededication on August 10. Coleman, who controls much of what the City does to and for Harrison West, was impressed with the progress the neighborhood has made in the last few years.

◆ Worked with Battelle to implement a \$1.3 million upgrade in design and landscaping for their Perry Street parking lot, turning what could have been a suburban-type eyesore into a park-like open space. Even more specifically, the Society persuaded Battelle to eliminate all exits from the parking lot onto Perry Street, thus greatly decreasing the rush hour traffic onto Perry.



HARRISON WEST SOCIETY

MINUTES December 11, 1997

Submitted by: Veda Gilp

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

President Craig Copeland presiding

OLD BUSINESS

The first order of business by President Craig Copeland was to open the discussion of whether the Harrison West Society should respond to City Attorney Janet Jackson's request for a letter asking City Council to pull the liquor license of neighborhood bars and carry outs.

After some discussion, it was determined that Zeno's would be the only operation considered.

Zeno's owners, Dick Allen and Chris Miller, wanted to vote on the issue and were told that only members in good standing could vote at Society meetings.

The discussion became somewhat heated, with neighbors who remember past problems with Zeno's urging the Society to vote to send a letter requesting City Council to deny Zeno's liquor license application.

Miller and Allen pointed out that Zeno's could hardly be a problem to the neighborhood in the future since they had not been in operation for a year.

President Copeland repeatedly asked both Allen and Miller to tell the group what they planned to do to make Zeno's a better neighbor. Both men ignored the requests.

After a 40 minute discussion, Joe Spinelli called for a vote on sending the letter to the City Attorney. Frank Petruziello seconded. The vote was 6 for, no opposed, one abstaining.

Steve Tway made a motion that a committee be formed, chaired by Mary Funk, to work with Zeno's to ensure the neighborhood and the bar get along. Keith Dimoff seconded. Passed.

Motion by Dimoff to end Zeno discussion; seconded by Petruziello. Passed.

Copeland reviewed the Pen situation, reporting that he had determined that Harrison West wouldn't win, so had

abstained from voting on joining the lawsuit against the City destruction of the Pen.

Copeland reported that the Third Avenue Bridge opening is several months away, since asphalt plants have shut down for the winter. He reminded everyone that through the efforts of the Harrison West Society, the original \$2 million no-frills bridge is now a \$6 million bridge designed in keeping with the historic values of the neighborhood. King Avenue bridge replacement begins in the spring.

Steve Tway made a motion, seconded by Veda Gilp, to pay the bills. Motion passed.

Keith Dimoff called for additional input on the AC Humko odors (dead people in the sewer). Reports that they are treating him professionally, even though he has made little progress.

The Battelle land at Third Avenue and Perry was discussed extensively. The consensus was that Dimoff should pursue neighborhood interests in the land.

Veda Gilp reported on the Holiday Lights Contest. Big Bear, Manhattan Bagels, and Re/Max Realtors have contributed prizes. Gilp made a motion, seconded by Tway, to give last year's prize winner their prize. Passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Steve Tway motioned, seconded by Spinelli, that the Harrison West Society contribute \$500 in matching funds to Friends of the Lower Olentangy (FLOW) for water quality studies of the river in Harrison West. One opposed, one abstaining. Passed.

Motion to adjourn by Joe Spinelli, Tway seconding. Passed.

Adjourned at 9 PM.

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Harrison West Society meets 2nd Thursday of each month at Godman Guild, 321 Second Avenue, 7:30 pm.

HWS Challenges You!

At the last meeting, a very infrequent attendee mentioned that he and his friends think the Harrison West Society is ineffective.

Here's a challenge to everyone in the neighborhood who thinks the Society isn't doing right or who thinks things in Harrison West should change, should be made better, should be different: **Join the Society and Get Active!** Spend some time on the neighborhood. If you're tired of reading about the same people being on all the committees and making all the plans and decisions, just think of how tired those people are of doing it all!

I Want to Influence What Happens in My Neighborhood Sign me up with the Harrison West Society

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1998 Membership Year


The Society is launching major initiatives this year, including:

application for funds from the Urban Infrastructure Recovery Program,
teaming up with the Riverfront Commons Corporation to plan river access and use,

negotiating with the City to control commuter traffic through our streets,

working with Humko to find a solution to the noise and smells discharged by their plant which negatively affect property values;

working with Battelle to find a mutually acceptable future for the Battelle greenspace at Third and Perry.

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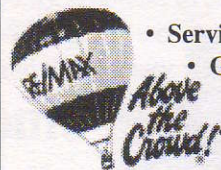
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Holiday Lights Contest Bright Success

The Second Annual Harrison West Holiday Lights Contest brought three winners and many cheerful holiday lights around the neighborhood. More than 80 houses decorated outdoors, a significant increase over last year.

The judges were nearly unanimous in their selections of winners, though it was a difficult job, since so many houses were decorated so beautifully.

In the Sheer Exuberance! category, Mary Towns at 963 Harrison plugged in the winner. Her display was huge, with at least three Santas, flashing candles, chasing lights on her tree, and a reindeer with moving legs.

In the Victorian Elegance category, Marty Kehlmeier and Jack Fry at 382 West Fourth Avenue won with lighted globes and wreaths in their tree and swagged greenery caught up with lush burgundy and gold bows.

Huge gold bows, light swags, and fence decorations made the winner in the Day and Night Light category. Bryan Babcock of 537 Bradley won with a display that was equally pleasing day and night.

Our prizes were generously awarded by Manhattan Bagel, owned by Joe Spinelli and Bill Ward, who live in Harrison West; by Big Bear on Neil; and by Joe Armeni and RE/Max Realty, with offices in Harrison West.

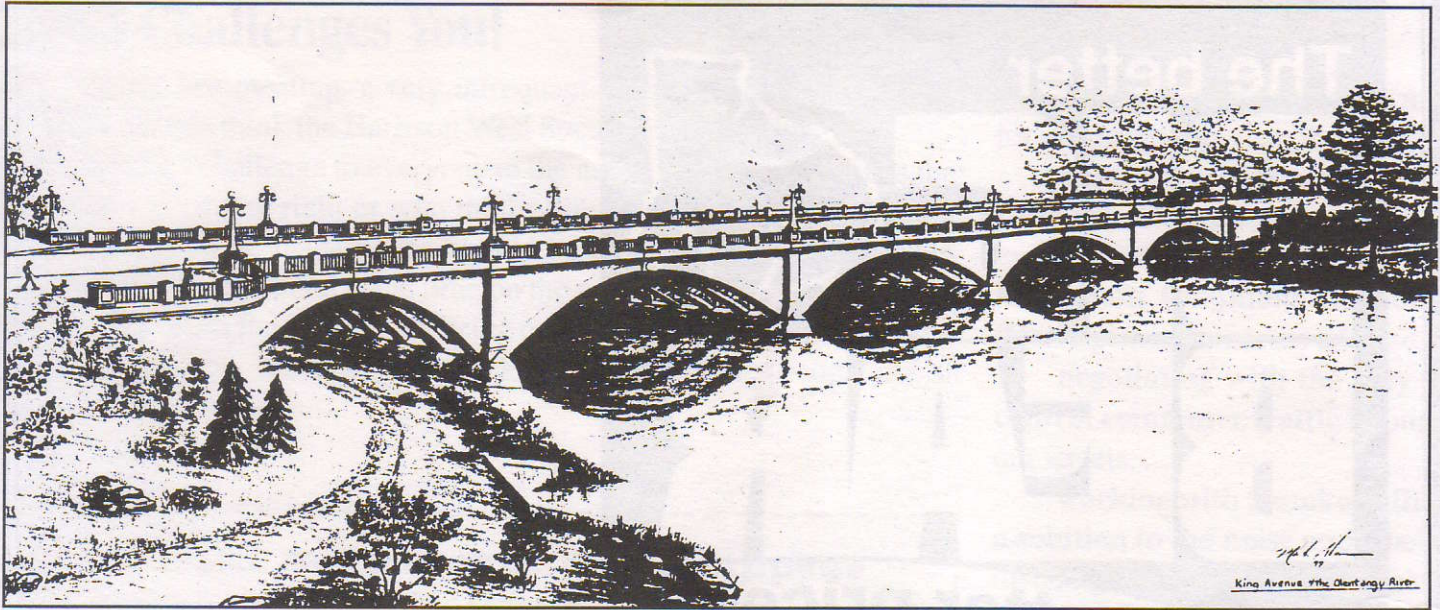
Judges were Gina Petruziello, Maddy Weisz, Jenny and John Gable, and Veda Gilp.



Certificates and prizes will be awarded at the Harrison West meeting on Thursday, January 8 at the Godman Guild, 321 West Second Avenue at Delaware.



Thanks to everyone who decorated, who judged, and who contributed. ❁



King Avenue Bridge to Close Next Summer

The County Engineer's Office spokesperson confirms that the King Avenue bridge (new bridge design shown above) will close next summer. He says that they will not disrupt traffic for two football seasons, so this bridge will take only about 18 months -- or one football season and two summers.

Third Avenue Bridge to Open Next Spring

The Third Avenue Bridge is scheduled to open in April or May 1998. The delay from the scheduled opening date of November 1, 1997, was caused by the high water last spring, which kept washing out the causeway engineers built for equipment. Concrete forms in the river washed out, too, which is why we'll all be trekking up to Fifth to cross the river for the next four or five months.

Just a reminder, the Third Avenue and the King Avenue bridges are pleasing, graceful structures designed in keeping with our neighborhood architecture, rather than Fishinger Road-type freeway bridges, because the Harrison West Society and President Craig Copeland spent hundreds of hours pressuring, persuading and prodding the County Engineer to change the bridge design. The bridges went from \$3 million structures to \$6 million structures because Copeland and the Society wouldn't let up.

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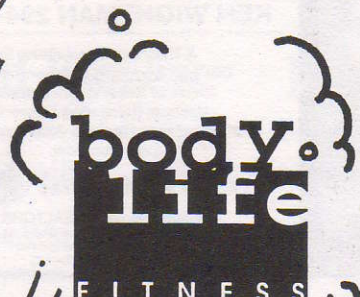
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	6:30 pm	Boys' Brigade
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