

HARRISON WEST NEWS

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O'Shaughnessy Wins Big for Harrison West

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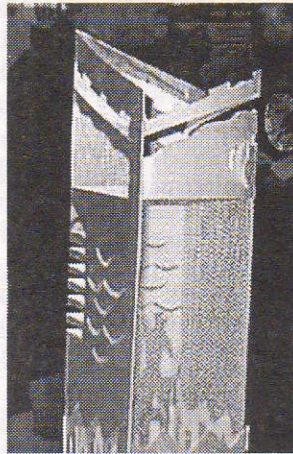
Councilwoman Maryellen O'Shaughnessy pushed through City Council a resolution that finally commits the City to traffic solutions that directly benefit Harrison West.

In a welcome response to neighborhood concerns on traffic from the Spring-Sandusky Interchange project, Councilwoman O'Shaughnessy sponsored a resolution that passed unanimously at City Council on January 24.

The resolution affirms the City's commitment on several points, including maintaining existing street widths and on-street parking.

The potential for the neighborhood had been that projected increases in traffic from the nearby freeway project could result in parking being removed to accommodate the traffic.

(See Big Traffic Win Page 3)



Neighborhood Votes for "Side By Side" Stainless Steel Sculptures in Public Art Competition

The winning concept includes plans for two stainless steel sculptures "that capture the unique and historic architecture and environment that define Harrison West as a vital community. Using various screen vignettes, these sculptures connect Harrison West to its neighborhood, the landscape and the surrounding communities. These are people-friendly sculptures that invite viewers to take a closer look," wrote winning artist Charlotte Lees in the artist statement portion of her proposal.

Pending funding and feasibility, the project will be created and installed into the neighborhood in 2000-2001.

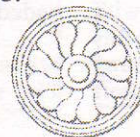
Harrison West residents and members of the Harrison West Society voted overwhelmingly for SIDE-by-SIDE at the public celebration on Jan. 22 at the Fourth Avenue Christian Church. Votes also were cast at Enlightenment on Third Avenue during the week following.

Other competition finalists were Jon Hudson, Yellow Springs, Ohio, and Barbara Vogel, Grandview.

Phase one of the public art initiative was made possible by Greater Columbus Arts Council and Ohio Arts Council grants, and contributions by APCO Industries, Culpepper's General Store and the Harrison West Society. To learn more about the project or to join the public art committee, contact Pat Sieber at 294-1028.



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New Alley Lights Will Be Added

With Urban Infrastructure funding, we will be adding much-needed alley lights to our neighborhood.

In addition to funding new alley lighting, we have the funds to upgrade some of our street lights. We will be discussing the street light options at the next meeting. Come learn about what's available and what our neighborhood can afford.

NEXT MEETING

The Harrison West Society will meet
Thursday, February 10, 7:30 PM,
Godman Guild
321 W. Second Avenue
Public Art
Riverfront Plan
Traffic Update
Michigan Market

INSIDE

Art Party Pics
Jobs
Food Fight
HWS Online

HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES JANUARY 13, 2000

Submitted by Keith Dimoff, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:40 P.M. at the Godman Guild by President Weisz. Introductions were made around the table.

The meeting was well-attended by the regular attendees and by some new faces.

Winners of the Holiday Lights Contest were announced and given their awards.

No motion to approve the last meeting's minutes was necessary because the Holiday Potluck took the place of the December business meeting.

Treasurer Cowin presented the Treasurer's report. Cash-in-hand is approximately \$5400. A motion was made to pay the routine HW News bills; Cowin motioned; Dimoff seconded; passed. A motion was made to allocate \$500 to the Public Arts Committee; Cowin motioned; Dimoff seconded; passed. Cowin also suggested that in the future the HWS consider allocating a matching grant, maybe \$1000 to \$1500, to the Public Arts Committee.

For the Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund Committee, Treasurer Cowin reported that the application has been submitted to the City for a package of improvements consisting of public art, neighborhood benches and Vermont Place Park lighting.

For the Membership Committee, President Weisz announced that Mark Hamsher has been named the Chair of the Committee. Renewals and new memberships for calendar year 2000 are due by May 1. A new membership list is now available.

For the Newsletter Committee, Secretary Dimoff noted that the deadline is the third Friday of the month. Attendees complimented the new newsletter design by Editor Veda Gilp.

The Public Art Committee reported on the plans for the Art Party on January 22.

Liaison Officer Steve Smith, who's become a welcome regular attendee, reviewed recent crimes and arrests.

For the Planning & Development Committee, Secretary Dimoff gave a quick review of the Michigan Market property and introduced the owners, Jim Sicaris and Dean Adamantidis, and their attorney Fred Simon. Simon passed out and explained a floor plan with a parking calculation for the variance from the City needed to establish a 400 square foot coffee shop. Dimoff made the following motion based on the P&D Committee held in late December: "The HWS recommendation needs to be based on a review of the floor layout, elevation sketches, and the parking calculations with the City staff and the HWS will review this information at the January 18 P&D meeting and the February 10 HWS meeting"; Dimoff motioned; D. Aldrich seconded.

Discussion followed, with some attendees expressing support for the improvements, others questioning the building's appearance, and others asking about plans for the rest of the building. President Weisz called for the vote; the motion passed.

In other P&D business, Dimoff reviewed the status of the City's Riverfront Vision Plan and its proposed Handbook. This item will be discussed further at the January 18 P&D meeting which will be attended by City staff.

On traffic problems from the Spring Sandusky Interchange project, Dimoff briefly reviewed the status of the government's Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). A motion was made that "the HWS not sign the 12/17/99 MOA; that no one at this time is authorized by the HWS to file a lawsuit on its behalf; and that the HWS will try to work with the City to see if a better deal is possible"; Dimoff motioned; Duffy seconded. Discussion followed, particularly on why the reference to a possible lawsuit was included. An amendment to the motion was made to add "we reserve the right to pursue legal action"; Piontek motioned; Siebert seconded. Both the original motion and the amendment passed. Dimoff explained that he wanted to clear up any ambiguity resulting from past HWS votes, the past filing of an environmental appeal in which the HWS is a party, and the recent filing with the state by Craig Copeland as Citizens for a Better Spring Sandusky without approval by the groups which established that coalition. Dimoff was concerned with the HWS becoming party to a new lawsuit, with possible legal expenses and legal conundrums, without an explicit vote by the HWS.

In old business, Mike Duffy talked about developing a plan for the green space on the southeast corner of Fifth Avenue and Perry Street. Battelle has offered \$5000 for benches or other improvements to their property. The idea of a "Welcome to HW" sign was offered. Spring-time is our goal for a proposal.

For other old business, Dimoff reviewed information from a public meeting held at the AC Humko plant. Because Humko has large tanks of ammonia, the plant is required to coordinate with the fire department on how to respond to a major leak and how to prevent accidents. A dangerous ammonia cloud could be released to the neighborhood under a worst-case scenario; residents were advised to shelter to go inside and close the windows if that occurred.

Under new business, a motion was made to endorse the smallmouth bass as the state fish; Copeland motioned; Morris seconded; passed.

Morris motioned to adjourn the business meeting; D. Aldrich seconded; passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:59 P.M.

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

Big Traffic Win

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Many Harrison Westers also feared that streets such as Third, Fifth, Neil and Michigan Avenues would be widened to move more traffic through the neighborhood.

O'Shaughnessy drafted the resolution as a companion to an ordinance authorizing the City to sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the state and federal governments.

A key provision in the MOA and the resolution, explained Lelia Cady, O'Shaughnessy's aide, is the change to the City's Thoroughfare Plan which will recognize the residential nature of Third, Fifth, King and Neil Avenues to allow permanent 25 mph speed limits and to divert through trucks.

The resolution also speaks to other concerns that have been raised by neighborhoods in the Near Northside Historic District by committing the City to many forward-thinking proposals, including:

*** To retain an independent consultant to advise the Traffic Task Force that the City will create in**

April. The Task Force will recommend an overall traffic management plan.

*** To keep alive the possibility of a "full cap" across I-670 between Park and High Streets by building the freeway in a way that the cap can be built once funding is obtained.**

*** To buffer Goodale Park from the freeway and to protect the historic district streetscape throughout the area.**

HWS to Sign Off on Michigan Market Rehab

After seeing the new drawings, the Planning and Development Committee of the HWS has decided to recommend Society approval of the rehab of the Michigan Market into a coffee shop and retail space.

Owners Jim Sicaris and Dean Adamantidis and their attorney Fred Simon attended the January 13 HWS meeting. Sicaris and Simon also attended part of the January 18 meeting of HWS' Planning and Development (P&D) Committee.

They've said:

*** The northeast corner of the building would be a coffee shop with 15 or so small tables, a display case, restrooms and some retail space. In order to comply with the city's parking requirements, a variance for four park-**

ing spaces will be necessary for the coffee shop.

*** The rest of the building's first floor would be a separate retail space, while upstairs would likely be apartments.**

*** They plan to renovate the exterior of the building and the adjacent pizza shop, restoring the wood exterior and preserving the upstairs window proportions, as well as complying with structural building codes.**

To change the use of 400 square feet from retail space to a coffee shop, a variance of four parking spaces will need to be granted by the City's Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). The BZA will hear the owner's variance request on March 28. Dave Reiss is the city's staff assigned to this case. He can be reached at 645-7973.

At the well-attended P&D meeting, members decided to make a recommendation "to support the parking variance for four cars with the understanding that the variance includes complete renovation of the whole building and the pizza store as per the drawings reviewed by the P&D Committee."

City staff and the HWS had opposed a variance request last Spring for the whole first floor to be changed to a restaurant. The proposed restaurant would have required 52 parking spaces if built new. Even after accounting for "grandfathering for the existing use" as a market, a variance for 36 spaces was still necessary. This new proposal for the small coffee shop and retail space appears to have taken care of many of the fears that led to that opposition.

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Public Art Celebration Heated Up Harrison West

More than 175 people braved the winter elements to attend Harrison West's public art celebration, the first of its kind for the neighborhood. Held Jan. 22, 5 P.M. to 7:30 P.M., at Fourth Avenue Christian Church, the lively event was highlighted by Harrison West residents and society members voting on which commissioned public art proposal they would most like to see become a reality. Competition finalists Jon

Hudson, Charlotte Lees and Barbara Vogel each gave a brief presentation, in addition to displaying their proposals. Through the voting at the celebration and post-celebration voting at Enlightenment, it was determined that Lees was the winner of the competition (please see the art article on Page 1).

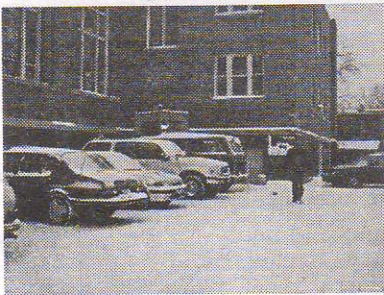
Other event activities included live entertainment by the talented band, Curbfeeler, refreshments, hands-on children's activities and art-themed door prizes. Phase one of the public art ini-

tiative was made possible by Greater Columbus Arts Council and Ohio Arts Council grants, and contributions by APCO Industries, Culpepper's General Store and the Harrison West Society.

The following organizations made generous in-kind donations in support of the project: Fourth Avenue Christian Church, Godman Guild, Martha Walker Garden Club, Enlightenment, Big Bear, Subway, Manhattan Bagel, Eleni-Christina Bakery, WDA&E, Firdous, A Piece of Cake and Market Blooms. A special thanks is extended to the public art committee for its tireless efforts and continued work on Harrison West's public art initiative. For more information on the project or to join the public art committee, contact Pat Sieber at 294-1028.



Signage was good, but it was a rotten evening for going out.



Despite the bad weather, nearly 100 neighbors came to learn what the artists had designed for our neighborhood, to vote for their favorite, to eat, visit, talk, dance, and just hang out.



Police Liaison Officer Steve Smith makes it to most Harrison West Society occasions -- even on snowy Saturday evenings!

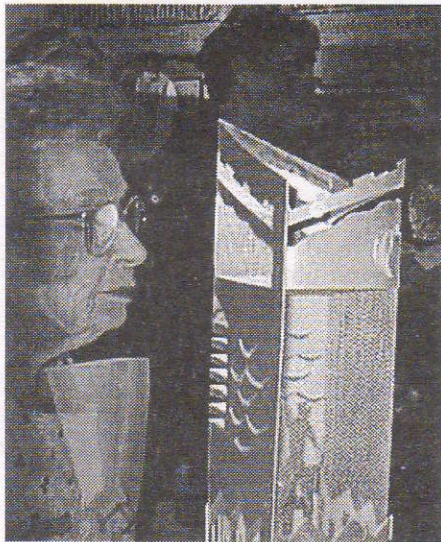


Food was provided by Big Bear, Subway, Manhattan Bagel, and Eleni-Christina Bakery.





The artists were on hand to explain their vision for Public Art for Harrison West. They talked about materials, longevity, placement, and esthetics. They answered the "Why did you create this for Harrison West?" question about a hundred times.

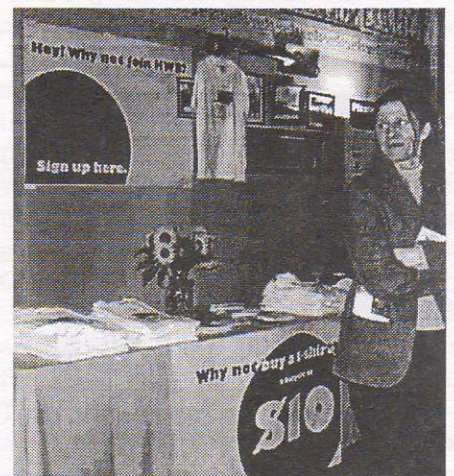


Charlotte Lezs' brushed aluminum towers.



Jon Hudson's totems.

Barbara Vogel's interpretive plaza.



Of course there was an effort to sign up new members for the Harrison West Society.



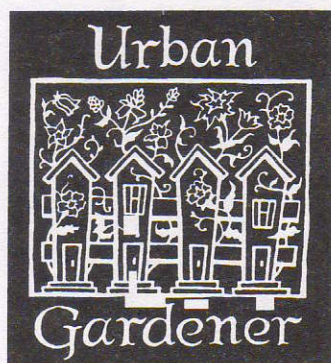
(Left) Everyone seriously studied the public art proposals.



The Curbfeelers rocked! Everyone enjoyed the band, and by later in the evening, the dance floor got crowded.

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That's all the Society asks of committee members -- just a few hours to see a project through. There's probably a committee for all your interests; a committee that really could use your expertise and energy. So call Pres Maddy Weisz to volunteer a few hours -- 291-2285.



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Food Fight FITNESS PART II — FOOD DO'S AND DON'TS

by Jim Slone and Patrick Barney

Jim Slone is a long-time resident who lives on Fourth Ave. He has followed all the advice in his column and looks great!

The simple formula for losing weight is to eat fewer calories than you use. You can do this in several ways, but the only safe and effective way is a balanced approach to diet and exercise.

The first thing to remember is that exercise is not a four letter word; it has eight letters! Seriously, exercise should not be thought of as a chore to get done, but as an opportunity to tone your muscles so they can burn fat for you.

The more muscle you have, the more your body will burn fat. Increasing your metabolism leads to burning fat so that your body can increase your muscle size. As an added bonus to regular exercise, muscles grow while you sleep. So get plenty of rest so your muscles will grow!

Here's more great news about exercise. Recent studies have shown that you only need to exercise for 30 minutes a day to get the benefits of exercise. And you can spread the time out until you reach your daily total!

If you have only 10 or 15 pounds to lose, then you're better off doing a continuous 30 minutes of cardio to burn fat. But if you're over 15 pounds, then you probably can get away with doing 10 minute shots of exercise.

The best time to do cardio is first thing in the morning before you eat breakfast. Your body will get the energy from your fat cells instead of your breakfast.

These are a few tips to get you started on your journey to a healthier and more fit you. Remember that this lifetime journey is the destination. Enjoy the journey and you will succeed in getting to your destination.



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December Crimes

December was not a good month for the law abiding in Harrison West. Four homes were burglarized, with the loss of TVs, stereos, VCRs, and CD players. Three cases of malicious destruction damaged a vehicle, a home, and a business. And three Theft from Auto made the season unjolly for neighbors on Third, Fourth, and Perry. Let's be careful out there.

Harrison West Online

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Our Website is up and running. Please check it out and use it to communicate your concerns and issues.

You will also soon be able to read the Harrison West News online. Barb Williams of Pennsylvania Ave. has volunteered to take charge of the HW website. Call her with any and all ideas 291-5960.

Coming Up In March

If you have interests or concerns about how the Olentangy River impacts our neighborhood, come to the March Meeting. The Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed, "FLOW," are going to present a short slide show: "Our River, Our Community, Our Future." It will include history, definitions, threats, successes and forecasts for the future. March 9, 2000.

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EADIE GOURMET EATS OUT AT MAC'S CAFE

by Veda Gilp

Mac's Cafe, 693 North High, is a good place to get a beer, burger, and fries. It's decorated like a Scottish pub, with wooden floors and pub tables and tartans and golf prints on the walls. But mostly it's a good place to meet friends and grab a quick sandwich.

It will be a good sandwich, too. Burgers are excellent. Reubens are pretty good, too.

The fries are the draw, I think. The last time I was there, most plates were mounded high with fries. Lots of fries. And people were eating them right down to the china. When you go to Mac's, don't try to resist -- just order a burger and fries.

Mac's wouldn't be able to call itself a Scottish pub if it didn't offer Scottish bar food, so it does. Something called a Scotch egg, which is a hardboiled egg breaded and fried. They also have cottage pie, which is hamburger and vegetables in gravy with mashed potatoes on top. This is fine once, but there is a good reason why Scotch eggs and cottage pie aren't Lean Cuisine favorites.

Speaking of Lean Cuisine ... the dessert menu (you knew I would get to dessert, didn't you?) is limited, but most of us would be pleased with such limits. Cheesecake, the real heavy New York kind. And something called Mac's Fudge Delight, which is a housemade fudge brownie topped with coffee ice cream, hot fudge sauce, whipped cream and a cherry. After all, if you've already indulged in beer, burger and fries, you might as well go all the way and have dessert, too. Right? So have dessert. The Fudge Delight was delicious.

Mac's is open for lunch and dinner from 11 AM to 1:45 AM daily and Sunday noon to 12:30 AM.

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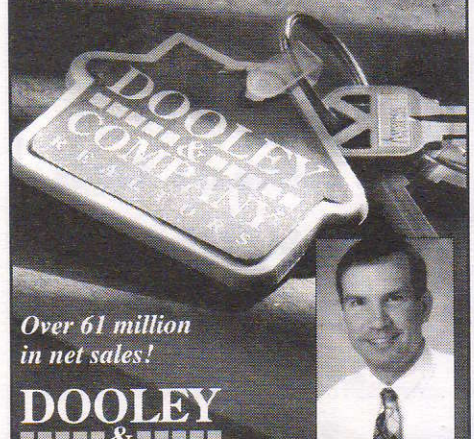
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