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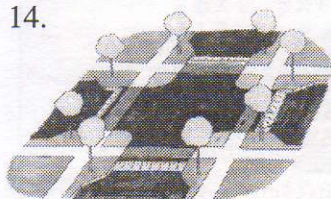
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Traffic Plan on the Web

Interested in how Harrison West's intersections might be redesigned? Wondering which streets could be returned to brick? Or how trucks could be kept from traveling up Michigan Avenue? Visit the "OTMP Concepts" link on the Near Northside Historic District's website: www.geocities.com/nnhist_dist/. Or attend the next meeting of the Harrison West Society -- June 14.



Society to Move July Meeting??

Because of the changing circumstances at the Godman Guild, the Harrison West Society may hold the July 12 meeting in the newly-renovated basement of the First Brethren Church at the corner of Third and Oregon. Keep an eye out for more information in the next Harrison West News.

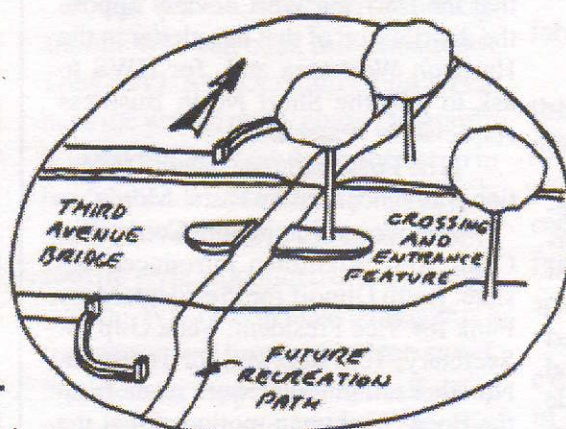
Urban Infrastructure Recovery Funds

Every year, the UIRF money goes to neighborhoods such as ours to fund capital improvements. August 3 is the deadline for application submissions, and this year the Society is considering focusing on money to develop the new park near the Third Avenue Bridge.

Money to buy the lot for the park was previously secured by the Society through UIRF funding. The public art sculpture Side-by-Side will be installed on the site, which overlooks the Olentangy River at the southeast corner of the Third Avenue Bridge.

One proposal is to ask for funds to develop the park with a pathway, benches, landscaping and lighting and to tie it into the entry landscaping on Third Avenue as suggested in the City's traffic calming plan reviewed in last month's Harrison West News and as shown below.

If you have any other suggestions as to how we could use UIRF money in Harrison West, please contact Mary Funk at 291-9545.



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Side by Side Sculptures
X

579 W. Third
Pocket Park

Existing
House

Next Meeting: Humko Marketing Plan Traffic City UIRF \$

At the June 14 meeting, we'll pass around the real estate broker's marketing booklet titled "AC Humko Redevelopment Opportunity, 13.5 acres of land servicing downtown Columbus and OSU." We'll talk about the traffic plan being proposed for the neighborhood. And we'll share opinions on our next application for city UIRF money. Hope you can stop by!

NEXT MEETING

The Harrison West Society will meet
Thursday, June 14 at
7:30 PM
Godman Guild
321 W. Second Ave.

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HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES

May 10, 2001

By Veda Gilp, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 with a quorum of voting members present; President Keith Dimoff presiding.

Routine Business

Veda Gilp made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Passed.

Treasurer's Report Treasurer John Cowin reported more than \$3,000 in the treasury. Cowin motioned to pay the regular expenses of publishing the newsletter. Passed.

Planning and Development

A.C. Humko President Dimoff reported that the Humko land is now on the open real estate market and that Humko says that the earliest it would be expected to sell is by late summer.

Zoning President Dimoff reported changes have passed.

Fifth & Perry Greenspace President Dimoff reported that Battelle has agreed to cover the extended cost beyond the initial \$5,000 budget to complete Phase 1 of the project this summer. The OSU students working with HWS on the design presented the current design for discussion.

Old Business and Committee Reports:

Membership Committee Chair Mark Hamsher reported 88 renewals or new members.

Newsletter Editor Veda Gilp reported the deadline for news and advertising submissions is the third Friday of each month.

Public Art Committee Public Art Committee Co-Chairs Maddy Weisz and Mandy Butler reported that Side by Side should be finished by the end of summer. BrickStreet Arts still is waiting on 501(C)(3) status, but needs at least \$10,000 now to finish. Vice President Mary Funk made a motion for the HWS to contribute \$1,000 to this Public Art project. Passed.

Urban Infrastructure Recovery Funds Chair John Cowin reported that

August 3 is the deadline for submissions. Ideas for the funding request were discussed, including the pocket park near the Third Avenue Bridge.

Traffic Committee Keith Dimoff announced that Pete Anderson's presentation of the neighborhood traffic-calming plan will be held following the business meeting and is also available on the NNHD website.

Police Liaison Officer Steve Smith reported that car break-ins are the major crime activity in Harrison West and encouraged residents to create a tough-on-criminals environment here.

New Business & Announcements:

Graffiti problems and ways to deter it were discussed.

The Martha Walker Garden Club has not received the city contract to maintain the Harrison West Park this year. The Club is available to provide flowers and mulch.

A newsletter covering multiple Short North neighborhoods has been proposed by a Dennison Place resident. Pastor Richard Morris made a motion that the Harrison West Society oppose the distribution of that newsletter in the Harrison West area and for HWS to ask to join the Short North Business Association. Passed.

The First Brethren Church Dedication was announced by Pastor Morris.

Elections Nominating Committee Chair Ken Wightman introduced the slate: Keith Dimoff for President; Mary Funk for Vice President; Veda Gilp for Secretary; Tom Maxwell for Treasurer. No other nominations were made from the floor. Wightman motioned that the nominated slate be elected by acclamation. Passed.

Mary Funk motioned to adjourn the business meeting at 8:45. Passed.

The traffic calming plan was presented and made available for Q&A.

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Thursday of each month at Godman
Guild, 321 Second Avenue, 7:30 PM.

Thanks for Everything, John Cowin



John Cowin has retired as Treasurer of Harrison West Society after 10 years of fine, dedicated service in the position. The Society will miss him.

John is a longtime resident of Harrison West, and has given unstintingly of his time, energy, and excellent advice. He has been reasonable, sensible, and insightful when the Society and the neighborhood needed it most.

Not only has he kept the Society books on the financial straight and narrow, but he has also been instrumental, in his post as Chair of the Urban Infrastructure Recovery Funds, in bringing more than \$100,000 worth of capital improvements to the neighborhood. Thanks, John, for everything.

Name that Park

The new park at Third Avenue at the bridge doesn't have a name, and needs one desperately.

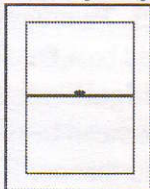
There's no contest. Just email your suggested names to vedagilp@msn.com or Keith Dimoff at KDimoff@aol.com. So far, we've come up with:

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When you see graffiti on public property, go to the internet site <http://refuse.ci.columbus.oh.us/graffitisubm.htm> to find a form to complete that will steer the city's graffiti abatement people to the graffiti. Or call the Mayor's Action Line 645-2489.

Here's what the experts say about graffiti:

1. Increased resident anxiety, economic decline and the escalation of more serious crimes results when graffiti is left unattended in communities. The fear associated with graffiti is more pervasive and damaging to communities than the number of associated criminal acts.

2. If graffiti markings are left up for seven days, there is a 100% chance of additional graffiti in the community.

3. The National Graffiti Information Network estimated the costs of graffiti vandalism to be \$7 billion in 1994. This number has risen since.

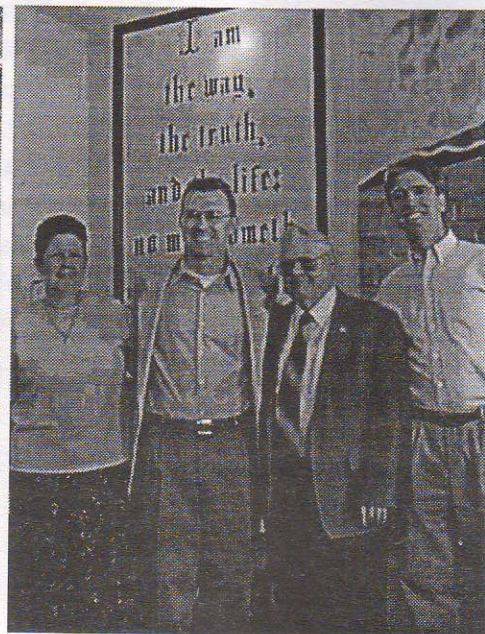
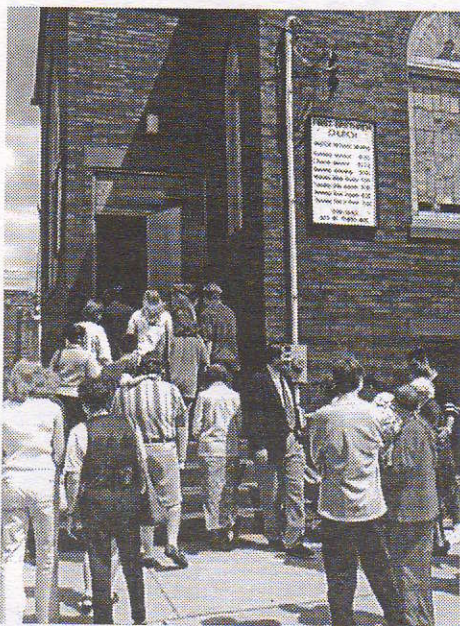
4. Even worse, graffiti signals that no one cares. When apathy pervades communities, there is no perceived deterrence to other more serious criminal and antisocial behaviors. And the affected neighborhood experiences a fast-moving downward cycle of crime and grime.

Reasons to Join Harrison West Society #88

Meetings and committees are a good way to meet and socialize with really interesting people.

Church Dedication

The rededication of the First Brethren Church at Third and Oregon attracted a large crowd of members, politicians, and neighbors. Congratulations on such a fine renovation effort.



City Council Member Rich Sensenbrenner attended the First Brethren church dedication on Sunday, May 13 to show his solidarity with the church and the Harrison West neighborhood. Shown above are the indefatigable Mary Funk, Rich Sensenbrenner, Pastor Richard Morris, and HW Society President Keith Dimoff.

NORTHWARD SHIFT FOR FREEWAY RAMP TO OSU?

ODOT and Ugly vs Harrison West and Common Sense

The Ohio Department of Transportation, the City and the Ohio State University are planning the design of a northbound off-ramp and a southbound on-ramp to connect the OSU Medical Center with State Route 315. Two new bridges would be built over the Olentangy River, one of which would be a **freeway ramp extending over the new, beautiful King Avenue Bridge!!**

Steve Shinn, member of the Harrison West Society and the American Institute of Architects, has proposed shifting the location of the off-ramp further north. At a May 21 public meeting on the project, Steve noted many benefits from the shift, including the lessening of negative impacts on the King Avenue Bridge, the river, and traffic along King Avenue.

Friends of the Lower Olentangy (FLOW) and the Neil Eighth Cannon King Organization (NECKO) are also available for questions. Call Erin Miller of FLOW at 899-0324 or William Murdock of NECKO at 297-6712.

The Hit Report

One of the choices our web page offers for you to click on is "This Site's Hit Report." For example, at this writing the Hit Report (halfway down the blue strip on the left side of the page) tells us that as many as 196 have looked at the site in March of this year and that last November there were 307. Was someone talking about something important in November when 25 were "hitting on" the Discussion Area? According to the Hit Report, even more people are looking at the Discussion Area now—but no one's saying much. November was also a busy month, if the number of people who checked into the Community Calendar is any indication.

Anyone can take a look at The Hit Report. If you don't have a computer you can use one free at the public library. Our web address is <http://neighborhoodlink.com/columbus/harrison>

The use of computers at the public library is free.

Fall Yard Sale

It's not too early to begin thinking about the Fall Harrison West Society Yard Sale. If you have suggestions for dates or advertising ideas, please contact HWS President Keith Dimoff at 424-6798.

The next Traffic Task Force meeting is scheduled for June 20th at 5:30 PM at the Westminster Thurber Auditorium, 717 Neil Avenue. The HW Society contacts are Dave Butler at 421-7157 and Keith Dimoff at 424-6798.

Join the Harrison West Society

Please complete this form and mail it, along with your appropriate contribution to Harrison West Society, Membership Committee, 344 W. Fourth Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43201. Membership dues are paid each calendar year.

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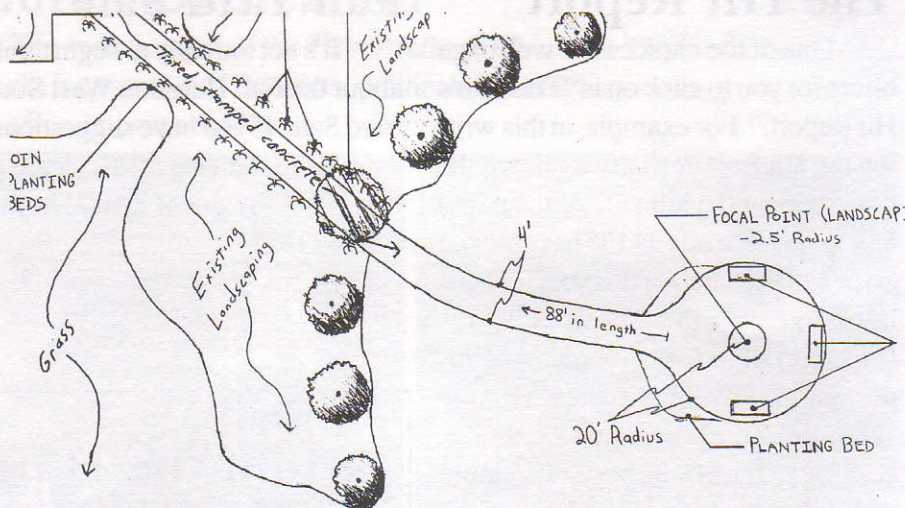
OSU graduate students Brian Forschner and Mike Duffy have continued to work with Battelle and the Harrison West Society on plans for the greenspace at the southeast corner of Fifth Avenue and Perry Street.


Plans include benches, landscaping, and a patterned-concrete walkway to a focal point midway through the space.

Battelle has offered to pay for the improvements and has cooperated with the Harrison West Society on the design and implementation.

Harrison West Society Election Results

The Harrison West Society's officers chosen by the Society's voting membership at the May 10 meeting include Keith Dimoff as President, Mary Funk as Vice President, Tom Maxwell as Treasurer, and Veda Gilp as Secretary.






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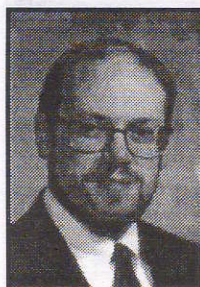
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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Dragonfly

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That's the way the Dragonfly is: you may find the "king oyster calamari" to be tasty (I did), but those steamed chard ratatouille dolmas give dolmathakia a REALLY BAD name. If you're a true vegan, these dolmas may be the best you can do, but if you want a superlative dolmathakia, go to Anna's Taste of Greece on Sawmill north of I 270.

Dragonfly does wonderful salads. The spinach salad -- spring version, for \$6, -- was excellent. Avocado, ruby grapefruit, pickled red onion, and toasted almonds in grapefruit and sesame mojo, over various baby and frilly lettuces made for a very sprightly and intriguing salad. They also offer a simple salad of baby lettuces dressed with "45 year old solera aged sherry vinaigrette" which on another occasion proved superb.

For the main course, Dave ordered the "fusion," Mandy ordered the seitan piccata, and I had dragonfly churrasco. We ate them; we even liked most of all of them. But what did we eat? Here's what the menu says.

Dragonfly churrasco is "skewered grilled vegetables, basmati gallo pinto, tempeh empanadas, chimichum"

Fusion is "garam masala lobster + mastutake mushroom risotto cooked to order, fried hen of the woods, saffron tomato broth, lemon fennel aioli"

Seitan piccata came with "white truffle mashed gold potatoes, rapini, lemon caper sauce"

Your guess is as good as ours as to what we actually put into our mouths.

I have eaten in Central America at roadside stands set under some trees or a tin roof, next to a guy eating his lunch on his horse, ordering by the universal "point and grunt" method, and had a better idea of what I actually consumed. Dragonfly, I am sure, has a much cleaner kitchen, though their service may be slower and not so attentive.

By the way, a friend reported that his experience at Dragonfly was abysmal in terms of food and drink. "Never order the drinks," he orders. "You'll be sorry!" Actually, the listing on the menu, the "aren't we so clever" fly cocktails and fly virgin cocktails, was enough to put me off ordering a drink. We did order a bottle of Badger Mountain Johannesburg Riesling. We didn't know what we were eating, so it was hard to order wine to go with it. Mandy did well picking this one. It was a crisp, fruity, slightly sweet, summery wine, and we enjoyed it. It even stood up to the churrasco, which was slightly spicy in nature. Dave had an imported beer, and he enjoyed that.

For dessert, ah dessert. How can anyone who can cook ruin chocolate? They can't. And Dragonfly didn't. Perhaps the way to really enjoy Dragonfly is to eat dinner elsewhere, then stop in for the "chocolate factory," which is described as "warm chocolate bomb souffle style, coconut truffles, mango gelato." What it is in plain language is a fine warm, wet brownie, not too sweet, liquid center topped with a small scoop of incredible mango gelato, and two chocolately, coconuty candy truffles. Now that's CHOCOLATE! The whole thing was wonderful, and we scraped the plate clean.

Try Dragonfly and let me know what you think.

Public Art Project Committee Gets Matching Funds; Still Searching for Money

At its last meeting, the Harrison West Society voted to contribute another \$1,000 to the Public Art Committee for *Side by Side*, and challenged the neighborhood to match that donation. The neighborhood is on its way, with donations from:

Jeff Gill & Bob Mangia
Sandy Woolard
Kathleen Burd
Bruce Dooley
Alison Colman & Jaron Bernstein
Steve May & Andy Bauer
Tom Maxwell & Stephen Schab

Public Arts Update

The *Side by Side* Sculpture project created by the Harrison West Public Art Committee is in its final stages.

- The sculpture is presently being fabricated by the artist, Charlotte Lees.

- The plans to site the project in the space south of Third Ave. next to the river are being completed.

- The *Side by Side* plans are being coordinated with the Urban Infrastructure funding request to further develop that space to benefit our community.

- A community-wide unveiling event is planned. If you are interested in helping, contact Mandy Butler or Maddy Weisz.

- We still need contributions to help us reach our final goal. Thanks to all those who have contributed thus far. It has been very exciting to get your support. Contributions can go to BrickStreet Arts Association at 1077 Neil Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43201.

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Columbus, Ohio 43201

Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Dragonfly

by Veda Gilp

Neighbors Mandy and Dave Butler and I recently tried Dragonfly neo-v cuisine at 247 King Avenue.

I must offer up a caveat -- when eating at Dragonfly, half the time you haven't any idea what you are eating, and the rest of the time you either can't pronounce it or can't remember it. I can't begin to tell you what we ate, except to say that there were lots of mushrooms and tofu in many guises. Since Dragonfly is trying to be upscale vegan and organic, and since good vegetables and mushrooms are not inexpensive, be prepared to spend some serious dining money.

The first time I tried Dragonfly, I didn't care for my food, so I was eager to see what they offered this time. The results of this experiment are conclusive: whether you like Dragonfly food depends upon what you order, what mushrooms are in season, and how the cook is feeling that evening. People seem either to love or hate Dragonfly; there is no middle ground for this restaurant.

We began with appetizers of the tamale of the day and the small-plate Mediterranean sampler. The tamale turned out to be "mole amarillo, black bean muneta," whatever that is. It was excellent! We never did figure out what really was in it, so we ate on faith. The Mediterranean sampler, which included steamed chard ratatouille dolmas, king oyster calamari, grilled seitan kabob, crostini, and herb infused olive oil, was a different matter. It was OK, but the three of us couldn't find enough we really liked on the plate to finish it.

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