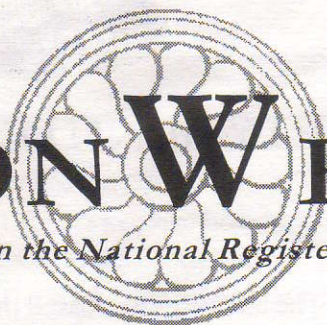


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HARRISON WEST NEWS

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now that we have your attention, the Harrison West Society is putting together a brochure and a history of the neighborhood. We need your help. We're looking for photographs, newspaper articles, reminiscences, and facts about the history of Harrison West.

Here are some questions to answer:

1. Why is it called Harrison West?
2. What was here before houses?
3. Why does a coffin figure so prominently in neighborhood history?

Once we've made copies, all materials will be returned. Please send everything to: Harrison West Society, PO Box 163442, Columbus, OH 43216 or bring it to the next HWS meeting, February 14.

Pastor Richard Morris and Mary Funk, two HWS members who have been in the neighborhood "longer than I care to think about" as Mary Funk says, will be putting the history together.

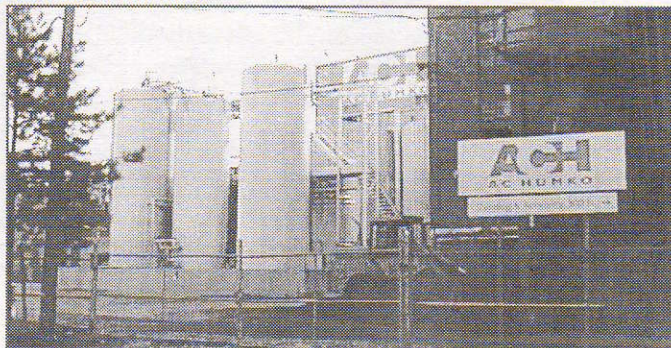
AC Humko Property "In Contract"

The real estate firm handling the sale of the AC Humko factory has confirmed that the possible sale of the property is "in contract." In January, HWS President Keith Dimoff learned from the broker, NAI Welsh, that a developer had entered into a contract with AC Humko and that the developer is currently "preparing their plans and pursuing due diligence on various matters such as environmental, structural, financing issues."

Welsh said that the project would be residential and that it would be a couple of months before the due diligence process was completed. They were unwilling to name the developer and would not provide any details, such as whether the project would include any single-family homes or condos. Welsh denied local rumors that the developer is the company (Meridian Inc.) that built the large rental apartment complex on West Fifth Avenue west of Olentangy River Road, next to the McDonald's restaurant.

HWS President Dimoff strongly urged Welsh to have the potential developer meet immediately with the HWS. See Page 5 inside for a related article on what the HWS wants to see on the property.

The thirteen and a half acre property is located in the southwestern portion of Harrison West and borders parts of Perry Street, West First Avenue and the Olentangy River. Welsh is a national real estate services firm who has an office in downtown Columbus and who often deals with industrial properties. The AC Humko Corporation, based in Tennessee, shut down the plant last year and moved its operations to Illinois.



Next Meeting: Truck Signs Garden Club Humko

At the February 14 meeting of the Harrison West Society, we'll talk about where the City should post "no through trucks" and "local trucks only" signs. We'll also share ideas for a monthly HWS Garden Club. And we'll discuss any new info we've learned about the possible sale of the AC Humko property. We'll be done by 9. Drop on in.

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NEXT MEETING

The Harrison West Society will meet
Thursday, February 14
at 7:30 PM
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Membership Sign Up
Traffic
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MidTown Parents & Kids

HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES

January 10, 2002

submitted by Veda Gilp, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM with a quorum of voting members present; President Keith Dimoff presiding.

Routine Business

Pastor Richard Morris made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Passed.

Treasurer's Report Chair Tom Maxwell announced he would have a report at the next meeting.

Planning and Development:

Committee Meeting Keith Dimoff scheduled a P & D committee meeting for January 24.

AC Humko Keith Dimoff reported that the property is in contract with an unnamed developer and that Keith urged the Realtor to have the developer contact the HWS now, not later. The Realtor says that it will be "high-quality residential" and the developer is currently doing "due diligence" procedures and investigating environmental, structural, zoning and financial issues. Dave Butler motioned to send a letter to the City summarizing the HWS' positions on the development, including our support for park land all along the river, mixed uses (residential—especially single-family—and offices and retail) that are architecturally compatible with Harrison West, and the need for HWS involvement now in the planning. Passed.

Variance Request for 1004-6 Oregon Avenue Mary Funk reported on the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting. Tom Maxwell motioned that the HWS purchase a transcript of the BZA minutes of this meeting. Passed.

Old Business and Committee Reports:

Membership Committee Chair Mark Hamsher reported 37 paid mem-

bers. The attendees discussed the upcoming mailing and the in-progress membership brochure. Passed.

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

Crime Mary Funk reported that Police Liaison Officer Steve Smith is on desk duty.

Traffic Keith Dimoff reported on the Traffic Plan. Pastor Richard Morris made a motion to send a letter to the City reporting our problems with the City's response to the Traffic Plan. Passed.

Donations Pastor Richard Morris made a motion to spend up to \$400 on the Third Avenue Fire Station. Passed.

Holiday Lights Contest Chair Veda Gilp reported the need for a new digital camera; will research and report back at next meeting.

New Business & Announcements:

Pruning Street Trees Craig Copeland reported that specific streets require maintenance by Harrison West. Copeland made a motion allotting up to \$1,000 for street tree maintenance this year. Passed.

Barb Williams reported on "A Sense of Place" course being developed for Harrison West. The course needs 12 people.

Bob Mangia motioned to adjourn the business meeting at 9:00 P.M. Passed.

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Midtown Parents & Kids Honored with Service to Community Award

The Victorian Village Society presented Midtown Parents & Kids (MPK) its 2001 Service to Community Award for its contributions to the neighborhoods by making the Short North more attractive to families. MP&K has helped make many families comfortable enough to continue living in the Short North and has become a selling point for the neighborhoods.

The MP&K 5th Annual School Symposium was the best in years. It had representation from all four area Columbus Public Elementary Schools in addition to alternative and private schools. One of the highlights of the meeting was the series of reports by parents about the schools in the neighborhood. These were accompanied by maps of the Short North neighborhoods' political boundaries and Columbus Public School boundaries, to help parents de-mystify the system.

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City, Neighborhoods Approve Traffic Plan

Still Under Discussion—Funding, Where to Place “No Through Trucks” Signs

Responding to a report by a national traffic engineering consultant that looked at the problems in Harrison West and other northside neighborhoods caused by the design of the Spring-Sandusky Interchange (SSI), the City recently took a positive step toward solving the problems. At the January 30 meeting of the legally-sanctioned “SSI Task Force,” the City’s representatives to the Task Force formally voted to approve the consultant’s report!

Neighborhood representatives also approved the report, including the Harrison West Society, the Victorian Village Society, the Dennison Place Association, the Italian Village Society, and Citizens for a Better Spring Sandusky. The neighborhood representatives are overall happy that the report both verifies their long-standing complaints of the impact from the highway project and makes sweeping recommendations to help the historic neighborhoods.

The consultant, Glatting Jackson, Inc., prepared the “Final Recommendations Report” under contract with the City as part of the legal requirements under section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Following are highlights of the short-term recommendations that the report says should be implemented:

1. “No Through Trucks” and “Local Trucks Only” signs should be posted at strategic locations. Truck routes should be limited to the freeways that bracket the neighborhoods.

2. Directional signage should be installed to direct OSU and Downtown traffic away from Third and Fifth Avenues.

3. The intersection of Third Avenue and Olentangy River Road should be spruced up with gateway features, such as signing, painting and landscaping.

4. A median and crosswalk should be installed at the eastern end of the Third Avenue Bridge and a gateway feature should be constructed on Fifth Avenue near Perry Street.

5. Speed limits should be permanently lowered to 25 to 30 mph for Third, Fifth and Neil Avenues.

6. Changes should be made to the design of Third, Fifth and Neil Avenues to self-enforce a design speed of 25 to 30 mph and to increase the safety of pedestrians and quality of the historic neighborhood. The design changes include curb “bulb-outs” and brick crosswalks.

7. The intersections of many side streets should be redesigned to self-enforce a design speed of 15 to 20 mph and to increase the safety of pedestrians and the residential character of these streets. The intersections should be rebuilt as raised, brick intersections with bulbouts and raised crosswalks.

Importantly from a legal perspective, the report says that the above mitigation measures “are appropriate for funding in compliance with the Memorandum of Agreement” and that “SSI has produced a significant increase in short-term traffic on the arterial streets within the historic neighborhoods.” Many of the neighbors who have worked on this issue for years feel vindicated that an outside professional has validated their concerns and has proposed so many positive improvements despite the past reluctance of the City’s Public Service Department.

Many steps remain before the neighborhoods are protected from the large increases in the volume of traffic. For the steps that are easy and low-cost, such as the truck route signs and the directional OSU/Downtown signs,

the neighborhood needs to quickly give the City its ideas on where to locate the signs. The Harrison West Society will discuss these locations at its February 14 meeting. The City has said they will install the signs within three months.

The other recommendations are subject to funding sources. The median and crosswalk at the eastern end of the Third Avenue Bridge have been recommended for funding under the City’s Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund program. Funding for the other recommendations is still up in the air. City Councilmember Maryellen O’Shaughnessy is proposing a start-up capital budget item for the project of at least \$1 million for the first year.

Also, the consultant recommended that some of the City’s overall traffic calming budget be allocated to this project because several of our local intersections ranked as being in such dire need of help. Based on many factors, including volume and speeding, Michigan and First ranked as the #1 intersection in the entire City as being deserving of traffic calming!



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AC Humko; What the HWS Wants

Over the past year and a half, the HWS has taken several formal positions on the future of the AC Humko property and has spent time marking up maps and talking about what type of development there would be the most beneficial for both Harrison West and the entire City.

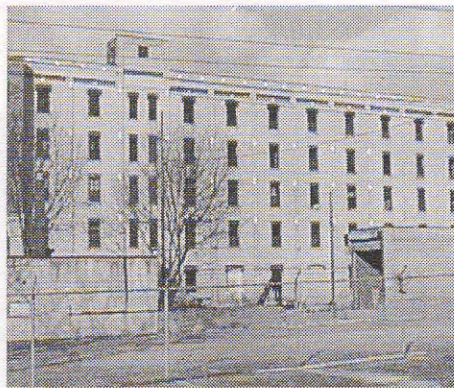
We were happy to see the letter last summer from the City's Development Department that called for the development to meet the spirit of the City's Riverfront Vision Plan, which the HWS has supported over the years.

With the property now "in contract," it seems timely to print a summary of the HWS hopes for the property:

1. The overall layout should look like this: Perry Street should be extended southward one block and First Avenue should be extended westward to a park on the Olentangy River. The historic yellow-brick building on Perry Street should be rehabilitated and converted into a nonindustrial use. All along the river should be a corridor of

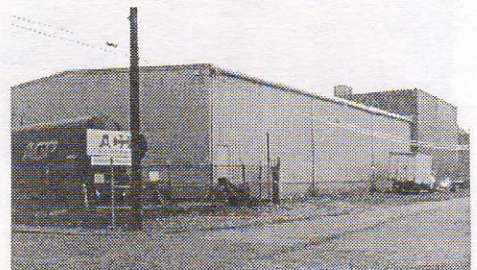
parkland. Along Second Avenue should be single-family residential. The rest of the AC Humko property should be developed in a "new urbanism" manner that is architecturally compatible with Harrison West, that is primarily residential, and that includes a mix of uses (small-scale retail, a variety of types of residences, and offices).

2. The HWS wants single-family homes, or duplexes, to be built along the south side of Second Avenue, west of Perry Street, because this would do



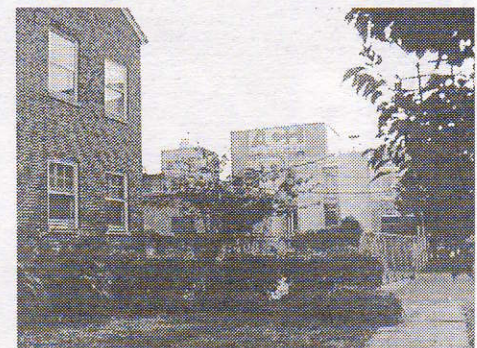
Humko's historic yellow brick building on Perry should be saved.

a world of good for the houses on the north side of that street by creating a balanced sense of scale and architecture. And it would help to keep Second Avenue a street of homeowners, as it is east of Perry Street. This strip of the AC Humko property should be zoned R2-F, as is the surrounding residential area.



The south side of Second Avenue should be developed into single family homes and duplexes.

3. The HWS wants a corridor of all of AC Humko's riverfront property to be public parkland, with a bike trail/walking path along the top of the bank. To the north, this trail should eventually be linked to the dead end of Second Avenue. At the southern end of the AC Humko property, this trail should connect with the east-west roadway — Quality Place — that borders the southern edge of the AC Humko property. In its middle, this trail should be accessible via the westward extension of First Avenue.



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First story renovations on the Michigan Market might return the building to a modicum of its former stateliness.

A Sense of Place in Harrison West

HWS member Barbara Williams is putting together a group to participate in Eastern Heartland Earth Institute discussion courses to examine our relationship with the natural world and each other. Call Barb at 291-5960.

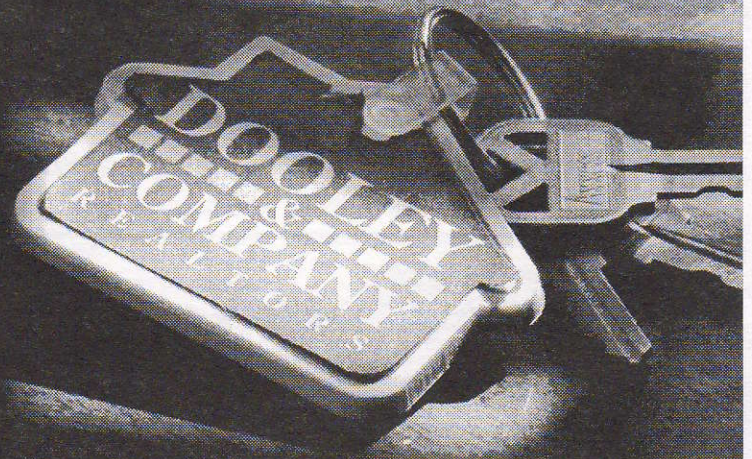
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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at the Latin Rooster

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Tom ordered the Peruvian-style rotisserie chicken marinated with fresh herbs. I noticed nothing exotic about the spices, but the chicken was excellent -- moist and tender. With this he had fried plantains and a perfectly-baked sweet potato. Plantains are exotic in a very safe way. The sweet potato was good, too.

The menu offers beef or chicken sauteed with potatoes, onions, tomatoes, and sweet peppers with rice. It may have been wonderful, but I ate too much of that in Panama and passed on this authentic stew-like dish. If you try it, please let me know what you think.

I ordered camarones al ajillo -- shrimp sauteed with hot peppers. The peppers turned out to be standard red bell peppers, but that didn't detract from a most excellent saute of garlicky shrimp, plump, tender and delightful.

If you order this dish, ask for a substitution for the steamed broccoli

and cauliflower side. Bland to the max! In fact, unless you like bland and tasteless, avoid this combo totally.

The wine list is limited, but the 99 Chilean Undurraga Cabernet was more than good. Tom, of course, drank beer -- Negro Modelo.

I wish I could say we tried the authentic desserts, but I can't. We stopped by Graeter's for hot fudge sundaes. The Latin Rooster, you see, doesn't have chocolate desserts.

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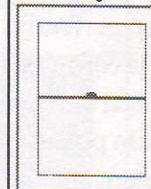
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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at the Latin Rooster

by Veda Gilp

A few weeks ago, fellow "gourmets" Tom Maxwell and Steve Schab and I opted for Latin and found ourselves at Gahanna's Latin Rooster in the Stoneridge Plaza.

There's one thing wrong with the Latin Rooster: the salsa disappears too fast! The usual small bowl of fresh salsa was set on the table; I looked around the restaurant, reached for a slice of bread and the salsa bowl was EMPTY! This happened twice before we finally persuaded the server to bring us a BIG BOWL of salsa. You see, the salsa is good with only a hint of hot at the finish. It's so good, you keep using the so-so bread to scoop it up, and before you know it -- no more salsa. Even heat avoiders should like this salsa.

The Latin Rooster serves authentic Latin appetizer specialties such as yucca, tamales, empanadas, plantains and ceviche. Though I didn't have the nerve to try the ceviche (fish "cooked" by being marinated in lime or lemon juice) this far from an ocean, you can depend on the rest of the appetizers.

As for soups, go with the black bean soup. It's hearty peasant soup, thick with beans, onion, some tomato and celery.

The best entree was the regular menu grilled swordfish with rosemary that Steve ordered. Cooked perfectly, done but still tender, the flavor of the fresh-tasting fish was enhanced by rosemary and garlic. The red skin potatoes were simply finished in butter, and the sauteed red onion and bell pepper accompaniment was almost pickled with lemon. Steve pronounced this the best dish he's had here in several trips.

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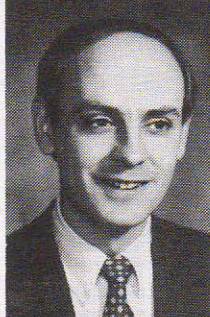
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