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Campus Partners & Broad Street Management Near Deal

Harrison West Apartments

Several apartment units in Harrison West are part of a refinancing and ownership package being negotiated between the federal housing agency (HUD) and the university area development corporation, Campus Partners (CP).

The apartments have been owned and managed for the past couple of decades by Broad Street Management. As part of a city-wide package, CP may soon be acquiring all of their apartments. CP reports that as part of the deal, they would be investing in the units and establishing local management entities.

Local Section 8 apartments include Helen Court on Oregon Avenue, the complex on the northeast corner of Michigan and Third, the old Fourth Avenue School, the row houses on the corners of Fourth and Michigan as well as Second and Michigan, and other units scattered around the neighborhood.

Harrison West Elections May 9; Nominations April 11

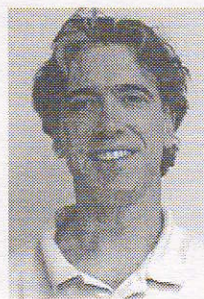
In the coming year, we will be facing several very important issues in Harrison West, including development of the Humko site, construction of the Third Avenue Bridge Park, reconstruction of I-670 and the consequent increased traffic in our neighborhood, implementation of traffic calming measures in the neighborhood, and infill development.

Once again, leadership of the Society will be critical to guard our neighborhood from destructive forces and guide its growth. You'll never have a better opportunity to help your neighborhood.

Please contact the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Bob Mangia, at 291-3727 if you are a Society member interested in serving or if you know of a Society member who may be willing to serve. Nominations may also be taken from the floor at the April and May meetings.

President Keith Dimoff Moves On

Harrison West Society President Keith Dimoff has announced that in May he will wind down his service with the Society. Keith has held office as Secretary and President and chaired several committees, including the Planning & Development, Audit, Traffic, Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund, Holiday Potluck, and Yard Sale Committees.



"It's been a fun and rewarding run," said Keith, "and I've never felt better about the future of the neighborhood and of the Society."

Dimoff has been instrumental in bringing planned traffic calming measures to the neighborhood, as well as reinforcing the respect and support City officials have for Harrison West. However, Dimoff may be most remembered in the neighborhood for his institution of the 90 Minute Meeting protocol of the Harrison West Society!

Next Meeting:

Nominations

Campus Partners

At the April 11 meeting of the Harrison West Society, we'll take nominations for the May elections for President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. We'll also discuss the future of the Broad Street Management apartments throughout the neighborhood and their upcoming acquisition by Campus Partners. The meetings are friendly, well-paced, and rewarding way to spend a Thursday evening. Come on down!

NEXT MEETING

The Harrison West Society will meet
Thursday, April 11 at
7:30 PM

First Brethren Church
Third and Oregon

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HARRISON WEST SOCIETY MINUTES

March 14, 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

Barb Williams motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Passed.

Treasurer's Report Chair Tom Maxwell reported a balance of \$6786. President Keith Dimoff suggested the audit committee review the financials provided by Maxwell and confirm audit at April meeting.

HWS Officer Elections Keith Dimoff appointed Bob Mangia as Chair of the Nominating committee and reviewed the Society's bylaws.

Planning and Development:

Committee Meeting Keith Dimoff scheduled for March 20.

AC Humko Keith Dimoff, Veda Gilp, and Craig Copeland reported on the March 6 meeting with Phoenix Development about Humko. Mary Funk reported that Phoenix Development has withdrawn its offer to purchase and redevelop the space. Dave Butler, Matt Tangeman, and Pastor Richard Morris and the HWS officers agreed to meet with City Development Director Mark Barbash and Councilman Rich Sensenbrenner to tell them what we want from any redevelopment of the Humko site.

Variance Request for 1004-6 Oregon Avenue Mary Funk reported that the request has been tabled indefinitely.

Battelle New Parking Lot Craig Copeland reported that Battelle's new parking lot will match the existing lot.

Fifth and Perry Landscaping Craig Copeland reported that the only issues remaining are concrete benches vs. Victorian benches and stamped concrete vs. tinted concrete. Price will determine the selections.

Campus Partners and Broad Street Management Craig Copeland reported that Campus Partners has indicated it will maintain the properties in Harrison West as subsidized low-income housing. It was agreed that the P&D Committee would develop goals for the property at the March 20 P&D meeting.

Zoning Budget Matt Tangeman motioned to set aside up to \$1000 for a zoning attorney to advise the HWS regarding properties in HW. Passed.

Old Business and Committee Reports:

Membership Committee Keith Dimoff reported for Chair Mark Hamsher that we now have 53 paid members. Barb Kobbie reported on the progress of the Harrison West brochure.

HWS Garden Club Tree planting will be April 13 and May 10.

New Business & Announcements:

Old Environmental/Highway Legal Appeal Keith Dimoff reported that we have received a letter requesting payment of \$100 in fees. Mary Funk motioned that the secretary should send a letter to the attorney requesting an invoice for the \$100, with the understanding that no other fees are due and thanking the attorney. Once the invoice is received, the HWS should send the \$100 as full and final payment. Passed.

Tree Planting and Pruning It was agreed to defer the pruning until Fall. Craig Copeland asked for tree planters.

mARTi Gras Sylvia Toski discussed the celebration and asked for volunteers.

Pastor Richard Morris motioned to adjourn the business meeting at 9:10 P.M. Passed.

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Join the Harrison West Society

To vote in the May election, new members must have joined by March 25; current members must renew by May 9. Join today using the form below or on the bottom of the News flag.



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Please complete this form and mail it, along with your appropriate contribution to Harrison West Society, P.O. Box 163442, Columbus, OH 43216. Membership dues are paid each calendar year.

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☐ Individual \$10 ☐ Senior (60 and over) \$5 ☐ Sustaining \$25
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The Harrison West Society is one of the most active and powerful neighborhood organizations in Central Ohio. The Society generally has the attention, if not outright support, of City Council and the Mayor's office. Recently the Society brought in \$260,000 in Urban Infrastructure Recovery Funds, created a new park in the neighborhood, brought public art to the neighborhood, discouraged a developer who would have blighted the neighborhood, and brokered a traffic calming agreement with the City that will help protect the neighborhood from Spring/Sandusky and I-670 traffic. The Society needs your support. Join today.



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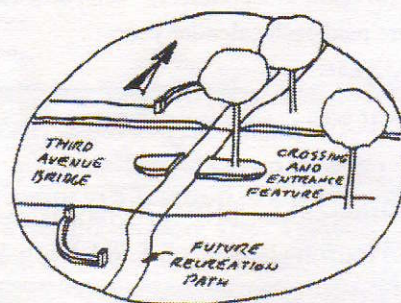
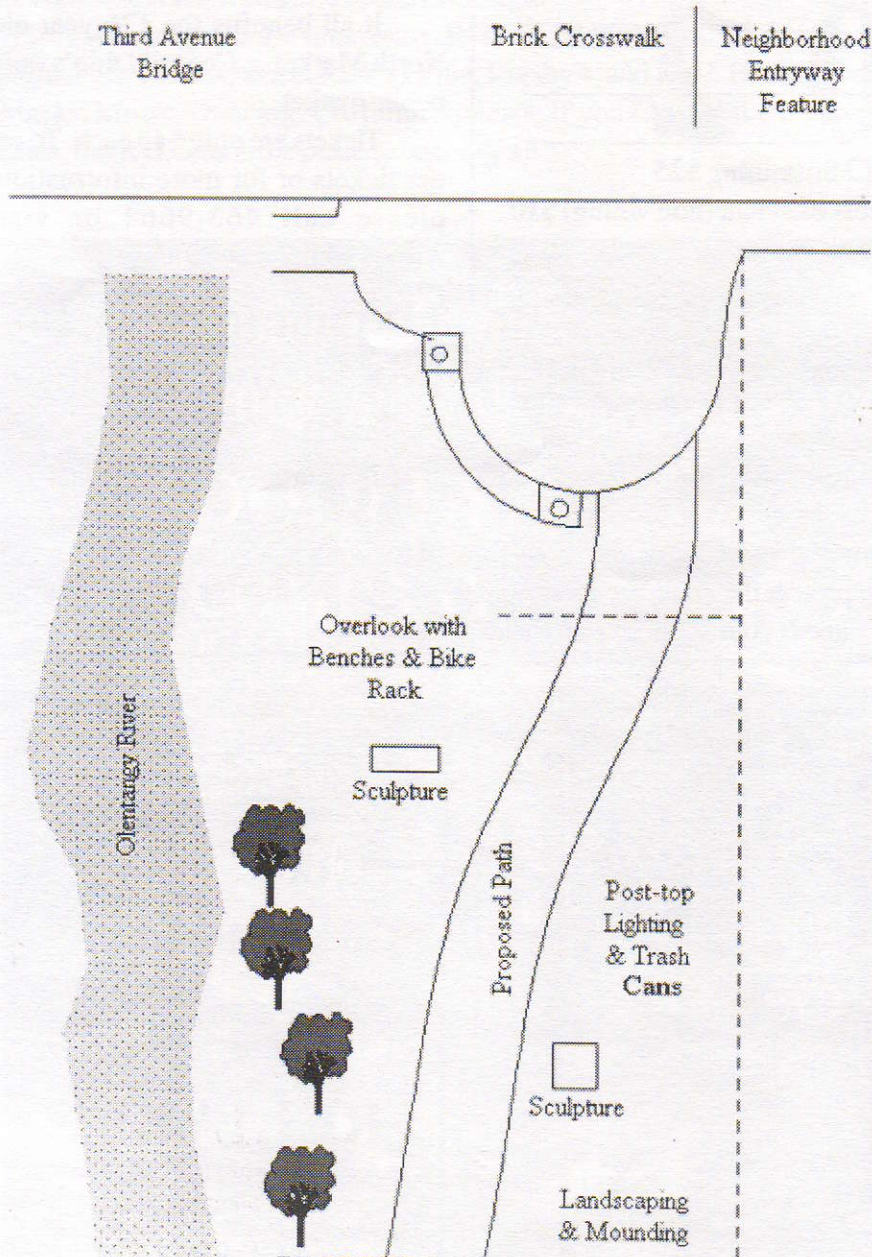
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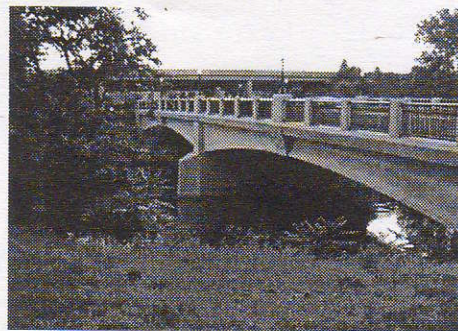
Last month we reported that Harrison West had been awarded \$260,000 in Urban Infrastructure Recovery Funds for the Third Avenue Bridge Park and upgrading the bike path crossing Third at the park. Here's what we think we will be getting for that money. By the way, if you think working on committees for the Harrison West Society doesn't mean anything, consider this: UIRF Committee Chair Keith Dimoff and his six committee members brought \$260,000 to Harrison West. Without their efforts, the neighborhood would have gotten nothing. It just proves what the Society always says: with just a little effort, you can make big things happen for Harrison West.

Funding includes \$60,000 for 5 decorative lights, wiring, 3 benches, a paved overlook with railing and bike rack, a paved bike and pedestrian path through the park, signage, and landscaping.

Another \$200,000 is slated to create a brick crosswalk and median, a raised center island, and pavement markings where the bike path crosses Third into the park.



Proposed Third Avenue entryway and crosswalk/bikepath.



View from the Overlook.



The heart of the Third Avenue Bridge Park will be the two Side by Side sculptures.

Humko Development on Hold for Now

How Harrison West Disarmed the Texas Developer

When HWS President Keith Dimoff, Secretary Veda Gilp, and Past President Craig Copeland met with Texas-based Phoenix Development on March 8, they thought they were to talk about a quality development on the Humko site for Harrison West. They were wrong.



You may remember reading in the *HW News* on more than one occasion that the Society has been seeking strong input into the type and quality of development for the Humko site. After all, what is built on these 14 acres will profoundly affect Harrison West property values, quality of life, and enjoyment of our neighborhood.

That afternoon the Society representatives learned that the developer had filed for rezoning that day without informing the Harrison West Society of its intent.

Then Phoenix revealed what they planned to build on this 14 acres: more than 300 multifamily apartment units. That's more than 22 units per acre. Nearly 1000 additional people and cars for the neighborhood. Nearly 1000 transients with no stake in the neighborhood, no attachment to the neighborhood, and no reason to care for the neighborhood.

The HWS representatives asked

to see plans for the development. Though the developer had been showing plans to the City for some time, they had no plans to show Harrison West.

What they wanted from Harrison West was a letter of support.

President Dimoff told them that the Harrison West Society would not rubber stamp such a development.



By March 13, Phoenix Development had withdrawn.

Hopefully, the next developer for the site will work with the Harrison West Society from the beginning, to create a positive addition to the neighborhood.

Treasurer's Audit Report

Society Income and Expenses

January through December 2001

Income Total	\$7270.27
Advertising	\$5599.00
Membership	\$1360.00
Other	\$ 311.27
Expenses Total	\$6353.15
Newsletter	\$4712.40
Area Improvements	\$1000.00
Other	\$ 640.75
Net Income	\$ 917.12

April 13, 2002 Tree Planting at Olentangy River

The City of Columbus, Battelle, Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed (FLOW), and Harrison West are cosponsoring a tree planting along the Olentangy River and bike path north of Confluence Park on April 13, 2002 from 9 am to noon, **rain or shine**.

We expect to be planting 1,200 native Ohio tree seedlings and about 150 native landscape-sized trees (mostly flowering types), installing birdhouses, and picking up some litter along the way. There will be a small cookout immediately after the tree planting.

Meet at the River Club parking lot (SR 33 and Confluence Park) to sign in and receive planting guidelines and assignments. Come a little early and join us for a light breakfast.

Please bring your own shovel, dibble (planting bar), or other planting tool and work gloves.

Children are welcome, but must be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult. We will be working near the Olentangy River and SR 33, so parents (or other responsible adults) must directly supervise their children at all times while participating in this event.

We will have some educational information for the children about native trees and birds that live along the Olentangy River. Also, each child will receive a native Buckeye or White Oak seedling to plant in a special place along the bike path or at home. This event should be a fun and worthwhile event for the entire family.

For more information, call Janice Fry (424-3566) or Adam Wagenbach (424-7927).



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Then tonight in the same tents, PARTY, PARTY, PARTY from 6 to midnight. Food by Eloquence, Rick's Grille, Rigsby's, and K2U. Beads. Costumes. Masks. Music. Dancing. Costume contests. If you can't make it to New Orleans, mARTi Gras is the place to be tonight!

Battelle Hill to Disappear

In case you missed the mention in last month's News, the digging you see on the Battelle land at the corner of Third and Perry is simply to move soil from there to the new parking lot on the former Ranco site on Fifth to raise the level of the lot. Supposedly, the landscaping at the corner of Third and Perry will not be affected, and Battelle plans to level and reseed the disturbed area.

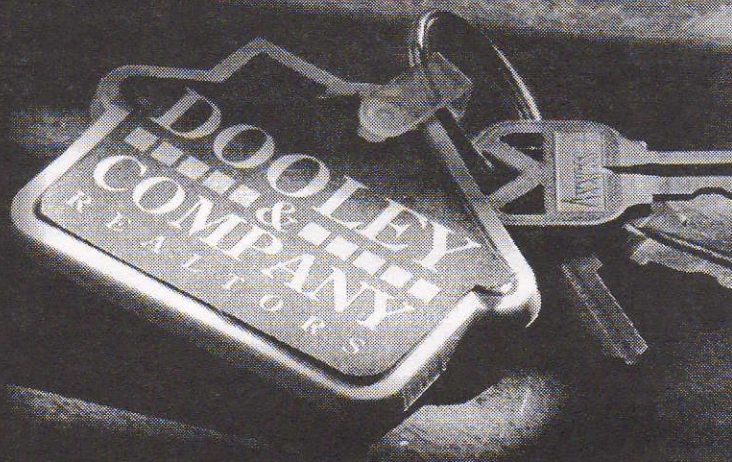
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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Junk Foods R Us

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For my fat grams, the best fries in this town can be found at any Steak & Shake. Shoestrings that are so light and crispy, you forget feeling guilty.

Some Chinese food is good for you. For some that isn't, seek out Fortune, tucked away in the Olentangy Center north of the Big Lots. It looks like a hole-in-the-wall, but inside is some of the best dim sum in town. They make most of it there: translucent shrimp dumplings, steamed buns with red-cooked pork inside, 7 Treasure rice cooked in a lotus leaf, stuffed with Chinese sausage, bits of pork, spices and a genuine sticky texture; deep-fried savory dumplings made of taro. You get the idea. This place has absolutely the very best hot chili oil I've ever encountered in a lifetime of heat seeking. Redolent of garlic, chilies, and fresh ginger, they make it fresh every week. It's worth getting takeout just to get a container of the hot oil.

Speaking of egg rolls, the Rice Bowl at 104 and south High Street has absolutely the best in town. Connie and her mom and aunts make them assembly-line fashion, stuffing them with Chinese cabbage, chopped shrimp, pork, and peanut butter. There's nothing gourmet at the Rice Bowl, that's true, but you can't beat those egg rolls.

On to Pizza, surely one of the best bad-for-you foods around. Tommy's on Lane Avenue at North Star has the best thin crust in town. The sauce is great,

and the toppings are excellent. Their sausage is real -- not that cardboard stuff. Sure, you have to sop up some of the grease off the pepperoni, but the flavor of that pizza is worth it.

As for guilty pleasures desserts - Graeters double chocolate ice cream with those giant, soft chocolate chips is my first choice. Get a cup to go, and head down to Cap City Diner for a piece of Seriously Big Chocolate Cake. Dump the ice cream on the cake. Eat. Guilty pleasures just don't get any better.

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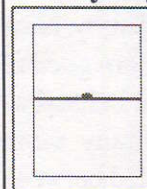
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Eadie Gourmet Eats Out at Junk Foods R Us

by Veda Gilp

Oh, those guilty food pleasures -- the things we eat when no one is looking. I'm as guilty as the next person, and I think I've found some of the best junk food delights in this city.

Let's begin with the beginning: breakfast. The croissants at La Chatelaine are the best; so rich, buttery, and flaky they are impossible to resist. Best eaten there with strawberry jam and a cup of French Roast coffee. Fat and caffeine -- genuine guilty pleasures.

Closer to home is the Florentine breakfast bagel at Manhattan Bagels at Thurber Center: egg, cream cheese, ham on a spinach bagel. Extra good with the Taylor ham, which is also extra full of fat and flavor.

Of course, for the full week's worth of bad-for-you breakfast, you can't beat Bob Evans for eggs, patty sausage, gravy, greasy home fries, and biscuits dripping with butter and honey.

Lunch is another no-brainer: City Barbeque on west Henderson. Real southern-style barbeque that's smoked to succulent tenderness, then sliced and piled so high on the big bun you probably won't be able to eat it all. Order sides of greasy french fries and thick baked beans cooked with ham chunks. Add about a cup of sauce. Enjoy. Now you know why those southern good ol boys are hanging over their belts a bit.

Dinner gives you many more choices. I'm often undecided between the best burgers in town, which you can find at Max and Erma's in German Village. Plump burgers dripping with juices, covered with melted cheese and grilled onions.

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