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Wheeler Park... a dog friendly debate



By Rob Harris

Harrison West is home to a small four-acre park located off Thurber Drive East and Collins Avenue, between Alexandria Colony and Tivoli Apartments, that is currently being discussed as a location for a dog-friendly park. Mark Young of the City of Columbus Recreation and Parks Department is in charge of establishing a public forum to debate the need and establish details for a dog park in our urban environment.

Based on the small lot sizes, population density, and urban character of our neighborhood, our residents are heavily reliant on public space for outdoor activity. The valuable land that is dedicated to park usage needs to address the needs of its residents carefully and thoughtfully if we are to have a thriving community. The balance between pedestrian and dog usage of our parks needs to reach a comfortable balance that serves all equally well.

The debate to transform Wheeler Park into a dog-friendly park is a reaction to issues that have arisen from more global park needs. Our larger parks comfortably welcome a tranquil and well-adjusted group of responsible dog owners, so what is the issue at hand and why should such a small park like Wheeler be reserved for dog park usage? One concept is to use 95% of the park as a fenced in dog park, leveling the soft hills and terrain and clear cutting the established tree growth. Another concept is to support what is best for the larger metropolitan area and not the localized concerns of neighboring residents. Neither view will address the needs of Harrison West and will prove to be poor approaches when considered carefully..

Renda Radcliffe-Sullivan of DoGPAW (Dogs of Goodale Park Are Welcome) stated that dog owners make the park a safer place for all by adding more eyes and ears to the park. The dog community has proven to be a socially valuable and integral part of our diverse urban environment and

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NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be this Wed., February 20, 2008, 7 p.m. at the Harrison Park Community Center, 575 West First Avenue.

One of our Guest Speakers will be Mark Young from the Recreation and Parks department to discuss the Wheeler Dog Park.

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

By Jim Slone, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with a quorum of voting members present (14). There were two new members in attendance: Rob McCarthy and Leslie Siegel.

Routine Business

Minutes Jacob Sukosd moved to approve the minutes of the November meeting as posted in the December newsletter. Seconded. **PASSED** unanimously.

Treasurer's Report We have \$3,612.06 in checking, \$2,517.26 in savings, and \$2,621.25 in the CD.

Committee Reports

Boundaries The proposed new boundaries were mailed to members and notice was placed in the January newsletter. The new boundaries can be see on the website under the Map link, Joe George made a motion to accept the new boundaries for HWS. Seconded. **PASSED** unanimously.

Rezoning motion. Motion to send letter in support of changing C4 to R2F on W Third Avenue. Seconded. **PASSED** unanimously.

B. Hampton Info James Goodman (city) sent letter with concerns with the building. Owners are thinking of store front type windows on 3rd Avenue side of the building.

Rails to Trails Info Mary Funk noted that White Castle filed suit to vacate the railroad track spur.

Wheeler Dog Park Discussed current status. See article on page 1 for the latest information.

Recycle collection reminder Barb Williams wanted to remind everyone that the recycling of ink cartridges and cell phones is still going on. You can bring them to the meeting or at boxes around the neighborhood such as Cafe Corner and Cafe Apropos.

Social Rob Harris spoke for Tim Bledsoe who couldn't attend due to work. The party was excellent. We had great spon-

sors that made the event a great success for the society and the neighborhood. The event generated \$1,200 in revenue for HWS. Rob made a motion that we pay Real Property management \$1,198 as our part of the event. Seconded. **PASSED** unanimously.

New Business

Battelle Green Space and Day Care issue Battelle has no plans yet for the day care center. Jacob Sukosd does not need to write a letter as Mary Funk and Bob Mangia talked to Allen McKnight from the City on 1/18. No action is needed at this time.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

POLICE BLOTTER - FEB

Theft of an Auto

- Thurber Dr W 01/26/2008
- W 3rd Ave 01/01/2008

Burglary

- W 3rd Ave 01/29/2008
- Construction Site
Perry St 01/14 - 01/15/2008

Malicious Destruction

- Helen Ct 01/17/2008

Robbery

- Thurber Shopping Center
01/11/2008

Theft from Auto

- Thurber Dr W 01/22/2008
- W 5th Ave 01/30/2008
- W 6th Ave #b3 01/2/2008
- Harrison Park Pl 01/2/2008

Total of 11 reported crimes in Greater Harrison West Area.

Note: No Murders, Assaults, Sexual Assaults.

From 02/08/08 report by Columbus Police Division

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



By Chris Ruder, President HWWS

I'm sure that you're used to comments on how good our neighborhood

is. But, are you aware of exactly how unique your Harrison West Society really is? All of the other neighborhood groups I know of had a Board of Directors, or Trustees or what-not. Here at Harrison West – there is none. The policies, in detail, are set by the members in regular meetings. This is really most unusual.

Of course, there are problems with such a system. It breaks down under two extremes: First, a sharp emergency when there is no time for debate and discussion. Second, over the long time where there is no emergencies at all.

Fortunately for Harrison West, we've always been able to pull together when hit by the first. Craig Copeland stood up and screamed when we could have gotten a rotten 3rd Ave bridge and Mary Funk did the same earlier with Battelle's plans for the area.

Right now, after a couple of years of hard work, we are facing the second problem. Trying to stay active and coherent when we are not battling anything. This is not to say that there is nothing to be done. There are plans for the River Park, the Heliport on 3rd Ave and long range planing south of 1st Ave.

But mostly we need volunteers to do the housekeeping things: writing articles for the

Newsletter, keeping track of demolitions and building permits, planting and weeding the parks.

If you are interested in keeping our neighborhood going – please come to one of our monthly meetings.

It has been 100 years since the First Brethren Church at 473 W. Third Ave. got their first pastor and the church is celebrating! The church has been in the neighborhood for the entire 100 years.

Call Pastor Morris at the church (299-3663) for more information. Come celebrate their joyous past and future.

WHEELER DOG PARK CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

should be embraced accordingly. The Harrison West Society welcomes the idea of Wheeler Park as a dog- friendly environment if the repurposed park also addresses the needs of its neighborhood. Please let our Society know your thoughts on this very important and dynamic issue facing our community.

Harrison West Society Meeting

Wednesday, February 20th @ 7 PM

Harrison Park Community Center

575 West First Avenue

Guest Speaker

***Mark Young of City of Columbus
Recreation and Parks***

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by Barb Williams

Many of us spend huge chunks of time at our office. Have you made any simple habit changes to save energy and resources there?

Like at home, we just need to be more mindful, paying attention to seemingly small things like turning off the lights when we're leaving any room for 15 minutes and using natural light whenever we can.

If it's not already the habit in your office, make it a habit to print on both sides of the paper, use the back side of old documents for faxes, scrap paper, drafts. Save up one-sided used paper and give it to the office of your favorite non-profit organization! Avoid color printing (and copying) when you really don't need it. Of course you turn off your computer when you leave for the day. How about the power strip it's plugged into?

You can multiply these small steps by persuading the powers-that-be at your workplace to adopt

environmentally friendly policies, like

- buying recycled paper, chlorine-free with a higher percentage of post-consumer content
- switching to a lighter stock of paper or consider alternatives made from bamboo, hemp, organic cotton, or kenaf
- using Energy Starlighting fixtures (which use at least two-thirds less energy than regular lighting)
- installing timers or motion sensors that automatically shut off lights when they're not needed
- recycling toner and ink cartridges and buying re-manufactured ones.



Remember, Harrison West collects used ink cartridges and cell phones

According to Office Depot, each re-manufactured toner cartridge "keeps approximately 2.5 pounds of metal and plastic out of

landfills...and conserves about a half gallon of oil."

If you ARE the power-that-be in your office, remember to invest in energy-saving computers, monitors, and printers and make sure that old equipment is properly recycled. Computers and other consumer electronics are full of toxic materials extremely dangerous to humans and harmful to the environment if not properly managed.

Look for a recycler who has pledged not to export hazardous e-waste.

Old computers that still work can be donated to organizations that will find them new homes.

Whether you are in charge at your office or not, remember you ARE a power for saving our environment - every time you use your own cup instead of a paper cup, for example. You are saying that you're mindful of the Earth.



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Tuesday 6:00 P.M. Bible Study
Thursday 6:30 P.M. Youth Meeting

Richard Morris, Pastor
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THINK RECYCLE

By Barb Williams

This is a reminder that the Harrison West Society is collecting used cell phones and print cartridges for recycling.

Think Recycle collects and rebates us for what we send in (at no cost to us), plus they plant a tree for every 12 items.

Good for our Earth, good for Harrison West, less trash!

There is a collection box at Cafe Apropos on Third and Michigan and a huge box at the Harrison Park Center. Also, we collect at every meeting.



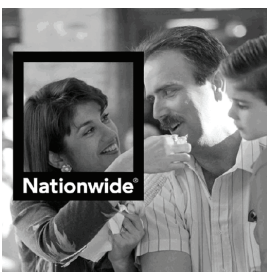
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MEETING: FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2008

- ☛ **City of Columbus** has possession of the Compton parcel, the Central Beverage parcel, and the Harrison Park land allocation parcel.
- ☛ **Bond package** has been financed and funds are available for the proposed Harrison Park Development.
- ☛ **First phase** for the expedited demolition of the Compton buildings, environmental mediation, preliminary engineering and soil removal.
- ☛ **First phase** of the contract to be taken to City Council within 30 days with passage through emergency legislation.
- ☛ **Development** of the park will be Turn Key and completed before being turned over to the City.
- ☛ **Environmental Phase I & II** have been completed.
- ☛ **Recreation & Parks** will take an active role in the development of the park. The Harrison West Society Park Committee will assist with the developer.
- ☛ **Park Design** is well done and has been designed conceptually in a detailed level. The concern will be the Gazebo placement, the recreation paths, and long term maintenance.
- ☛ **Park easement** requested by developer to allow for the storm water piping from the Harrison Park Lofts. The proposed easement is 10' wide.
- ☛ **Sediment basins** on the park site will need to be addressed so that the park can proceed with construction prior to 75% of construction development being completed.

MEETING: MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2008

- ☛ **Competitive Bid will be researched further by Alan McKnight, John Cline, and Dan Drake**
- ☛ **Representative** from Recreation and Parks will be appointed shortly, perhaps Maureen Lorenz.
- ☛ **Reach back funds** regarding the TIF bonding in the amount of \$447,322 will be resolved by mid-March.
- ☛ **Site engineer** needs to be released to begin work on the park planning.
- ☛ **Sewer overflow** needs to be dealt with as a major concern in the park development. Additional re-lining of the sewer under the park will also be performed during our construction phase.
- ☛ **Tree survey** should be performed prior to any earth moving to assure the saving of any and all valuable trees. Recreation and Parks to provide a tree survey.
- ☛ **Landscape architect** was discussed. The question was raised whether the City would do the landscape architecture and horticulture work or would we need to hire a landscape architect.
- ☛ **Time Schedule** will need to be established to better understanding of the overall process.
- ☛ **Playground equipment**-Recreation and Parks will submit brochures for selection.
- ☛ **Lighting** will need to be established and addressed by an outside consultant.
- ☛ **Park Committee Meeting** to be Monday, February 25.

*Artist illustration of the
Harrison Park gazebo*



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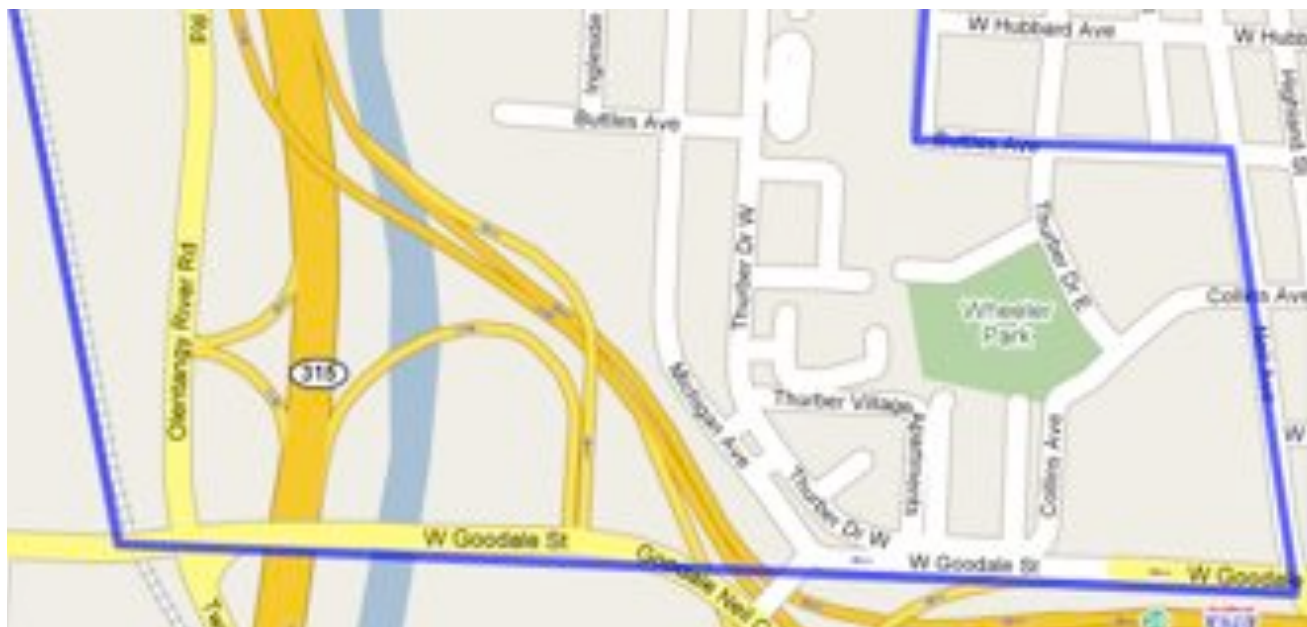
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HARRISON WEST NEW BOUNDARIES

By *Jim Slone*

Below is a map of showing a close up of the new expanded boundaries of Harrison West.



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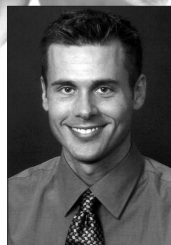
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Harrison West Society Volunteer Form

- ☐ Budget (sets up the Society Budget)
- ☐ TIF Task Force (monitors and reports on TIF events)
- ☐ Newsletter Advertising (works with the advertisers)
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- ☐ Newsletter Reporting (writes articles and proofs articles)
- ☐ Newsletter and Website graphics (develops graphics and images)
- ☐ Website maintenance (maintains and updates website)
- ☐ Policy (reviews all changes to By Laws, Constitution, & policies)
- ☐ Membership (recruits new members)
- ☐ Parks (oversees our local parks)
- ☐ Planning and Development (keeps track of local zoning issues)
- ☐ Social (sets up monthly programs and special events)
- ☐ Transportation (keeps track of traffic an transportation issues)
- ☐ Wheeler Dog Park (attend meetings, report to committee)
- ☐ Other _____

Meeting Calendar

*All meeting at 7 p.m. in the
Harrison Park Community Center*

February 20

Wheeler Dog Park Update

March 21

Harrison Park Update

April 16

Wheeler Dog Park Updates

May 21

Vote for new officers

June 18

Plan for Block Party & Garage Sale

July 16

Update on TIF & Harrison Park

August 20

September 17

October 15

Plan for Holiday Party

November 19

December 17

Holiday Party

January 21, 2009

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