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The mission of the Columbus Metropolitan Club is to connect people and ideas through community conversation.

THIS WEEK AT CMC

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 5:30 – 7:30

CMC on Site at Tech Columbus

Hosted by Ted Ford, CEO, Tech Columbus

JUNE 24

The GOP Perspective

Kevin DeWine, Chair, Ohio Republican Party

CMC gives GOP Chair DeWine the stage for his response to Ohio Democratic Chair Chris Redfern who blasted the Republican leadership and boasted of Democratic achievements at the CMC forum April 4.

Previews of Upcoming CMC Events

JULY 1, NOON TO 1:30 P.M. (EXTENDED TIME)

Harrison Speaks Out

Harrison Smith, retired, Smith & Hale, LLP and Chair, Downtown Commission
Keith Myers, Principle, MSI

JULY 8

Algae Energy: Turning CO2 to Food & Fuel

Dr. Ross O Youngs, CEO and Founder, Algae Energy

With Support from Battelle, American Electric Power and Columbia Gas



SEPTEMBER 2 (RESCHEDULED FROM JULY 22)



Jennifer Brunner, Secretary of State, Ohio



Joe Hallett, Columbus Dispatch



JULY 31, 5:30 – 7:30

CMC on Site at the Columbus Zoo Behind the Scenes tour of the Zoo And optional evening at Jazz Zoo – 8:00



"Motown Memories"

The CJO brings back the glorious memories of Motown and the fabulous music of that soulful era to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Motown. Special Guest: Cynthia Hale

AUGUST 12

Chief Justice Thomas Moyer

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 5:30 – 8:00 P.M.

AT FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY

CMC Annual Meeting – Celebration of Civic Engagement

With Support from the Franklin Park Conservatory

All CMC forums are open to everyone!

Forums are held at the Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 E. Broad St., unless otherwise noted. Please make reservations online at columbusmetroclub.org or via email to staff@columbusmetroclub.org or by calling 464-3220



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WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, NOON TO 1:30 P.M. (EXTENDED TIME)

Harrison Speaks Out



Harrison Smith, retired, Smith & Hale, LLP and Chair, Downtown Commission



Keith Myers, Principle, MSI

From Muirfield, to Tuttle Crossing, to New Albany, to downtown mega signs, the influence of Harrison Smith weaves through the fabric of Columbus like a strand of gold woven subtly through an intricate pattern of city streets.

Known as "Bill" to many, 83-year-old Smith handles his recently-diagnosed cancer as he has always handled other issues: with stark candor, professionalism and a decisive mind. When asked if he would like to "speak his mind" at a Columbus Metropolitan Club forum, his answer came quickly with a wry smile and twinkle in his eyes.

Perhaps this response came partly because Smith finds himself currently embroiled in the kind of controversy that marked his career as a zoning attorney. The Columbus Downtown Development Corporation (CDDC) and city leaders have willed that City Center will be razed beginning this summer. As the long-time Chair of the Downtown Commission, Smith recently publicly bashed this plan as "no plan at all." He questioned why anyone would spend \$20 million to tear down a 19 year old building.

Connected to Smith's vehement opposition to the City Center plan or not, last week Mayor Michael B. Coleman replaced Smith (and long time fellow Commission member Kenneth Cookson) on the Downtown Commission with his former campaign chairwoman Danni Palmore and Elizabeth Lessner, popular downtown restaurateur and savvy business woman. The Commission expects to hear the CDDC plans for City Center at its July meeting.

Controversy fuels Harrison Smith. While he made a living as an attorney at Smith & Hale, a firm his family helped start, he worked passionately with landowners, developers and city leaders to assure Columbus' long term growth and prosperity. Sometimes at the chagrin of area suburbs, Smith's creative strategies and apt negotiating skills allowed Columbus to annex valuable development property through much of the 1950s and '60s that have defined Columbus today.

As his health declines, his passion for the city does not. He's eager to share his thoughts, concerns, and hopes. Join the discussion as prominent planner, Keith Myers, Principle of MSI asks Harrison Smith to speak out at CMC on July 1.

RECAP - JUNE 17

Fixing Health Care

Bill Hayes, Executive Director, Health Policy Ohio; Cathy Levine, Executive Director, Universal Health Care Action Network; Doug Anderson, Chief Policy Officer, Ohio Department of Insurance and Rob Edmund, Director of Policy and General Counsel, Ohio Business Roundtable

With Support from Cardinal Health



Speaker Bill Hayes, from Sponsor Cardinal Health Dianne Radigan, speaker Cathy Levine, CMC Trustee Rich Tarepak, speakers Rob Edmund and Doug Anderson.



CMC forum guest Bert Blair chats with member Keith Miner

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