



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT TO COUNCIL

March 21, 2022

MEETINGS

- 2/22 Brian Filiatrout, MORPC re: Rickenbacker Energy Consortium
Downtown project update meeting with Miller Valentine
- 2/23 Community Improvement Corporation Board meeting
Staff Meeting
Development meeting
- 2/24 Pawson Dog Treats
- 2/25 Aaron Carroll re: Downtown Development
- 2/25 City of Columbus re: Area C expansion
- 3/1 Tenby Development re: Studley property on Groveport Road
Amy Elsea/ Miller Valentine
Fiber design status update call with Everstream
- 3/2 Design Review meeting with Little Italy, Wasserstrom and Ford Architects
- 3/3 Zoom call with Miller Valentine to discuss temporary alley closure and job trailer relocation
- 3/8 Staff Meeting
Development meeting
- 3/9 Rickenbacker Energy Consortium meeting
- 3/11 Zoom call with Marcie Rechsteiner/Wasserstrom and Mike Hermick/Allied Mechanical
Meeting with Julie May and Mo Hijazi/Hollingsworth re: company relocation
- 3/15 Rickenbacker Area Stakeholders meeting

CURRENT PROJECTS

- **1847 Main Redevelopment Project**
- **Carroll Main Street Development**—Project is being reworked and should go to Planning and Zoning April 4. The project will only include the dental practice and an optometry practice.
- **Downtown Parking**—This is a critical issue that we need to be working on. Dr. Land is proposing the construction of a two or three story building on the site of the former hot rod shop, but can't do it with the current parking deficit. This is also affecting Birch Tavern and Little Italy. We have received a proposal for planning services related to this and will hopefully have some proposed solutions to bring to Council soon.
- **Area C Study**—Columbus is willing to grant blanket approval to annex property in Area C but we must show them a plan for how the area will be served with utilities. This is a good time to consider our development options. Do we want to continue to pursue warehouse/industrial development or do we want to start taking advantage of other potential development resulting from other large projects in the region, i.e. Intel?
- **Potential Project on Fagin's "Sharp's Landing" property at the SW corner of Rohr and Pontius**—Working with a developer who has the Fagin property and another adjacent property under contract. This area is not currently part of our contract service area with the City of Columbus, so our contract would need to be amended to add it. In previous discussions with Columbus, we have been told they would only include this as part of the larger Area C discussion. Since we have a potential project we're going to try and get Columbus to approve this as an amendment to our contract.

2022 PRIORITIES

- Downtown Comprehensive Plan
 - CIC meeting on 1/19 to review the plan and determine next steps
- 1847 Main
 - Finalize lease negotiations
 - Complete interior build-outs
- Downtown Parking
- Accessible Playground
- Area "C" Master Plan and Economic Feasibility Study.
- Downtown "pocket park" at Front & Main
- New developments on Main Street
- Downtown signage