



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT TO COUNCIL

April 18, 2022

MEETINGS

- 3/22 Meeting with Julie May and Jim Reynolds at Hollingsworth (Stella and Dot)
Downtown project update call with Miller-Valentine
- 3/24 Meeting with Doug Lance/Bennett Investment Group and Rick Trott/CBRE re: Sharp's
Landing Development
- 3/25 Meeting with prospective tenant for Rarey's Port building
- 3/30 Project meeting with M & A Architects and Avery Ward/Little Italy
Staff meeting
Development meeting
- 3/31 Meeting at Integra Beauty with Tony Parrett
- 4/1 Conference call with Integra Beauty leadership in CA
Little Italy project meeting with Wasserstrom, Ford Architects, and M & A Architects
- 4/5 Staff downtown project meeting
Downtown project update call with Miller-Valentine
- 4/6 Meeting with Zakee Bashir/Columbus Chamber of Commerce
Staff meeting
Development meeting
- 4/7 Meeting, site tour at KDC/One with Todd Lowe, Jeff Keller and BJ King
Meeting with prospective restaurant tenant for Rarey's Port building
Tour of Groveport Recreation Center with Joe Green/Intega Beauty
Meeting with COTA and MORPC about LinkUS project
- 4/11 Meeting with Larry White at Build-A-Bear Workshops
- 4/12 Meeting and facility tour at Gap Distribution Center with Diane McKean, Justin Bickle
(OneColumbus) and Kevin Chambers (JobsOhio)
Meeting with M & A Architects about Little Italy project

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| 4/13 | Hosted Rickenbacker Employer Assistance Network (REAN) breakfast meeting at golf course |
| | Rarey's Port and Wert's Grove building walk-throughs with Miller-Valentine |
| 4/14 | Spoke at Columbus Chamber/Columbus Regional Logistics Council meeting at Columbus State |

CURRENT (On-going) 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 current 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
- 1847 Main
 - Finalize lease negotiations
 - Complete interior build-outs
- Downtown Parking
- Area "C" Master Plan and Economic Feasibility Study.
- Downtown "pocket park" at Front & Main
- New developments on Main Street
- Downtown signage
- Business retention and expansion/In-person visits