



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT TO COUNCIL

November 17, 2022

MEETINGS

10/18 Discussion of Rarey's Port/Wert's Grove second floor spaces

Meeting with John Hambrick/ESC, Kelly Fuller/Columbus Chamber of Commerce and Angela Atwood/Rickenbacker re: Workforce

10/19 Staff meeting

Development meeting

10/21 Weekly project update call/Little Italy and Delaney's Diner

10/26 Meeting with Sara Zangardi/MA Design re: Little Italy

Meeting with Dave Dickerson/MVC

10/28 Weekly project update call/Little Italy and Delaney's Diner

11/2 Meeting re: Electrical issues/Little Italy project

Staff meeting

Development meeting

11/4 Meg Mannion re: Choptank/Brew On Main project

Weekly project update call/Little Italy and Delaney's Diner

11/15 Little Italy project discussion

11/16 CIC Board meeting

11/18 Weekly project update call/Little Italy and Delaney's Diner

CURRENT (On-going) PROJECTS

- **1847 Main Redevelopment Project/Tenant recruitment and tenant build-out.**
- **Carroll Main Street Development**
- **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. Following discussion with Council we have asked for a proposal from EMH&T for planning services.
- **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. **Update:** Project has been put on hold until full Area C study can be completed.

2022 PRIORITIES

- Downtown Comprehensive Plan
- 1847 Main
 - 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