



## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**August 15, 2022**

### **MEETINGS**

- 7/22 Meeting with MA Design, Construction One and Avery Ward re: Little Italy build-out
- 7/27 Wert's Grove building walk-through with CM Collaborative and subcontractors
- 7/29 Meeting with Max Davis/Clous Road Partners and Joe Davis/JLL re: Studley property development
- 8/3 Meeting (Zoom) with Marcie Rechsteiner/Wasserstrom and Mike Hermick/Allied Air
- 8/9 Meeting with Jeff Miller/Delaney's Diner, Julie Godfrey and Brandon Haas from CM Collaborative to review their proposal for Delaney's tenant build-out
- 8/10 Meeting with Mo Dioun/Stonehenge re: proposed multi-family residential project on Bixby Rd.
- Meeting with Meg Mannion re: proposal for coffee shop in downtown
- Meeting with Jeff Miller/Delaney's Diner, Curt Nieset and Ian Smith from Construction One re: Delaney's tenant build-out
- 8/11 Meeting with Brandon Haas/CM Collaborative for final walk-through of Delaney's Diner and Little Italy spaces.
- 8/12 Meeting with Meg Mannion at Rarey's Port, Unit F.

### **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
  - 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