



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT TO COUNCIL

February 21, 2022

MEETINGS

- 1/19 -CIC Board Meeting
- 1/24 -Meeting with Justin Bickle (OneColumbus) and Steve Werman (Homage) about potential project
- 1/25 -Meeting with Josh Weithman (JLL)
 - 1847 Main Project Update
- 1/26 -Meeting with Alec Land, Avery Ward, Jean Ann Hilbert, Ed Dildine, and Ben Punturi (Ford Architects) to discuss Dr. Land's proposed project and related parking issues
 - Meeting with Letha Pugh (Preston's) and Michelle Allen (Mmelo) re: Wert's Grove leases
- 1/27 -Meeting with Patty Huddle (Columbus Franklin County Finance Authority)
 - I T Director interviews
- 1/28 -Meeting with EMH&T and planning consultant to discuss Area C planning
- 2/1 -Meeting with MORPC and City of Columbus to discuss transportation planning in the Rickenbacker area
- 2/3 -Final meeting with Preston's and Mmelo
- 2/4 -Meeting with Jack Rupp
- 2/8 -1847 Main Project Update
- 2/9 -Meeting with Avery Ward (Little Italy)

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 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
 - 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