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Happy Thanksgiving!

Lakefront Plan Final Draft - to be acted upon by the City Planning Commission 12/17/04

After completing the last round of public meetings, the City and its consulting team will be presenting for approval the final draft of the Lakefront Plan to the Cleveland City Planning Commission on Friday, December 17th at 9:00 AM in Room 514, Cleveland City Hall, 601 Lakeside Avenue.

FOA's Executive Director (E.D.) Jim Pressler attended and spoke at the 11/10/04 public meeting, one of the recent meetings. For the record he submitted on behalf of the FOA Board of Trustees and membership his memo of 5.22.04. This memo stated issues of concurrence and ongoing concern with the Lakefront Plan that addresses a period of 50+ years. (This memo is included in the 6.10.04 *Oxbow Action*, Page 2.) Many of these issues were addressed/discussed by City Planning Director Ronayne in his Lakefront PowerPoint Presentation at FOA's 7/01/04 General Membership Meeting.

On 11/18/04 the Lakefront Plan Advisory Committee met and recommended that the Lakefront Plan be submitted to the Planning Commission for its approval. This request includes the following components:

- Approval of the Conceptual Land Use Plan; and
- Approval of the Waterfront District Plan Systems maps including: Parks & Open Space, Neighborhood Development Agenda, Access & Connections, Water-related Improvements, and Sustainability.

However, both the Executive Directors for FOA and the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission abstained from this vote. FOA's E.D. would not submit a vote without authorization by the FOA Board of Trustees. At the 11/18 meeting FOA's E.D. did state that FOA's Trustees will act on the Plan at its December Board meeting. Additionally, he stated that FOA remains committed to working with the City in developing the phasing, implementation and funding of the Plan. In this manner FOA can ensure that we will be at the table and in the loop on behalf of its membership.

For over two and one-half years the FOA Trustees have engaged in healthy debates about the Lakefront Plan at almost every Board meeting. For example, they are pleased about the inclusion of the Westbank Connector. But they are very concerned about showing future parks where Ontario Stone and Sand Products are currently located – especially when there are no business relocation plans presented within the Plan. The City has included in the final draft Plan the need to perform a bulk material migration study. That's a start but a basic understanding of the operations and economics of bulk material distribution and shipping will be essential in order to determine if any relocation options really do exist. The dynamics of freighters traversing, passing and mooring in the Federal Navigational Channel are also critically important variables that have to be factored into the equation.

As the latest draft for the Lakefront Plan (dated 11.18.04) is still rolling off the presses, we at Oxbow will try and have a copy on our web site and/or check the City's web site @:

<http://planning.city.cleveland.oh.us/lakefront/>

Recently, The PD has run a number of articles/editorials on the Plan but none of the Plan maps are completely up to date.

Flats Oxbow's Executive Director will be attending the 12/17/04 Planning Commission meeting with a statement from the Board in hand. We encourage our members to come and speak as well. *Please contact Flats Oxbow if you have any comments and/or concerns about the Plan.*

**City Dept. of Community Development Public Hearing
 Wednesday, 12/01/04 Re: Year 31 (7/1/05 – 6/30/04) -
 Funding & Programs @ Cudell Recreation Center,
 1910 West Blvd. from 6 – 8 PM for more info. call 664-2869**

Flats Oxbow would like to send its deepest sympathy to the family of Keeva Kekst. Keeva recently passed away and we are all deeply saddened. Keeva will be sorely missed as he was a great person, great architect, a member

Flats Oxbow Board of Trustees Nominating Committee – Deadline 11/30/04

The Flats Oxbow Nominating Committee is hard at work putting together a slate of candidates for the four open positions to be elected at our Annual Meeting on December 9, 2004. **Anyone interested in becoming an FOA Trustee, please contact Cathy Shelko, the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, @ 216.274.3405 (a new phone number) and FAX your nomination to the Flats Oxbow Office @ 216.566-0222. The deadline for submission of nominations is 5:00 PM, Tuesday, November 30, 2004.** The following three incumbent Trustees have stated their willingness to continue to serve: **Paula Lewis - Lafarge North America, Jim Plotz – Plotz Machine & Forge, and Fred Watson – Commodore's Club Marina.**

West Third Street Lift Bridge Reconstruction – Will Probably Close to Vehicular Traffic in 1/04

Flats Oxbow has recently learned from the City of Cleveland and ODOT that this bridge will probably go out of service to vehicular traffic sooner than originally planned. They are currently: (1) evaluating the timing of removing the bridge deck when there is the least impact on shipping – probably 1/15/04 to 2/15/04; and (2) analyzing repair options and scheduling for unexpected mechanical/structural deficiencies with the bridge. FOA will keep its members closely informed as the schedule and details are finalized. **ODOT's official detour route for this project is now on our web site.**

Status of Canal Rd. & Superior Viaduct Projects

The Canal Rd. Reconstruction Project is expected to be completed in two phases: Carter to Stones Levee by 12/15/04 and Stones Levee to Commercial Road in the Spring of 2005. **The Superior Viaduct Roadway resurfacing** should be completed by 11/30/04 with parking/street painting to follow.

New Flats Oxbow Member

Please welcome **James Haggerty**, property owner @ 2206 Superior Viaduct, as a new voting member of Flats Oxbow.

Flats Oxbow Meetings and Dates:

**Flats Oxbow Annual Meeting –12/9/04
 Speakers: Bill Brake of ISG Cleveland & Mitchell
 Schneider, the developer of Steelyard Commons
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The Flats Oxbow Annual Meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 9, 2004 @ 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM at Sammy's in the Flats**, 1400 W. 10th Street. The Guest Speakers for our program will be: Bill Brake, the Vice President & General Manager of ISG Cleveland, and Mitchell Schneider, the President of First Interstate Properties, Ltd., and developer of the 127 acre \$90 million Steelyard Commons Retail Project. Hearing about ISG becoming the world's largest steelmaker as a result of its consolidation with Mittal Steel Co. and the details on the largest retail project within the City's boundaries both promise to make for a great meeting. We will also be electing four new FOA Trustees. **Reserve your table for eight now. The reservation form is enclosed.**

Flats Oxbow wants to thank Huntington Bank, as a repeat sponsor of this event. The sponsoring of events like this helps underwrite the operations of Flats Oxbow.

Board of Trustees

FOA Board to meet Wed., 12/15/04 @ 11:30 AM @ FOA's office.

FOA Design Review Advisory Committee

The committee will meet at 5:00 PM on **Tuesdays, 12/7 & 12/21, 2004.** The Flats Oxbow Design Review Committee meets every first and third Tuesdays of the month when there are items for review. For the next two upcoming meetings, **complete plans must be**

submitted to the City's Building Permits Desk by Noon on 12/1 & 12/15/04, respectively.

This information is brought to you by The Flats Oxbow Association, "The Voice of the Flats", the non-profit membership driven Development Corporation for the Flats. Flats Oxbow offices are at 1283 Riverbed St., Cleveland, OH 44113. Phone (216) 566-1046, Fax (216) 566-0222, e-mail: flatsoxbow@ameritech.net