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Flats Stakeholder Meeting Held on 9/22/04 Re: City's Recommendations from Eagle Alternatives Study, Status of Various Public Improvement Projects & an Overall Flats Transportation Plan

On 9/22/04 Oxbow facilitated a very well attended Flats stakeholder meeting at which officials from the City and ODOT addressed the status of various public improvement bridge, roadway and highway projects. The public officials included: Cleveland's Public Service Director Mark Ricchiuto, City Planning Director Chris Ronayne, Randy DeVaul - Commissioner of Engineering and Construction, and ODOT engineers, Craig Hebebrand and John Motl.

Prior to this meeting FOA mailed to all its members the City's Press Release on its Recommendation for the Eagle Alternatives Analysis. An article in the 9/16/04 PD, Page B2, details the proposed \$37 million solution. FOA is in the process of adding to our web site: the City's Press Release, The Eagle Alternatives Study Recommendation Plan Map with its many components, the detour route for the W. 3rd St. Lift Bridge when it goes out of service next spring, and the meeting minutes of the 9/22/04 meeting. There were a number of concerns raised by Flats stakeholders that will be bird-dogged by FOA with the City and/or ODOT.

In the meantime, please note that FOA has already scheduled a meeting with the City to develop a detailed implementation and funding plan prioritizing the needed roadway and bridge improvement projects. Some of these projects have already been funded and are scheduled for construction, such as:

- **W. 3rd St. Lift Bridge Reconstruction** – see 8/11/04 Oxbow Action for details.
- **Canal Rd. Rehabilitation** (Carter to Commercial) – On 7/13 the City awarded the construction contract to Terrace Construction for approximately \$700,000. **Work has commenced and will be completed in two phases by late Spring, 2005.**
- **New Ramp to I-71/SR 176 from Quigley and W. 14th Street:** ODOT has scheduled this project to be constructed in 2008. Funding commitments are in place.
- **The Westbank Connector:** ODOT has hired Parsons Brinckerhoff to perform the next level of design on this project. (Construction funds are not yet committed.)

FOA will keep its members informed as details unfold.

City Approves Steelyard Commons Retail Project

On 9/29 the Cleveland City Planning Commission conceptually approved First Interstate Properties, Ltd.'s \$90 million project on 127 acres of ISG's former West Mills property. If all goes as planned, construction should start next Spring on Steelyard Commons, a 1 million SF big box retail development. The project is anticipated to be completed in 2006. Included in the scope of work will be the building of a new roadway through the site connecting Quigley to Jennings. The design incorporates placing the Towpath alongside this new roadway. For details please refer to 9/27/04 PD – Page 1.

Recently Opened Flats Establishments...

Please welcome and patronize the following new establishments to the Flats:

- **Ponte Vecchio Ristorante Italiano** – 2100 Superior Viaduct, Suite 520; Open for dinner & will be serving lunch soon. Guisepppe Miceli, Proprietor; Phone: 216.566.8200/01
- **Gilly's More Than Just Donuts** – W. 10th & St. Clair; Has resumed operation under its original ownership. Stop in for a donut from 6:30 AM on. Jean Baker, owner & baker; Phone: 216.479.0216

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- **Classic Care Cleaning** – A dependable & honest cleaning business serving the Flats for years is looking for more clients – office/home. Low Rates. Call Shelly for

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Flats Oxbow Design Review Committee Actions

On 9/21 the FOA Design Review Advisory Committee unanimously recommended to the City Planning Commission to approve the **demolition of two vacant buildings located at 1970 Carter Rd.** per the Building Permit submitted by Scranton-Averell, Incorporated.

On 10/6 the majority of the Committee recommended approval with stipulations of the request to **repaint the existing Flatsopoly sign on the northeast side of the Harbor Inn building (1219 Main Ave.) to read "Nautica – The Flats; and Scene – Cleveland's Alternative for More Than 30 Years."** The proposal as submitted was approved with the understanding that Jacobs Investments will work out with the Harbor Inn as to how that portion of the old Flatsopoly sign on the southeast side of the building (facing Winslow Ave.) will be addressed. The Committee provided several suggestions. Submitted by Jacobs Investments and The Scene.

New Flats Oxbow Members

Please welcome the following new Flats Oxbow members: **McCarthy's Ale House**, 1231 Main Ave., Ph: 344-9099, Contacts: Brent Lewanski & Nick Costakis; and **Greater Cleveland Partnership**, Tower City Center, 50 Public Square, Suite 200, Ph: 621-3300, Contact: Stephen Strnisha.

Flats Oxbow Meetings and Dates:

Oxbow General Membership Meeting – 10/28/04 Program: Meet the Non-profits of the Flats ~ Sponsored by Charter One Bank ~

The next Flats Oxbow General Membership Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 28, 2004 @ 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM at the Cleveland Rowing Foundation Boat House, 1948 Carter Road.** The program for this meeting will be a meet and greet the eight Non-profits of the Flats. It should be a great meeting to hear about the missions and objectives of this diverse group of entities that call the Flats home. Of course, you won't want to miss the great clam bake from our very own State Fish. **The reservation form is enclosed.**

Flats Oxbow wants to thank Charter One Bank for sponsoring this event. The sponsoring of events like this helps underwrite the operations of Flats Oxbow.

Flats Residents Meeting – 10/20/04 At McCarthy's Ale House – CSU Professor Tom Bier to Speak

The next Flats Oxbow sponsored **Flats Residents Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 20, 2004 from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM @ McCarthy's Ale House, 1231 Main Ave.** CSU Professor Tom Bier is our keynote speaker. He will be talking about "A Vision for the Flats". Have you read his guest column entitled "Light Up the Flats – again" in the 9/23/04 PD, Page B9. Mr. Bier is on the staff of the CSU Levin College of Urban Affairs and specializes in analyzing housing trends in the Greater Cleveland area. Virginia Benson, also a Professor at Levin College and a long-standing friend of Flats Oxbow, will also be participating. The program promises to be very insightful. Please come, meet your neighbors, voice your concerns and get involved! *McCarthy's will be offering from 7-9 PM ½ off the menu prices for attendees of this event.* **Meeting Notice is enclosed.**

Board of Trustees

FOA Board to meet Wed., 10/20/04 @ 11:30 AM @ FOA's office.

FOA Design Review Advisory Committee

The committee will meet at 5:00 PM on **Tuesdays, 10/19 & 11/2, 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 10/13/04 & 10/27/04, 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