

Meeting Minutes
Economic Development Committee
May 13th at 4 pm
7 Richmond Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room / Virtual

Members Present:

Tom Fitzgerald
Nicolas Augustine
Katie Jenkins

Staff Present:

Doug Lewis
Cathy Bieterman

Absent

None

The meeting was called to order.

- 1) Attendance was taken. Katie Jenkins, Tom Fitzgerald, Nicolas Augustine were present. The minutes of the last meeting will be presented at the next meeting.
- 2) T-Mobile Grant Application Submitted. Cathy Bieterman presented that staff has applied for a grant through T-Mobile that would pay for \$200,000 in consulting fee's and infrastructure. There is one grant that will be awarded. Our proposed Painesville Network Enhancement Project would connect Lake Erie College, through the downtown square to Kiwanians Recreation Park and serve as a hot spot. Some infrastructure exists today at each central location but this would allow for a hotspot archway that overlays between all 3 and provides better access for students, businesses and visitors.
- 3) DSA Grant at 735 South State Street. Cathy Bieterman provided an update to the project. Remedial activities will include the removal of potentially contaminated soil (PCS) that contains concentrations above the standards. Soil will be excavated from the ground surface to the top of groundwater (about 8 ft – 10 ft). The PCS will be loaded onto trucks and transported for offsite treatment or disposal at an approved facility. After remedial activities are complete, it will demonstrate that the remedial objectives have been met to support the termination of the remedial action plan and there will be a request for No Further Action. Cathy explained there is an agreement that is currently being finalized with Joe Gurley that commits the owner to working with us on this remediation project and returning the site to a viable use. The owner would like to have a small eatery at this site and is hopeful that the remediation can be completed so that he can open Spring of 2022. This project is paid for by a grant through the Ohio Department of Development Services Agency in the amount of

\$317,480.00. Our grant agreement will be submitted to accept the award once this agreement has been finalized. We were supposed to accept the grant in December, so all Council action was completed at that time.

- 4) Executive Session: The Committee moved into executive session at 4:16 pm in accordance with ORC. 121.22(8). Moved by Nicolas Augustine, Seconded by Tom Fitzgerald. Approved.
- 5) Committee moved to come out of executive session at 5:29 pm. Moved by Nicolas Augustine, Seconded by Tom Fitzgerald. Approved.
- 6) A motion was made to use funds from the Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$10,000.
 - These funds will be used for the match required if awarded a Planning Grant through Jobs Ohio Inclusive Project Planning Program for a new business park plan at the 39 acres at the corners of Richmond Street and Richmond Road. Moved by Tom Fitzgerald, Seconded by Nicolas Augustine. Approved.
- 7) Committee moved to adjourn. Moved by Tom Fitzgerald, Seconded by Nicolas Augustine. Approved.