

Dear Olde Town district,

Recently, we held two Olde Town meetings as an opportunity to collaboratively share information on activity/projects occurring in Olde Town and gain important feedback from the district. Please find below an overview of meeting topics with co-associated materials enclosed. A key output of these meeting is the formation of a Steering Committee. It is vital we move forward with this mission for the direct benefit to district enhancement projects.

CDOT US 85 Repaving/Stripping Update Ohio and Illinois Roadway Update:

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A public work projects update was provided on 1) the projected timeline of the restriping of US85, 2) the Ohio railroad crossing, and 3) the closure of Illinois and extension of Indiana Avenue(s). The repaving of US85 will begin mid-summer at segment intervals from South Santa Fe to B-Street. US85 in Olde Town will be repaved into a four lane road with a left turn lane in both directions to help curb traffic congestion. For the span of July 7-29, Ohio and US85 will be closed for the re-grading of RxR tracks on Ohio. Ohio will be open in intervals as work allows, however it is encouraged for commuters to use alternative routes during this time. Also, beginning by mid-July the City will begin work on the signalized intersections of US85 and Indiana and Comanche Village. All of these enhancement projects are required to be completed before the RxR Quite Zone agreement can become effective.

New Pedestrian Enhanced Corridor Project:

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The project formerly known as “Bump-Outs” has been closed and replaced with the “Pedestrian Enhanced Corridor” project. After continual due diligence on the Bump-Outs a final report was submitted to City Council which identified the infrastructure challenges and vehicular access issues with a Bump-Out design. However, a conclusion by internal staff, fire, police, and the public identified the continual need for enhanced crosswalk designs for public safety within the historic (Main and Ohio Street) of Olde Town. Therefore, the new Pedestrian Enhanced Corridor project will begin its collaborative design phase with the to-be formed Olde Town Steering Committee, FURA, and City. This project will be funded with FURA funds as originally earmarked for the Bump-Outs.

Proposed Enterprise Zone:

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An overview of the current Enterprise Zone and the City’s re-designation process with county and the state was explained. Approximately every 10-15 years, states mandate enterprise zones to be evaluated with a formal re-designation recommendation submitted for approval; this process is currently taking place in tandem with the County. An approval by the State EDC is anticipated by October 2015; effective January 2016. Olde Town has not been included in the past but has been included with the 2015 re-designation EZ boundary application.

New Historic Grant Opportunity:

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At the close of the last state legislature session a new Historic Tax Credit for historic buildings program was passed that could benefit commercial and/or residential buildings in Fountain. This tax credit is provided by the State Historical Society to help with the revitalization of historic buildings. There are specific requirements to qualify for the tax credit; the city and/or State Historical Society can assist with the program process. www.h-co.org/statetaxcredit

Beautification Pilot Program:

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A discussion took place on aspects of a Beautification Pilot Program. Beautification efforts include the following initiatives underway in Olde Town: 1) Façade Grant Program was launched in 2015 with CDBG County/Federal Funds, 2) Initial discussions have begun on the creation of a promenade walkway, for the alley between southern buildings on Main Street, 3) RxR has granted approval for FURA to purchase RxR land frontage between Ohio and Indiana for a catalyst project – Blast Park, 4) Lastly, examples of bi-annual spruce up campaigns that the to-be formed Steering Committee could chair with local businesses. All efforts culminate towards an inviting and cohesive business environment.

Olde Town Steering Committee:

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The final item of discussion was the creation of an Olde Town Steering Committee and its purpose. The goal is to assemble 8 to 12 participants within the Olde Town district to serve in an advisory capacity to FURA and City on projects that impact Olde Town. The steering committee is vital toward building consensus and to assist with moving projects forward in Olde Town. The public continues to be invited to all steering committee meetings and City Council meetings to learn about projects. If interested, or can recommend a person of interest, please return the enclosed card or email contact info to Kimberly Bailey. The **deadline for all nominations is July 27th**; at which time we will begin to formulate the Olde Town Steering Committee.

We are pleased to provide a sharing of information and appreciate all contributory efforts toward the revitalization of Olde Town. If you have an interest to serve on the committee or a follow-up content question, please contact the economic development office for further assistance.

My best,

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