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13th Annual Auction was a Huge Success

On the evening of 3/26/04 Flats Oxbow held its annual auction. This is our major annual fundraising event and it was a great success. Nearly 200 people attended the auction at Sammy's in the Flats. They were very pleased with the auction items, food, service, and music supplied by Leo Coach. The nighttime views from Sammy's picture windows of the lighted bridges and freighters passing by on the river were spectacular, as always. Special thanks go to the contributors of the auction packages (see flyer enclosed), those in attendance, and Event Coordinator Laura Furjanic and Tom Newman for all their hard work. The Cleveland Area Board of Realtors (CABOR) sponsored this event. Many thanks to all involved as FOA raised needed operating income so that we can continue to serve our membership & the public.

Veterans Memorial Bridge Enhancement Project Construction Began 4/5/04 – Est. Completion 8/12/04

As of the publication of this newsletter, flyers from the County Engineers about the project have been distributed and a Flats stakeholder meeting was held on 4/12/04 - see comments about this meeting in the column to the right under the Superior Viaduct stakeholder meeting. On 4/5/07 & 4/7/04, respectively, The PD ran a front page Metro Section article and an editorial about the Veterans Memorial Bridge Enhancement Project.

A **second stakeholder** meeting has been scheduled for **Monday, 4/19/04 @ 5 PM @ Spaces Gallery**, 2220 Superior Viaduct. (See meeting notice enclosed - we will be addressing stakeholder concerns associated with the Veterans Memorial Project and Stonebridge Development.)

If you have **questions** regarding the **Veterans Memorial Bridge construction activities** please contact either of the following two individuals at the Cuyahoga County Engineers:

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Future Stakeholder Meeting to be Scheduled re: the Canal Road Rehabilitation Project, West 3rd St. Lift Bridge Reconstruction Project and the City's Preferred Alternative to the Eagle Lift Bridge, Eagle Viaduct & W. 3rd St. Ramp Structures

Flats Oxbow is working with the City to schedule a future Flats Stakeholder meeting that will address the following three infrastructure projects:

- **Canal Rd. Rehabilitation** (Carter to Commercial) with major chunk hole repair to occur from Commercial to W. 3rd St. This project will be going out to bid within a month or so. Construction should be completed before the W. 3rd St. Lift Bridge Reconstruction begins later in the year.
- **W. 3rd St. Lift Bridge Reconstruction** – this one to two year project is anticipated to begin late summer 2004.
- **Eagle Alternatives Analysis:** The City will be informing Oxbow & the public in the very near future regarding its recommendations to address the future of this closed and very important Flats bridge, ramp & viaduct structure.

Design Review Committee Action

On 4/6/04 the FOA Design Review conceptually reviewed the plans for the **new 100,000 SF Office Building and restoration of the main Cantina Building as proposed by Stonebridge Development**. Comments and discussion included Flats stakeholders and City Planning/Landmarks Commission staff who were present. Stonebridge will be

returning at a later date after incorporating these suggestions in their revised design. The new building will also include a public elevator.

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Please note that Flats Oxbow has recently changed its web site address to www.clevelandflats.org

Upcoming Flats Oxbow Stakeholder Meetings

- **Superior Viaduct Stakeholders - Monday, 4/19/04 @ 5PM @ Spaces**, 1220 Superior Viaduct. Councilman Cimperman (Ward 13) will be present. Stonebridge, the City's Traffic Engineer and the County Engineers have all been invited to also attend. The topics of discussion will be a follow-up to a variety of issues raised at the **4/12/04 stakeholder meeting** including but not limited to: on & off-street parking, traffic circulation, impacts from construction associated with Stonebridge Development and the Veterans Memorial Bridge Enhancement Project.
- **Entertainment Sector – Tuesday, 4/20/04 @ 2 PM** at The Flat Iron Café, 1114 Center Street. Topics of discussion will be about the proposed 4th of July Festival Events and possible joint advertising.
- **FOA General Membership Meeting – Th., 4/29/04**, see article below for details and program.
- **Maritime/Industrial Businesses – Tuesday, 5/11/04 @ 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM** at The Commodore's Club Marina, 1785 Merwin Street. This will be an opportunity for the maritime & industrial businesses to have a frank discussion with Flats Oxbow regarding a variety of issues associated with the Lakefront and Valley Planning efforts.
- **Flats Residents – Wednesday, 5/12/04 @ 7 PM** at Pat's in the Flats, 2233 West 3rd St. Councilman Cimperman will be present. Oxbow's Executive Director Jim Pressler will be giving a PowerPoint Presentation on "Cleveland's Flats – The Redevelopment of a Unique City Asset".
- **Columbus Rd. Peninsula Stakeholder Meeting – Thursday, 5/13/04 @ 2 PM** at the Flat Iron Café regarding recent peninsula safety issues (thefts/break-ins).

In Memoriam

Flats Oxbow mourns the passing of long time resident, Harry Tick. The Flats is much diminished with his passing and we will miss him greatly. Our condolences to his family.

New Flats Oxbow Members

Please welcome the following new members to the ranks of the Flats Oxbow Association: **North Coast Litho, Inc.**, 1444 E. 49th St., Cleveland, OH 44103, Ph: 216-881-1952, Contact: Keith Jaworski; and as a voting member: **Sand Products Co.**, (business location in the Flats - Dock 1 on Whiskey Island), 13000 Athens Ave., Cleveland OH 44107, Ph:216-228-2124, Contact: Norman Stickney.

Flats Oxbow Meetings and Dates:

**Flats Oxbow General Membership Meeting – 4/29/04
"The Cuyahoga Valley Planning Initiative"**

The next Flats Oxbow General Membership Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 29, 2004 @ 11:30AM–1:30 PM @ The Flat Iron (Upstairs), 1114 Center Street. Paul Alsenas, Director of the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission, will be our keynote speaker. Mr. Alsenas will be giving a Power-Point presentation on "The Cuyahoga Valley Planning Initiative – Respect, Rediscover, Revitalize". This should be a very interesting and provocative meeting. On 3/28/04 The Plain Dealer ran an article on the front page of the Metro Section about this effort entitled: "Regional Development – Re-envisioning the Cuyahoga Valley – Industries blend with ecology under new plan". Additional information on this plan can be found at www.cuyahogavalley.net.

Board of Trustees

FOA Board to meet Wed., 4/21/04 @ 11:30 AM @ FOA's office.

FOA Design Review Advisory Committee

The committee will meet at 5:00 PM on **Tuesdays 4/20 & 5/4, 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 City's Building Permits Desk by Noon on 4/14/04 & 4/28/04, 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