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offices, the City of Cleveland Dept. of Community Development & at other Downtown CDC's.

## Oxbow Action 366 11 August, 2004

### ~ Oxbow to schedule Flats Stakeholder Meeting on Eagle, Canal and W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Lift Bridge ~

The FOA Board of Trustees at its 7/21 meeting requested that another letter be sent to the Administration asking for a meeting with Flats Stakeholders ASAP regarding the three aforementioned projects and the sharing of the City's final recommendation on the Eagle Ave. Viaduct Study. **Public Service Director Mark Ricchiuto has verbally committed to FOA's Executive Director to call a public meeting within the next several weeks.** In the meantime, please note the following:

- **Eagle Alternatives Analysis:** The City's recommendation will be released at upcoming public meeting.
- **W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Lift Bridge Reconstruction** – On 6/14/04 ODOT awarded a \$26 million contract to the Walsh Construction Co. for this two-year plus project. Work should start soon with it being initially all off-road until March of 2005 when the old bridge is removed and construction begins on the new. The estimated completion date for the project, weather permitting, is Nov., 2006.
- **Canal Rd. Rehabilitation** (Carter to Commercial) – On 7/13 the City awarded the construction contract to Terrace Construction for approximately \$700,000. **Work should commence next week with its anticipated completion by year's end. Traffic will be maintained.**

Watch for the Meeting Notice on these three projects.

### Recently Opened Venues in the Flats...

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

- **Club Alchemy**, 1575 Merwin Rd., Phone: 216.574.8958; Fax: 216.574.8959.
- **The Pizza & Calzone Company**, 1664 Center St., Phone: 216.241.6162; Fax: 216.241.6017.
- **McCarthy's Ale House**, 1231 Main Ave., Phone: 216.344.9099.

### Jimmy's to Close with Last Big Bash – 8/14/04

We're sad to report, after a long run, the Haley's have decided to close **Jimmy's in the Flats**. However, they are offering one last party for their long-standing clientele:

- **What? The Grand Finale Last Big Bash**
- **When? Saturday, 8/14/04 from 8 PM to Close**
- **Where? Jimmy's in the Flats – 1061 Old River Road**
- **Price - \$60/person includes food and drinks**
- **Tickets are available at the door.**
- **All interior bar decorations and antiques will also be sold.**

We wish the Haley's the best in all their future endeavors.

### Oxbow Secures Funding from The Cleveland Foundation and the City of Cleveland

The Cleveland Foundation at its July Board meeting approved a \$20,000 grant to FOA for continued administrative support through this year. FOA thanks The Cleveland Foundation for this award.

The City of Cleveland's Dept. of Community Development (CD) also awarded Oxbow a \$55,000 grant (7/1/04-6/30/05). This is \$5,000 more than last year's grant. FOA thanks CD Director Daryl Rush for the administration's \$20,000 portion of this grant and our three Councilmen for their contributions: Joe Cimperman (Ward 13) - \$20,000; Nelson Cintron (Ward 14) - \$10,000; and Matt Zone (Ward 17) - \$5,000.

### The Next Oxbow Action will include...

The next *Oxbow Action* will include updates on the Cleveland Innerbelt Study and the proposed Big Box Retail Project on 127 acres of the former ISG West Mills property.

**Updated Guide to Living in Downtown Cleveland, including the Flats, is now available at Oxbow's**

### Superior Viaduct Roadway to be Resurfaced

Flats Oxbow is working with the City, County Engineer and Stonebridge in order to jointly fund the resurfacing of the Superior Viaduct Roadway. The area under consideration is between the western project limits of the Veterans Memorial Bridge Enhancement Project (VMBEP) heading eastward to the gate to the Superior Viaduct Bridge Park.

Details are being finalized, but if all goes as planned, work should commence shortly with off-street parking provided for the area businesses during the resurfacing at the new parking lot between the County Engineer's Field Offices and St. Malachi's Church at W. 25<sup>th</sup> Street. The County Engineer will notify the Superior Viaduct Stakeholders of the proposed schedule by flyer prior to the start of the work. The work may be done in two phases: 1.) first, the roadway from the western limits of the VMBEP to W. 24<sup>th</sup> Street; and 2.) secondly, the remaining part of Superior Viaduct from W. 24<sup>th</sup> St. eastward to the Gate to the Superior Viaduct Bridge Park.

Also, Oxbow is in the process of securing a commitment from the City to repair W. 24<sup>th</sup> St. (from Superior Viaduct to Washington). Will advise on the progress.

### 8/03/04 FOA Design Review Meeting Results

The FOA Design Review Advisory Committee at its 8/03 meeting unanimously recommended to the City Planning Commission to approve the proposed rear addition to **Major Hoopples Riverbed Café** (1930 Columbus Rd.) per the plans submitted. The primary additional comment made by the Committee was that the future painting of this split block addition should match the future color scheme when the remainder of the exterior of the building is renovated.

### Membership Dues & Major Corporate Support Form the Foundation for Flats Oxbow

Flats Oxbow continues to operate one of the leanest community development corporations in the City with a two-person office and a budget of approximately \$240,000. Membership dues and the recent addition of seeking major contributions from Flats businesses, developers, corporations and property owners form the backbone of our financial stability. Many thanks to our members and corporate contributors for their continued support and belief in the value that we bring to the table. Foundation monies and many governmental programs that provide operational support continue to become scarcer and harder to come by. Talk up Flats Oxbow, its benefits and services, with your business neighbors and get them to join. Membership forms are available at the office.

### Flats Oxbow Meetings and Dates:

~ Please Note Date Change ~

**Next Oxbow General Membership Meeting – 9/02/04  
River Cruise on *The Majestic* – Meet & Greet our  
Local Elected Public Officials**

**The next Flats Oxbow General Membership Meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday, September 2, 2004 @ 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM on Aqua Charter's *The Majestic*.** The program for this river cruise will be a meet and greet our local elected officials. **The reservation form is enclosed.**

### Board of Trustees

FOA Board to meet Wed., 8/18/04 @ 11:30 AM @ FOA's office.

### FOA Design Review Advisory Committee

The committee will meet at 5:00 PM on **Tuesdays 8/17 & 9/7, 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 8/11/04 & 9/01/02, respectively.**

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