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- 7/6/04 – Approved the awning and lighting scheme for the C. B. Takeout sign. Mr. Hickey is to submit to the City the details on the bldg. lighting below the awning.

Oxbow Action 364 12 July, 2004

First Energy 4TH of July Cleveland Fireworks & Weekend Waterfront Festival in the Flats It Was a Great Success !

Tens of thousands of spectators, Flats establishments patrons, boaters, and families lined the Banks of the Cuyahoga, Lakefront and Downtown to view the spectacular **First Energy Cleveland 4th of July Fireworks Show**. It was the largest crowd in the Flats since Cleveland's Bicentennial Celebration in 1996. With plenty of safety forces on hand, including the Mounted Police, it was a safe and fun evening.

The **Dragon Boat Festival** and **Bras Across the Cuyahoga benefiting the Northern Ohio Breast Cancer Coalition Fund** added to the festivities. Over \$1,000 was raised but we were about three feet short of making it all the way across the river. Perhaps all we needed was just one more 38D.

In closing, a **special thanks to all the partners and sponsors of this weekend of events** (hopefully no one has been missed): The City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County Board of Commissioners, The Port of Cleveland, GCRTA, US Coast Guard, **First Energy (Title Sponsor)**, Nautica Entertainment Complex, Tower City Center/Forest City, Shooters, ISG, Miller Lite, Marous Brothers Construction, Lafarge North America, Network Parking, The Free Times, Infinity Radio (Soft Rock 102.1 & Q104), The Northern Ohio Breast Cancer Coalition, WGAR, Business & Professional Women of Ohio, Trident Marine, and The Cleveland Rowing Foundation. The civic and corporate community really came together and rallied behind Flats Oxbow to pull this off in the 11th hour. **We've already begun planning for a bigger & better Cleveland Water-front Festival for 2005!**

~ Oxbow to schedule Flats Stakeholder Meeting on Eagle, Canal and W. 3rd Lift Bridge ~

- **Eagle Alternatives Analysis:** Though FOA had anticipated a public announcement on this project at FOA's 7/1/04 General Membership Meeting, it did not happen. Flats Oxbow is working hard to schedule a public meeting within the very near future on this project, the Canal Rd. Resurfacing Project and the Reconstruction of the West Third Street Lift Bridge.
- **W. 3rd 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 the winter 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) - The City received bids for this project on 5/26/04. They are still under evaluation with the expectation of awarding a contract at the next Board of Control Meeting (to occur this week). The estimated cost for this project is \$700,000 (totally paid for by the City). This roadway rehabilitation project will be completed by November 15, 2004.

Watch for the Meeting Notice on these three projects.

Recent FOA Design Review Actions

The FOA Design Review Advisory Committee met on the following dates with recommendations to the City Planning Commission as noted:

- **4/20/04** – Approved demolition permits for buildings at 1898 Carter Rd. and 1908 Scranton Rd. for property owner **Scranton Averell**.
- **5/4/04** - Approved sign permit request for **C. B. Takeout** (a new mini-grocery store & ice cream parlor) @ 1672 Columbus Rd. Additional comments were provided to the building owner, **John Hickey, Esq.**, regarding lighting, awning fabric color and need for a blade sign.
- **6/1/04** – Approved request for two sign permits for the new **McCarthy's Ale House** @ 1231 Main Ave. (located in the former Spaghetti Warehouse). **Congratulations to this establishment as they just recently opened!**

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

The Lakefront Plan – A Response to Flats Stakeholder Concerns by City Planning Director Ronayne

On Thursday, July 1, 2004 City Planning Director Chris Ronayne was the keynote speaker at FOA's General Membership Meeting held at The Improv. Director Ronayne gave a PowerPoint presentation responding to concerns raised by Flats stakeholders about The Lakefront Plan (summarized in a 5/20/04 Memo from FOA's Director to Director Ronayne). He committed to continue to work with Flats stakeholders and said that he heard loud and clear the concerns that have been shared to date. The 6/10/04 *Oxbow Action* included details on the Lakefront Plan and a copy of the 5/20/04 memo by Flats Oxbow's Director.

Additional details on the Lakefront Plan can also be found on Flats Oxbow's web site or City Planning's web site:

<http://planning.city.cleveland.oh.us/lakefront/cpc.html>

Specifically, if you want to see a copy of Director Ronayne's 7/1/04 PowerPoint Presentation go to the above noted City Planning web site and look for:

- **“Connecting Cleveland – The Lakefront Plan – Flats Oxbow General Membership Meeting 7/1/04.”** Flats Oxbow hopes to have a link installed from our web site to this one up and running in the very near future.

On related business, City Council will most likely be hearing at its July 14th meeting legislation authorizing the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and The Port of Cleveland regarding leases and land transactions along the Lakefront.

FOA Assists Sammy's & Trolleyville for Grants

Recently FOA co-sponsored the following two successful grant applications: **Sammy's** award of \$7,500 from the City of Cleveland and ParkWorks to build a Cityside Garden @ W. 10th/St. Clair & RB Lockwood; and **Trolleyville's** \$15,000 Predevelopment Fund Grant (Cleveland Foundation Funds) in order to perform a Pre-Engineering Study for the future Car barn, Museum and Phase I operating street car line.

Mini Scrap Tire Sweep

Please refer to the enclosed memorandum from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District regarding its upcoming Tire Sweep throughout the City of Cleveland. If you see any scrap tires in the Flats please fill out the FAX. Help cleanup the environment and prevent the spread of the West Nile Virus.

New Flats Oxbow Members

Please welcome the following new Flats Oxbow members: **The Cleveland Clinic Health System – Lutheran Hospital**, 1730 W. 25th St., Contact: Robert A. Capretto, PH: 216.313.2275; & **The Improv**, 2000 Sycamore, Powerhouse West Bank, Contact: Lee Herlands, Manager Emeritus, PH: 696-IMPROV(4677).

Flats Oxbow Meetings and Dates:

Next Oxbow General Membership Meeting – 8/26/04

The next Flats Oxbow General Membership Meeting will be on Thursday, August 26, 2004 @ 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM on Aqua Charter's *The Majestic*. The program for this river cruise will be announced. The reservation forms will be in the next *Oxbow Action*.

Board of Trustees

FOA Board to meet Wed., 7/21/04 @ 11:30 AM @ FOA's office.

FOA Design Review Advisory Committee

The committee will meet at 5:00 PM on **Tuesdays 7/20 & 8/3, 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 7/14 & 7/28/04, respectively.

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