

Memo: Community Development Common Council Update

From: Community Development Office

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CDO Update for Common Council (August 1st, 2019)

### **Dock Street Redevelopment**

The Community Development Office is continuing efforts to demolish various structures at the current MLD location, to help prepare the area for future development. KAS is completing bid specifications and the project will go out to bid soon. The demolition is planned on occurring over the winter and being completed by early spring to keep in the grant schedule set by the NY Restore Grant. This action will complete the Dock Street Redevelopment project funded through the DRI, and then our office can submit for reimbursement. Our office is also exploring various options to help develop the Dock Street area, including the relocation of the Farmer's Market, potential options such as a dog park, splash pad, playground etc.

### **Downtown Grant Program**

Currently there is one property out for bid, with 2 more soon to follow.

**21 Bridge Street** – Currently out for bid.

**47 Clinton Street** – Approved by the State to go out to bid.

**15 Clinton Street** – Approved by the State to go out to bid.

**55-59 Clinton Street** – Waiting for some final documentation, should be sent for State Review by the end of the week. Once that receives final approval it will go out to bid.

**33 Bridge Street** – Completed environmental testing, requires final SHPO approval and then can be moved for State Review and then out to bid.

**39 Bridge Street** – Same Property Owner as above and will be completed after 33 Bridge is finished.

**5 Bridge Street** – Currently in the engineering and environmental testing phase of the project.

**29-30 City Hall Place** – Dropped out of the program.

**68 Margaret Street** – Dropped out of the program.

### **Streetscape Improvements & Riverfront Access**

Until the GEIS process is complete no physical work will be completed this year. However, Saratoga Associates will be able to prepare to be ready to make physical progress in the spring on the proposed "Arts Park".

Saratoga Associates has also been involved in weekly coordination meetings regarding the Durkee Street Redevelopment Project.

### **Durkee Street Redevelopment**

Today was the 30 day deadline for any potential interested party to contest the Common Council as lead agent in the SEQR / GEIS review process. Since no interested party contested the request, the Common Council will be the lead agency. Once lead agency status is finalized, the GEIS process can begin. The first step of the GEIS process is determine significance and a draft scoping session.

The project is also concurrently going through the planning and zoning boards, however no formal approvals can be made until a SEQR determination is completed.

### **Marketing, Signage and Branding**

The next steps towards completing other wayfinding and branding tasks are underway. Once designs are completed there will be another public engagement opportunity. Then BBG will be able to move forward with the purchasing and implementation of their work products. The goal is to have other banner marketing materials ready before the end of the calendar year. Other work products such as art installations and gateway signage will be completed in 2020.

### **Parking**

AEDA has completed the site plan for the Arnie Pavone Memorial Parking Plaza, bringing the total number of parking spaces for that lot to 109.

After further evaluation it was determined it may be possible increase the total number of new parking spaces in the Broad Street parking lot through adjustments, up from the 15 originally proposed. AEDA is currently completing the engineering work for that proposed Broad Street Lot expansion.

The County is currently working on their Oak Street Lot and will be going out to bid for the main campus lot renovations soon.

At the July meeting the PPAC decided to bring in the 3 RFP respondents for in-person interviews, which were conducted on Tuesday.

On August 13<sup>th</sup> the PPAC will continue forming recommendations towards developing a parking management system for the Common Council to act upon.

### **CFA Grant Update**

The City of Plattsburgh applied for several CFA grant opportunities in this year's CFA season.

- 1. City of Plattsburgh Master Plan for Harborside – \$109,965**

*Goal: Create a coordinated master development plan for the Harborside.*

**2. City of Plattsburgh Climate Smart Communities Certification Actions - \$30,000**

*Goal: Bring on a technical consultant to assist the City complete a Government Operations GHG inventory, Climate Action Plan, Fleet Inventory, and Fleet Efficiency Policy.*

**3. City of Plattsburgh's Commemoration Footbridge CSO Improvements - \$1,725,000**

*Goal: This is a water quality improvement project which will improve the hydraulic capacity of the Lower Saranac Footbridge sewer to reduce CSO event frequency. The project will also decrease the potential for an SSO due to failure of the gravity pipe which has been threatened by ice jam.*