EDC MEETING NOTES 9-14-22 7:30 am

Present: John Erickson, Jeff Rothweiler, Brian Elder, Mike Compton, Hayley Feightner, Bart Weiler, Rick Black, Adam Shilling, Dana Moore, Ted Geer & Emily Smith

- **Mayor Mike Compton (City of Pataskala)** Mink Road is the next big road project. There will be 5 lanes coming out of Johnstown. Pataskala comprehensive plan is posted on the city's website under Planning & Zoning. Corporate park land is almost all sold. Another project coming up is the intersection of Summit & Broad St. The old Highlands Golf Course's housing project is in the final stages of planning. Pataskala has a backup water deal with SWL Water & Sewer. 2 or 3 housing developers are in the planning & zoning process. Broadmore commons is finished. Heron development is well underway and is connected to the Settlement development. Some of the housing developments on Rt 310 have been grandfathered in and there will be a traffic light installed just north of Broad St. Another big project coming up is Rt 310. A new business Atlantic Emergency Solutions stated that the permit process between Pataskala & Licking County is complicated.
- **Brian Elder (Park National Bank)** Brian commented that our area needs more affordable housing for families.
- **Haley Feightner (GROW Licking County)** COTA is working with Licking County Transit. COTA is in need of more bus drivers. 2023 will have fixed routes. Licking County Commissioners commissioned a water & sewer study including a complete mapping tool including surrounding areas to see where improvements are needed. Workforce challenges continue, working with COTC to fulfill workforce needs. The new spec building in Pataskala Corporate Park is seeing a lot of interest along with the rest of the property. There are only about 7 acres left in the park. GROW LC is tackling affordable housing issues which affects our workforce. Sarah Wallace with the Evans Foundation along with 17 municipalities plus local businesses are commissioning a study of the whole county and the Rt16 and 161 corridors to come up with a comprehensive plan for the whole county. Planning Next is carrying out the study which should be complete the 2nd quarter of 2023. GROW LC has hired a marketing & communications manager and has moved to the 4th floor of the Licking County Administration Building in Newark.
- **Ted Geer (One Columbus)** The Intel groundbreaking went well. One Columbus is working on tier one suppliers for Intel and it is going well. Some tier one suppliers are looking at sites in Pataskala. Should be finished with tier one late 2023. Jogs Ohio taking the lead on tier 2 & 3 suppliers. They should be finished in 2024-2025. Intel will build 2 fabs to start, likely more to come but not a certainty.
- **Emily Smith (Intel)** Intel groundbreaking went well. They had the OSU Band, a gospel choir and a B25 flyover for the event as well as the President in attendance. Intel construction actually began July 1st. The buildings go 30 – 50 feet into the ground. Emily said she would share media coverage with us to use to promote Pataskala area. Intel will have park-like landscaping with large berms surrounding the site. Emily will give a tour of the site if we like. Construction jobs will last 10 to 15 years for this project.
- **Adam Shilling (YMCA)** They applied for funding from the United Way to study needs of youth in the area. Study to be completed in 2023. Denison is interviewing high school students as a part of this study. Study looking at homelessness and hunger needs. They are also looking at community & childcare needs.

- **Rick Black (Licking County Commissioner)** Licking County received $34 million and some of it went to SWL Water & Sewer. Working with COTA on transportation to help with workforce problems. Joined MORPC again. $10 million allocated to bridges & roads. 150 bridges have need replaced in the last 7-8 years.
- **Jeff Rothweiler (Pataskala Library)** Should be able to share design plans in October or November with groundbreaking in April 2023. The project is projected to be complete in 2024.

**by Diane Grove*