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Dave McCurdy introduced **Mark Wagenbrenner**, President of Thrive Companies (formerly Wagenbrenner Development). He updated us on the Grandview Crossing development and the Quarry Trails development.

Dave mentioned a few of the company's many projects in central Ohio including Grant Park and Grant Commons, Jeffrey Park, The Rogue Fitness HQ (formerly Timken) and The Hub in the Short North.

Mark began with a look at Grandview Crossing at the corner of Grandview Avenue and Dublin Road. It was an unregulated landfill – a brownfield - which was acquired about ten years ago. A huge amount of fill was required - enough dirt to fill Ohio Stadium two times – about 700,000 cubic yards. This extensive work, and cost, was required to bring the property up to a buildable state. The original property was around 40 acres but grew to about 60 acres.

Currently ground has been broken on a 140,000 square foot office building. A three hundred twenty-unit apartment building is in the development also. The demand for the residential space has been unbelievable on the apartment side as well as on the planned multi-family side. Thrive is working hard with the city to assure that the right types of residential development is taking place with an eye toward providing appropriately priced housing. A senior project for rental units is included in the Grandview Crossing plan. There is

a concerted effort to avoid affordability and capacity issues which have become problematic in other cities such as Nashville and Austin. Fortunately, Columbus continues to see accelerating interest from people coming in from out of town.

A North Market type concept will also be brought in with five or six restaurant kiosks – similar to a food court which will sit adjacent to a 2.5-acre park in the middle of the development. A medical building is possible as well as a second office building providing that the market continues to support such growth.

The Quarry development has been looked at for many years and the property was finally acquired about three years ago. Since much of the land is in a flood plain the possibility of using the land for a golf course, as originally considered, was not realistic. After reaching out to Metro Parks early in the process things began to move quickly. Metro Parks went to the polls and got a levy extension supported by 72% of the voters. Over 80% of voters in the immediate area of the development supported the levy. Development of the park has been accelerated due to the level of interest. There is a great deal of construction occurring now on both the park and on the private development of housing.

An amphitheater with a stage overlooking the water, a mountain bike course, rock climbing, sled riding hills, an ice-skating pond, and a kids' park will be part of the project. A canoe livery on the river and possibly pumping water to create a rapids are also on the table. Two miles of riverfront are being donated to the park to provide two miles of bike trail. This segment is an important link in the ultimate three-year goal of having a bike trail all the way from Plain City into downtown Columbus.

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GREETERS

September 29

N/A

October 6

N/A

October 13

N/A

REGISTRATION DESK

September 29

N/A

October 6

N/A

October 13

N/A

CALENDAR

September 29 - ZOOM Meeting
Paul Imhoff, Superintendent of Upper Arlington City Schools, UA Schools and the Impact of COVID

Host: Debbie Johnson

October 6 - ZOOM Meeting
Ohio House Forum: Allison Russo & Patrick Manley

Host: Brad Frick

October 13 - ZOOM Meeting
Ohio Senate Forum:
Stephanie Kunze & Crystal Lett

Host: Brad Frick

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OUR NEXT MEETING

SEPTEMBER 29TH
ZOOM MEETING

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Club



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The housing component will include a downtown area with restaurants and offices, multi-family homes, apartments (302 units in phase I). All told there are 382 units in the first phase. Phase II will include attached condominiums. Construction on the apartments and condominiums has begun. There will also be 266 detached single-family homes in the development. The houses will get a fifteen-year 50% tax abatement. The size range will be approximately 2,500 - 3,500 square feet. A custom home opportunity may be available.

They are working hard with Shelley to determine if there are other quarrying opportunities in Central Ohio which would allow Shelley to provide another 300 acres in the northern section of the development. Much of that additional acreage would go toward the park space.

There are three different sets of plans/ideas that aim to possibly connect Upper Arlington to the Quarry development. None of the plans has gone beyond the concept stage at this time.

Mark believes there could not be a better marriage between private development and parks. With the quarry project coming on line there will be a new appreciation for the beauty of the city's river system.

Mark also discussed the potential development of central Ohio's five rivers - Scioto, Olentangy, Big Walnut, Darby and Alum Creek. There are over 180 miles of riverfront to enjoy. Ultimately it would be good to connect the entire system so that everyone in the region would have convenient access to it.

THE MEETING



President **Debbie Johnson** opened the meeting and asked **Milt Lustnauer** to offer the invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Today's meeting was held in person at Scioto Country Club and via Zoom.

Dave Dewey was called to the podium and recognized for attaining his Paul Harris +5 Fellowship.

Dave came back to the podium for harassment – cleverly disguised as The Tiger King. A series of questions related to the King's legal issues yielded funds for the club.

Directories are now available in paper form or online at the club website. Send Debbie an email if you would like a hard copy.



NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Price Finley reminded us of the September 29 meeting for anyone who might be interested in joining the UA Rotary club or one of the non-traditional Rotary club formats. The meeting will be via Zoom at 5:00 PM. Forward a copy of Price's email (sent on Monday, 9/21) to anyone you know who might be interested.

Anne Croskey has 22 people signed up to be Rotary Connectors. She's looking for at least three more people to volunteer.

Tom Davis announced the birth of new grandson, Henry.

Joe Valentino reminded folks who have not received their fundraiser auction items to let him know. Joe also noted that an email purportedly sent from him seeking funds to help "Pastor Lynn" was not legitimate. His email had been hacked. Ignore the message and delete it.

