# The Alliance for Economic Development of Oklahoma City, Inc.

# President's Report

# Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2020 - 21 October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020

# I. COVID 19 Response- Small Business Support

- Small Business Continuity Program
  - Round 1 funded with City GOLT bond program
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- Round 2 and Venue Program funded with CARES ACT
- Round 3 Minority Owned Business Recovery Program (MOBRP) funded with CARES ACT
- Application and Funding results are as follows:
  - o Reimbursement Program:
    - Rounds 1 & 2: 653 applicants received \$26.5M in reimbursements, grants, and forgivable loans
    - 2. Round 3 (MOBRP): 97 applicants received \$1.8M in reimbursements, grants, and forgivable loans

### o Retrofit Program:

- 1. Round 2: 117 applicants received \$1.35M in retrofit funding.
- 2. Round 3 (MOBRP): 24 applicants received \$350,000 in funding. Four of those applications for a total of \$71,000 are pending.

# o Technical Assistance Program:

- 1. Round 1 & 2: 98 applicants received \$890,000 in technical assistance
- 2. Round 3 (MOBRP): 22 applicants received \$212,000 in funding. 12 of those applications are pending for a total of \$112,000.
- Venue Program: 11 applicants received \$1,494,172 in funding
- Funding approved by Council for a Community Economic Resiliency Plan; hired Ernst & Young LLP to gather and analyze data, conduct stakeholder engagement, review incentives, identify priorities and form an implementation plan
- OCURA Grant Program: 126 applications received, 32 qualified, 19 have executed grant agreements for a total of \$167,949.43; still working with 14 companies to get the required documentation.
- Oklahoma County Small Business and Nonprofit Grant: Received 802 applications. 298
  applications approved and received \$16.5M in grants. We continue to work with 111
  businesses for approval. The remaining applications were disqualified for assistance.

# II. Homeland Grocery Store

- Development Partnership of the Alliance, Endeavour and Northeast Equity Investment Group LLC.
- Groundbreaking held October 1, 2020
- Construction of the store is on schedule; Anticipated Completion August 2021
- Underground construction is 90% complete, with the waterline, OG&E and Cox lines and sanitary sewer lines completing this month.
- Concrete floors have been poured inside the building, all structural steel has been placed for

the roof and the CMU walls are beginning construction.

- Parking Lot is being stabilized.
- MAPS 3 Wellness Center will begin construction mid-February.

#### III. MAPS 3 Convention Center and Hotel

- Omni Oklahoma City Convention Center Headquarters Hotel
  - o Implementation of Redevelopment Agreement and Funding Plan
  - Construction complete
  - Ongoing coordination with other projects in the area
  - o Grand Opening January 25, 2021
- Parking Garage to serve convention center, MAPS 3 Park, Chesapeake Arena & Convention Center Hotel
  - o Garage construction complete December 2020
- Boulevard Place mixed-use development
  - Environmental remediation ongoing
  - Redevelopment Agreement approved by OCURA

### IV. Job Creation/OIA

- Tinker and aerospace strategy
- MROTC refinanced and lease to Air Force completed
- I240 & Eastern large industrial site proposal Funding approved by City Council and OCEDT for acquisition
- Unit Parts warehouse available for lease
- Implementation of C-PACE financing program to support economic development project.

#### V. NE OKC Redevelopment and Revitalization

- A. Redevelopment and Revitalization
  - Approval of Planning Grant for both the Lyons Mansion and the Brockway
     Center through the National Trust for Historic Preservation's African American
     Cultural Heritage Action Fund
  - Restore OKC market Use of OCURA lot for parking and received donations from local engineering and construction firms for construction of parking lot.
     Will be complete by the end of January
  - Page Woodson Phase 3 approved by OCURA, affordable housing incentive approved, 3 of 4 buildings complete
  - JFK Area worked with several developers and individuals interested in singlefamily homes or duplexes.
  - o Progress OKC construction of affordable houses on Euclid. Second phase (5 homes) complete (4 have been sold, last house under contract)
  - Marcus Garvey School Developer selected, TIF and affordable housing incentive approved; LIHTC approved by State; submitting application for HOME funds
  - o 23<sup>rd</sup> and Fonshill; Mosque Project on-going design

#### B. Innovation District

- o Robinson Park Development Announced Alliance to serve as Co-developer
- o Meet with City and Innovation District staff on MAPS 4 project
- o Offer to purchase made to State Chamber
- o Meet with developers and companies interested in Innovation District
- Hired a consultant to perform a study of current and necessary infrastructure to support planned development
- o Land acquisition working group created and work plan developed
- o Monthly Board Meetings, coordination meetings with staff of ID and Chamber
- TIF Education Committee consultation with OKC Innovation District about TIF requirement and committee structure – pending council approval

### VI. Development Projects

- The Hill termination of redevelopment agreement.
- Boulevard Place
- 4<sup>th</sup> and Shartel- TiF allocation; affordable housing incentives approved by council
- First National
- Producers Coop
- Strawberry Fields
- BancFirst Tower
- Central Oklahoma Humane Center- SW 8<sup>th</sup> OCURA property will have a new proposal for a scaled down project in March 2021.
- 4<sup>th</sup> and Gaylord- Rose Rock Development Group
- 3<sup>rd</sup> and Walnut- Richard McCowan as developer negotiations on property sales price ongoing
- Villa Teresa- Residences & Hotel- TIF allocation approved by City Council
- Review of various projects in Downtown and NE Renaissance TIF

#### VII. Boathouse Foundation

BarK-TIF allocation approved; ground lease approved

### VIII. Opportunity Zones

- Lead effort to determine appropriate census tracts to include the opportunity zones and prepare city's recommendation to the Governor
- Work with City (Mayor's Office) and Accelerator for America to develop Investment Prospectus for OKC.
- Meet with local individuals about possibility of creating a local fund
- Several meetings about projects and with investors

#### IX. Progress OKC

- Selected by OCURA to provide General Contractor Services to complete construction of two single-family homes at 1401 NE 21<sup>st</sup> & 1404 NE 22<sup>nd</sup>; both homes sold
- Partnered with local builder for the construction of Euclid Avenue Phase Two and Three (3 affordable single-family homes and 2 market rate); 4 have been sold, last house under

contract

- Submitted application for HOME funds to build additional for-sale, single-family (7) and multi-family units (2 condos) on OCURA lots
- Submitted a JPMorgan Chase's AdvancingCities Challenge Grant application seeking \$7.25M to scale coordinated affordable housing development in NEOKC; result: was not approved but important alliances formed and have moved forward on the initiatives
- Selected as the Kiva Hub for Oklahoma City to provide microloans to small businesses;
   received funding from the Inasmuch Foundation, Oklahoma City Economic Development
   Trust, OKC Black Justice Fund and National League of Cities