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City of Stow Announces Major Redevelopment of Town Centre Shopping Center

Stow, OH – (October 11, 2024) The City of Stow is proud to announce an exciting redevelopment project to revitalize the Town Centre Shopping Center, located at the intersection of Norton Road and Darrow Road. In partnership with Giltz & Associates, this project will breathe new life into the shopping center with a modernized façade, building improvements, and a variety of amenities designed to enhance the community and stimulate economic growth.

A key component of this redevelopment is the construction of a new amphitheater on the site of the shopping center. Once complete, the amphitheater will serve as a premier outdoor venue for concerts and community events, offering a unique cultural and entertainment space for Stow residents and visitors. The amphitheater is expected to be a major draw, contributing to the center's revitalization and creating a vibrant, inviting atmosphere.

In addition to the amphitheater, the redevelopment plan includes efforts to attract small restaurants and businesses to the center, providing new dining options that will further stimulate the local economy. The first milestone in this transformative project was achieved at the City Council meeting last night, where the council approved the City's purchase of the property for the amphitheater. This acquisition is a significant step toward bringing the project to fruition.

Mayor John Pribonic hailed the project as a tremendous opportunity for the city:

This is a phenomenal opportunity for our community to upgrade this shopping center with a new amphitheater, local restaurants, and other businesses, creating a downtown atmosphere. Once built, the new community amphitheater will offer an intimate space for local performances and community events, bringing residents together and fostering a stronger sense of connection, promoting social interaction, and building a sense of community. I want to extend my thanks to my administration for their hard work in making this vision a reality."

Grant Giltz, of Giltz & Associates, who developed a similar successful project in Plain Township, added:

"We are excited to work with the City of Stow in transforming the Town Centre Shopping Center into a vibrant establishment that the community will be proud of. This partnership will help create an inviting space for entertainment, dining, and commerce."

Stow City Council President Cyle Feldman voiced his strong support, stating:

"The legislation passed last evening will greatly enhance our community, promoting economic growth and meeting resident demands for dining and entertainment. This project is a perfect example of the power of a strong public-private partnership."

Other City Council members also expressed their enthusiasm for the project:

John Baranek, Ward 3 Councilmember and Chairman of the Finance Committee, said:

"This purchase will increase the city's tax revenues by attracting new businesses and will create jobs within the community related to recreation, dining, and commercial enterprises."

Jeremy McIntire, At-Large Councilperson, commented:

"These are promising times for the City of Stow! By investing in this impactful project, we can create a lasting legacy that benefits future generations. Let's build a future where culture and commerce thrive, elevating our community to new heights. An amphitheater fosters a sense of community and pride, attracting residents and businesses that appreciate a vibrant cultural scene."

Kyle Herman, At-Large Councilperson, noted:

"This partnership aligns perfectly with our residents' desire for walkability, outdoor dining, and more community events. It also supports our broader efforts to revise Stow's planning and zoning codes to encourage thoughtful development."

Matt Riehl, Ward 1 Councilperson, added:

"This project represents a win-win for Stow, bringing an entertainment venue, new dining options, and a revitalized shopping center that will enrich the lives of residents and attract visitors."

With the purchase of the property approved, the next phase will focus on the design and construction of the amphitheater. Further details about the timeline and the many benefits of this project will be shared in the coming months.

Mayor Pribonic emphasized, *"This project will be completed without any new taxes imposed on city residents."*

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