

Community Development Planning Committee

Quarterly Report for FY19 1st Quarter

October, November, December 2019



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Purpose

To ensure that the Land Use Plan, Comprehensive Plan, Vision Oneida Plan, Housing Plan, all economic development efforts and land use recommendations are working in coordination with each other to improve the Oneida Tribal community and operations.

Meetings

The CDPC meets every 1st Thursday of the month at 9 a.m. in the Business Committee Conference Room at the Norbert Hill Center.

Activities Summary

For the 1st quarter of FY19, three regular CDPC meetings were held in October, November, and December. Two CDPC work sessions were also held, one in October and one December.

Highlights

Cultural Heritage Site & 200 Year Celebration

A sub-committee with representatives from Governmental Services, Environmental, and Internal Services Divisions have been working together to:

- present options for improving the Cultural Heritage site at Hwy FF and West Mason; and
- present a plan for the Oneida 200-year celebration scheduled for 2023.

In FY18, the CDPC supported a concept which would create a park like setting with options to gradually expand amenities over several years, at the Cultural Heritage site. The CDPC discussed next steps for the team including gathering community input and working with the Land Commission and Environmental Resource Board, and updating the full Business Committee on the conventional options for the site.

This quarter, the sub-committee presented a report with project timelines, tasks, approvals needed, and concept plan drawings for various proposed projects. Some of the proposed projects include: a trails system, picnic area, signage, a playground, and amphitheater. The sub-committee has been



Community Space
Low Development
(Trails, Stage, Park Equipment)

requested to provide recommendations on messaging for the project and anticipated budget needs for the next CDPC quarterly update in February.

The Planning Department has been working on gathering community input on the 200-year celebration from community input sessions and surveys.

Both the Cultural Heritage Site improvements and the 200-year celebration fall in line with the broad goals of the 2017 – 2020 Strategic Plan for *Promoting Positive Community Relations and Encouraging Tsi? NiyukwalihoTá* (We have everything here to sustain us).

Upper Oneida

The conceptual plans for development of the Upper Oneida area have been presented and supported by the CDPC, Land Commission and Business Committee.

This Planning Department Initiative has a two-phased approach which has incorporated community input, the Oneida Comprehensive Plan, Quality of Life Survey, and Live Sustain Grow Plan. The first phase of work includes transportation related improvements.

This quarter, the Planning Department worked with the county on an agreement for the transportation related site improvements. This agreement has been approved and the Planning Department will work with the county on the design phase of the project. Updates on this project are provided monthly to the CDPC.

Development of the Upper Oneida area will set the foundation for *Promoting Positive Community Relations and Encouraging Tsi? NiyukwalihoTá* (We have everything here to sustain us).

Industrial Hemp

A sub-team reports monthly to the CDPC on hemp research and developments on federal, tribal, and state legislation.

An industrial hemp pilot project would fall in line with the broad goal of the 2017 – 2020 Strategic Plan for *Promoting Positive Community Relations and Encouraging Tsi? NiyukwalihoTá* (We have everything here to sustain us).

Oneida Wellness Initiative

The initial request for this project was to provide a centrally located multi-purpose health, fitness, and recreation complex to support the recreational needs of the Oneida Community. Through a series of discussions, the CDPC determined the focus should first be on whether or not current facilities and programs could meet the needs of the community or if a physical new complex is needed. This quarter, a concept paper was reviewed by the CDPC and a series of work sessions have been held and will continue to be held between the CDPC and the Planning Department.

The community outreach on the project falls in line with the broad goal of the 2017 – 2020 Strategic Plan for *Promoting Positive Community Relations* and the overall project is in line with the broad goals of *Encouraging Tsi? Niyukwalihotá* (We have everything here to sustain us) and *Inspiring Yukwatsistayáa* (Our fire, our spirit within each of us).

Small Housing

The CDPC has supported a team / task force of department representatives to continue work on researching the feasibility of an Oneida Model Housing Project. A model small home would be a minimum of 750 square feet with the ability to be modified or expanded to 950 square feet.

The team is looking at the overall tribal housing need, financing options, buildable sites, energy requirements, and construction options. They will also be noting any legislative amendments which may be needed to the Zoning Law. Updates are given to the CDPC on a monthly basis and the next steps for the team are to create a team charter, discuss a Section 184 loan with Bay Bank, and discuss a tax credit project.

A model small housing project would support building and *Promoting Positive Community Relations* and a small home initiative would be in line with *Encouraging Tsi? Niyukwalihotá* (We have everything here to sustain us).

Community Food Enterprise Center

A Community Food Enterprise Center would be an expanded facility to teach how to process and prepare healthy and native food and would serve Oneida Nation members, fresh food producers, entrepreneurs, and those looking for jobs in the food service industry.

Through a grant, the Internal Services Division Director had a feasibility study done on what a food center and food hub could look like for Oneida. The BC was invited to an overview presentation in November and a presentation on the findings was given to the CDPC in January. A team will be developing a concept paper and presenting to the CDPC in the next quarter.

A centralized food center would be in line with *Encouraging Tsi? Niyukwalihotá* (We have everything here to sustain us).

Energy Team

This quarter, the CDPC supported a climate change resolution brought forward by the Energy Team. The resolution titled “Oneida Nation, Recognizing Climate Change as a long-term threat to Our Core Values” supports/adopts the Paris agreement, supports the creation of an Oneida Climate Change Team to develop a strategic climate plan, and supports the adoption of policies to achieve the strategic energy and climate plans. The resolution was adopted by the BC on January 9, 2019.

The CDPC also began discussing carbon credits with the National Indian Carbon Coalition (NICC). A presentation was given to the CDPC on what options are out there for tribes when considering whether or not to pursue carbon credits.

Economic Development, Diversification and Community Development Funds

The C&EDD has been providing an update to the CDPC every other month on the balance, expended, and obligated funds in the Economic Development, Diversification and Community Development Funds account.

Reporting Schedule

- **Monthly:** Energy Team, Small Housing, Low Income Housing Tax Credits, Upper Oneida
- **Bi-Monthly:** (January, March, May, July, September, November) Economic Development, Diversification and Community Development Funds
- **Quarterly:** (February, May, August, November) Cultural Heritage Site Plan, 200 Year Celebration, Capital Improvement Projects Status