

Community Development Planning Committee

Quarterly Report for FY19 4th Quarter

July, August, September 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 4th quarter of FY19, three regular CDPC meetings were held in July, August, and September.

Highlights

Safe Gathering Place

CDPC supported the Safe Gathering Place. They recommended that the OBC fund the Facility in July. This will provide a safe place for our homeless to receive some relief from the cold this winter.

Safe Gathering place fall in line with *Kanolukhwa'sla* (compassion, caring identity, and joy of being) and *Twahwahtsi'lay*^ (All of us are family)

Bicentennial

They have identified the Sub Committee's for planning the event. Individual members and initial tasks were given out. The Bicentennial team continue to work on making sure the event is a success.

The Bicentennial team has been working diligently on creating a charter and creating a logo.

CDPC felt that they should change the name to Bicentennial.

Both the Cultural Heritage Site improvements and the Bicentennial fall in line with the broad goals of the 2017 – 2020 Strategic Plan for *Promoting Positive Community Relations* and *Encouraging Tsi> NiyukwalihoT*^ (We have everything here to sustain us).

Industrial Hemp

The team was able to plant Industrial Hemp Fields. The team has 10 acres of industrial hemp planted specifically for fiber. 20 acres of industrial hemp planted specifically for grain. 1 acre, a greenhouse, and Oneida Aquaponics are growing Industrial Hemp specifically used for CBD. The record rain falls are affecting the growth of the plants in the fields. Plants are being tested to make sure the plants follow guidelines.

The Hemp team is looking for new fields to grow hemp for next year. We are looking for the best kind of soil and the right type of dampness of the areas. The fields were looking for volunteers to harvest the hemp. The team is also doing a feasible study for the tribe. One concern is whether the state legalizes t marijuana.

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> NiyukwalihoT^* (We have everything here to sustain us).

Upper Oneida Project

Upper Oneida Project is to transform the Upper Oneida area into a park/multi-functional area. The team is still looking for grants funds to help pay for the project. This fall they will finish the on-street parking and curb and gutter. The project is on schedule

The Upper Oneida 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> NiyukwalihoT^* (We have everything here to sustain us) and *Inspiring Yukwatsistay^a* (Our fire, our spirit within each of us).

Food Innovation Center

The Oneida Food Innovation Center will provide a visible anchor to our integrated Agricultural Strategy by an expanded facility to teach people how to process and prepare healthy native foods. It will serve not only Oneida tribal members but also fresh food producers, entrepreneurs, and those looking for jobs in the food service industry.

The Food Innovation Center is continuing to move forward. Some problems we are solving are workable designs for entrepreneurs, size of equipment needed for cannery/cost, and getting funding for the project. The Food Innovation Center is seeking federal funds along with tribal funds to sustain the project. The team is worked with the Fox Valley Tech. to create a business plan to move forward in the CIP process.

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

Amelia Cornelius Culture Park

The Culture team is Working hard to move forward with the Amelia Cornelius Culture Park. In the fourth Quarter the CIP Package is in draft form and was waiting for OBC approval to activate funds for the Project. The team applied for a grant from the AARP for trails. The Bathrooms were in the design phase.

Amelia Cornelius Culture Park 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 Ka?tshatst^sla* (the Strength of our belief and vision as a people) and *Kalihwi'yo* (The use of the good words about ourselves, our nation and our future)

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 funds, and obligated funds in the Economic Development, Diversification and Community Development Funds account.

Reporting Schedule

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