

Community Development Planning Committee

Quarterly Report for FY2020 2nd Quarter

January-March 2020



CDPC

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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 2nd quarter of FY2020, three regular CDPC meetings were held in January, February, and March.

Highlights

Bicentennial

They have identified the Sub Committee's for planning the event. Individual members and initial tasks were given out. The Bicentennial team continues to work on making sure the event is a success. The Bicentennial group has come up with several ideas and are working diligently to make the events a success.

They are continuing to look for additional funding sources, but we also need to be prepared for the cost of the event. The teams have been tasked with creating preliminary budgets for their specific events, which will give us an estimate of overall costs. We hope to bring this preliminary budget back as soon as possible to allow time to change funding contributions.

The Bicentennial team has been working diligently on creating a charter and creating a logo. Garth Webster gave a presentation on the logo that was developed for the Bi Centennial event.

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? NiyukwalihoTá* (We have everything here to sustain us).

Industrial Hemp

The Industrial Hemp update was added to Standing Updates in March as a monthly update. General Tribal Council requested a report from this team. The report was accepted by the CDPC and forwarded onto the proper channels to be sent out to GTC.

The Hemp Team's recommendations are: 1) Discontinue hemp CBD test plots until there is flexibility regarding THC concentration. 2) Continue with hemp grain plots. Hemp grain supports the Oneida Nation's food sovereignty initiative and provides the cannery with food diversification. 3) Continue to expand hemp fiber. The Nation was most successful at growing hemp for fiber extraction. 4) Continue to grow hemp for its diverse opportunities.

The Hemp Team is looking for new fields and/or the Tsyunhehkwa hoop house to grow industrial hemp for next year, the best kind of soil and the right type of dampness in these potential hemp production areas, and volunteers to harvest the hemp. Items that are to be considered from this team would be partnerships, an organic strategy, USDA/Oneida Nation regulations, and business opportunities. One concern is whether the state legalizes 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? NiyukwalihoTá* (We have everything here to sustain us).

Upper Oneida Project

Upper Oneida is a project that will transform the upper oneida area into a park/multi-functional area. The team is currently looking for grant funding to help pay for the project. Construction phase I has started. Phase I includes fence removal, site clean-up and removal of debris, gravel replacement and grass planting. Phase I will be completed in the Spring of 2020. Phase II design has been completed

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? NiyukwalihoTá* (We have everything here to sustain us) and *Inspiring Yukwatsistayá* (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 team is re-scoping this project this quarter. The space needed to be re-evaluated and needed to have further discussion on the overall project.

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

Energy Team

The Energy Team is continuing to work to formalize goals and had developed a budget estimate that reflects the goals and vision for Oneida Nation's energy future. Using external funding sources is always a priority.

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, Hemp Team 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