

50,000 JOBS AND MUCH OF OUR ECONOMIC FUTURE — ALL IN THE CORRIDOR

City Council continues a collaboration to promote a shared vision of a world-class 315 Technology and Research Corridor. Partners met at the Center of Science and Industry to unveil the Master Plan.

Goals for the Corridor include:

- becoming an internationally recognized center for cutting edge research and development;
- building upon the deep strengths of a remarkable collection of assets that already exist, including The Ohio State University, Battelle, and all four major hospital systems in Central Ohio;
- fostering an entrepreneurial environment;
- attracting the best and brightest minds; and
- strengthening the economic engine that has the capacity to be the foundation of central Ohio's economic growth.



On stage at COSI last month, President Matt Habash, along with Council colleagues Patsy Thomas, Charleta Tavares, and Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, unveil the 315 Technology and Research Corridor Master Plan during Council's second Policy Forum.



President Karen Holbrook detailed some of the fascinating technologies already being developed by OSU in the Corridor, including solar energy cells, new ways of detecting biological threats, and light-weight polystyrene foam for cars and homes that's environmentally friendly and energy efficient.

City investments. "The Corridor is all about taking advantage of and maximizing our smart capital," said Hudson. "If we can keep new, young, creative talent here in central Ohio, we can position ourselves to be more competitive both nationally and internationally." Representatives from Upper Arlington, Grandview Heights, and Clinton Township have also participated.

The Master Plan identifies six strategically located sites within the Corridor that contain a concentration of assets to support development opportunities. You will soon be able to access an electronic version of the Master Plan. Stay tuned for an announcement. Currently, a map of the Corridor area is available at Council's Website: www.columbuscitycouncil.org/techcorridor

National experts say the Corridor is one of the best kept secrets in America. The Master Plan will help companies enhance existing relationships and develop new ones that lead to important job growth for Columbus. And it will help attract new companies to Central Ohio.

Dr. Carl Kohrt, President and CEO of Battelle and Dr. Karen Holbrook, President of The Ohio State University, spoke at the COSI gathering. "This is absolutely the right thing for the City to do," said Dr. Kohrt. "It is what I hope will prove to be an outstanding collaborative effort."

"The best and brightest minds at Ohio State University already are making a difference," said Dr. Holbrook. "We're delighted to be part of the bone and muscle that have formed a strong economic backbone for central Ohio."

Council member [Mary Jo Hudson](#) and President [Matt Habash](#) announced the initiative last year and have since been working to leverage

FAST FACTS

What's in the Research and Technology Corridor now?

- 1) The Corridor comprises more than 10,000 acres – making it one of the nation's largest research-based sites
- 2) Entities in the Corridor annually manage over \$1 billion in research
- 3) The Corridor includes OSU, the ninth largest public research university in America
- 4) Companies and organizations in the corridor employ over 50,000 people
- 5) Other major asset include Battelle, Chemical Abstracts, and all four major non-profit hospital systems

CONNECTING KIDS WITH ANIMALS



Council continued a growing tradition of connecting animals with kids. For the third successive summer Columbus youth who use City playgrounds and recreation centers will get a chance to visit the Columbus Zoo. The City helps coordinate transportation for about 1,500 kids from thirty sites. The program, the Melvin Dodge Summer Days, also includes free admission and lunch courtesy of the City's Summer Food Program.

And with the onset of hot weather and a break from the classroom, youth are looking for fun and relaxation. Council recently set in motion improvement projects at the Columbus Swim Center and the Dodge Skate Park. For more information on City Recreation and Parks summer programs, visit the department's [Website](#).

During the Zoo's visit to Council Chambers in May, Maryellen O'Shaughnessy got acquainted with a baby wallaby.

REVIEWING ARTS POLICY

President [Matt Habash](#) and Council member [Mary Jo Hudson](#), who serves on the Board of the Greater Columbus Arts Council, are looking to an expert panel to conduct a comprehensive review and make recommendations for a strategic policy that grows and strengthens the City's and the region's vital arts communities. They launched the initiative last month, naming Wayne Lawson, former executive director of the Ohio Arts Council, as chair of the Creative Columbus Policy Steering Committee. Dr. Margaret Wyszomirski, Director of the Cultural Policy & Arts Administration Program at OSU, also is helping to lead the committee's research.



Particular attention is aimed at three major components: creative vitality, financial sustainability, and overall public benefit. The group plans to discuss the economic and social benefits of the creative sector in Central Ohio, and the perspectives of regional arts councils and flagship arts institutions among a host of other topics.

"On an annual basis the City contributes about \$3.9 million of bed tax revenues to support cultural arts," said Hudson. "We want to make sure we use the funds wisely, leverage other support, and strengthen our arts and cultural organizations for years to come."

ATTACKING NUISANCE STRUCTURES



With the wrecking crane looming, this abandoned house in Franklinton is one of four scheduled for demolition by the City this summer.

Keeping neighborhoods aesthetically attractive and removing blight are important crime prevention strategies. Council members [Patsy Thomas](#) and [Maryellen O'Shaughnessy](#) have been working with the administration and the City Attorney to make it easier to rid neighborhoods of nuisance and abandoned structures. The City expects to demolish over 70 properties this year. Overall, it has committed \$25 million in the HOME AGAIN program to acquire, clean-up, fix-up, or demolish some of the City's worst vacant and abandoned properties.

"In the next six years we hope to put up to 1,000 properties back into productive use," said Thomas. "We will continue to work to hold accountable the owners of these neglected and vacant properties."

O'Shaughnessy noted that vacant and abandoned properties can "single-handedly destroy the moral of a neighborhood. With the assistance of hard-working residents, we can rid these eyesores from our community."

GROUNDBREAKING FOR NEW HOMES, NEW START IN LIFE



Council's Zoning Committee Chair Michael C. Mentel joined in dedicating a new supportive housing project on the near Southwest side.

Helping men and women who confront mental illness, substance addiction or histories of chronic homelessness get a new start in life, Council member [Michael C. Mentel](#) joined the Community Housing Network for the grand opening of the new Briggsdale Apartments.

CHN developed the new apartment building at 1670 Harrisburg Pike with 35 studio apartments, community space and offices for staff. This housing will offer disabled and homeless individuals a stable living environment and the opportunity to receive treatment, find work, maintain recovery and give back to the community.

CHN has a 16-year track record of developing and managing supportive apartments for people with special needs. It currently owns and manages 868 apartments located at 133 different sites, scattered throughout Franklin County.

TAVARES ENTERS HALL OF FAME

Joining a growing list of noteworthy graduates, Council member [Charleta Tavares](#) returned to her high school alma mater in May for induction into the inaugural class of the Eastmoor Academy Hall of Fame. The ceremony also featured Heisman-winning OSU football star Archie Griffin and former Columbus Public Schools Superintendent Larry Mixon.

During her visit, Tavares shared her memories of Eastmoor High School with current students and principal Darryl Sanders. Since graduation, Tavares has had an historic career in public service, as the first African-American female to serve in the state legislature from Franklin County and the first African-American woman ever to hold a leadership position in the Ohio General Assembly.



Eastmoor Hall of Fame Inductees (front) Dr. John Russ, Archie Griffin, Ted Briggs, (rear) Dr. Larry Mixon, Charleta Tavares & Dr. Marc Hollander.

BOYCE DELIVERS COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS



After his speech, Boyce individually congratulated 41 of CMU's graduates, including Columbus Fire Chief Ned Pettus, Jr.

Encouraging graduates to give back to their communities and use the tools they learned in the classroom, Council member [Kevin Boyce](#) delivered the commencement address at Central Michigan University's 2006 masters degree graduation ceremony in Columbus.

Since the start of CMU's program, more than 5,000 military and civilian students have graduated through its Ohio centers, taking weekend and evening classes on top of their routine careers. Boyce graduated with a Masters of Science in Administration in 2003.

Boyce reminded graduates to keep learning and improving their mind. He said, "Education is not something we do in just the first 20-some years of our lives. We must be open to learning everyday."