



City of CHARLOTTE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Lewis and City Council Members

FROM: Gregg Guetschow, City Manager

SUBJECT: City Manager Report

DATE: February 25, 2017

Michigan Main Street. I was pleased to be able to attend, along with several other City representatives, the presentation that CharlotteRising made to the Michigan Main Street program in its effort to move from associate to select level. The community was very well represented with a diverse cross-section of organizations and sectors present. I was particularly pleased that Representative Brett Roberts was there as a part of the group. Be sure to thank him when you see him. The presentation was excellent, in my opinion, and I believe it is likely that entry into the select level will be approved. That decision is expected by the end of the month.

CanDo! I have been asked to give up my position as board secretary to move into the Vice Chairman slot for the remainder of 2017 and serve again as Chairman in 2018. This will be the second time to serve in that role. On a related note, I was the presenter last week for CanDo!'s leadership development program, L.E.A.D., the third time I have done this. (Bryan Myrkle is also a presenter.) This has been a very successful program in providing a low-cost leadership training program for individuals involved in businesses and nonprofits in the Charlotte area. If you know of any individuals who might be candidates for the program, more information is available at charlottecando.org/lead.

Task Management. I have reported on several occasions about the increase in community and economic development activity that we have seen over the past year or so. While this is good news for Charlotte, it has strained staff resources available to effectively manage all the work associated with these projects. It is worth noting that those resources were reduced by one full-time position in 2009 as we made budget cuts. In an effort to address this, we will be launching an initiative using task management software to better track activities and share relevant information among team members. I expect that this tool will also be used for other types of projects that would benefit from more efficient information sharing across departments.

Owens-Brockway Funds. I recently learned that the Charlotte Public Schools has allocated funds received through the Owens-Brockway settlement to a variety of different uses. I thought Council might be interested in how these funds

that the City worked so hard to obtain are being used in the community. Superintendent Mark Rosekrans is scheduled to attend the March 27 meeting to make a presentation on the topic. I will be reaching out to Eaton RESA, Eaton County and the Charlotte Public Library for similar reports.