

## **MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** May 1, 2024

**To:** Appleton Redevelopment Authority

**From:** Kara Homan, AICP, Director of Community Development

Subject: 222 N. Oneida Street Status Update

I write to provide an update on matters related to the ARA-owned site at 222 N. Oneida Street, as outlined below.

- Environmental Investigation. The Wisconsin DNR provided notice to the ARA (see attachment) related to remaining steps needed to gain closure for the environmental investigation case for the 222 N. Oneida Street site, which was initiated as part of activities related to Valley Transit's offer to purchase. The City's consultant, Westwood Professional Services, confirmed all testing wells were properly abandoned on April 15<sup>th</sup>, and closure documentation submitted to DNR on April 17<sup>th</sup>. We are awaiting final notification from DNR on closure of the case.
- Meade Inc. Limited License Agreement. Meade Inc. (working on behalf of We Energies) has been authorized, by the attached limited license agreement, to use the 222 N. Oneida Street site for construction staging related to a new underground electrical vault being constructed within the City Center St. r/o/w, just south of Superior Street. Their usage of the site is being coordinated with the Boldt Company, who also has an agreement with the ARA to use the site for Library-related construction staging. Director Gazza (Parks & Recreation) and Director McDonald (Valley Transit) were briefed on the request and supportive of this being administratively issued by the ARA Executive Director, under the guidance of City Attorney Behrens. Both agreements require restoration of the site when work is complete and allow for termination by the ARA with 10 days' notice.

For additional background information related to the 222 N. Oneida Street site standing offer to purchase with Valley Transit/City of Appleton – information can be found <a href="here">here</a>, from the 10/25/2023 ARA meeting, where an amendment to the offer to purchase was approved.