

Glendale Requests OKI Grant For Village Square Enhancement

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The Village of Glendale, with the assistance of TEC Engineer Edward Williams, have written and submitted a grant application to the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana (OKI) Regional Council of Governments. Ten percent of all federal Surface Transportation Program funding money is dedicated to a Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program such as the Urban Area Program that OKI's John Heilman administers while interacting with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT).



Glendale's historic Village Square may receive grant for renovations.

The Glendale Village Square grant application calls for a total project amount of \$520,000. Of that amount, \$416,160 is being requested from OKI for funding with the TE Program and the remaining 20% (\$104,040) would be paid with local Glendale funds. The only other additional costs to Glendale would be the engineering fees, estimated at just under \$60,000 for the total project.

The purpose of the project is to add community value, enhancement and expansion of the current historic Village Square. To do this, the project includes taking out the aged cement sidewalks - curbs in the center of the Square and replacing them with paving stones to match those used on the adjacent Depot Museum. The proposed paver sidewalk system, which fronts many of the businesses, is to be 5' wider and allow for tables and chairs for visitors to use as they dine. Several sidewalk islands are proposed to extend off of the new sidewalk system and allow for additional umbrella table and chair areas. Two drinking fountains (with the optional pet feature) that can stay turned on year round are also proposed for both ends of the square, along with coordinated umbrella tables with seating, trash receptacles and bicycle rack systems throughout. Uniform tree areas are also proposed on the new sidewalk paver sidewalk system with cast iron expandable grates, along with park benches. To help with holiday lighting, power and receptacles will be incorporated into all of the new streetscape plans. Nineteen uniform electric street lights, to simulate gas lamps, will be installed to brighten up the Square at night.

The current stone island fountain and planting area is proposed to receive repairs and be extended northwardly 45' and include a paver crosswalk to the new island. The extended island area will include tables and seating for those to enjoy the existing island garden area.

OKI has received our application and will make a decision in mid August of this year. If awarded, Glendale will have all of 2009 to engineer the project, obtain permits and go to bid. The engineering process includes obtaining feedback from residents, merchants, garden clubs and anyone that would like to participate in the details of the project. If awarded, the project can commence in March of 2010 for a completion date in mid 2010.

Mayor Joseph Hubbard said "This project will go a long way in revitalizing the historic Village Square and is most timely with the recent reopening announcement of the Iron Horse Restaurant and the proposed Black Squirrel Bistro, both potential anchors in the Village Square". Currently the Village Square offers ongoing establishments such as the GHP Depot Museum, 5/3 Bank, U.S. Post Office, Glendale Village Office, Bluebird Bakery, Stitches, Statements Salon, Gargoyle Board & Bike, Classic Hill Interiors, The Studio & Agricola Redesign, Le Petite Cottage, MissElaineous Decorative painting, Discepoli Financial Planning, Piazza Discepoli, Century House, Smith Jewelers, and Pink Ink Design.