



City of Sidney

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October 31, 2023

Dayton Regional Development & Advocacy

Subject: Historic Sidney Theatre Restoration - Phase II

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to support the regional funding application for the continued growth and expansion of the Historic Sidney Theatre. This theater has hosted several key events for the region over the past year and serves as a communal space well beyond its historic roots. We see its expansion efforts matched by the public interest and the need to have more capacity to expand programming and services within the downtown.

Our downtown is a thriving node of our City, and we hope the theater continues to play a vital role in our mission to have a mixed-use, walkable community. The City also has plans for expanded parking, office space, and multiple projects in construction, including the adjacent Ohio Building, which received Historic Tax Credits to renovate the building into 50 luxury apartments and two commercial ground floor spaces. The continued regional support to our jewel of downtown is essential to the City's goals and objectives.

The City of Sidney is in full support of the programs and concepts within the Comprehensive plan, and we strongly support the full implementation of the Sidney Historic Theater. We encourage your support of this funding request. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact my office.

Very Respectfully,

Andrew Bowsher
City Manager



SIDNEY-SHELBY ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

101 S. Ohio Avenue, Floor 2, Sidney, OH 45365

November 1, 2023

Dayton Region Priority Development & Advocacy Committee
Dayton Development Coalition
1401 S Main Street
Dayton, OH 45409

RE: Sidney Historic Theatre – City of Sidney Submission

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing on the behalf of the City of Sidney’s application for facility improvements to the Historic Theatre in Downtown Sidney, Shelby County, Ohio.

The Historic Sidney Theatre has been an anchor of historic downtown since opening in 1921. For the past 14 years, Raise the Roof for the Arts (RTR) has restored the facility into an impressive cultural and artistic center serving Shelby County and the broader region. This funding request will allow RTR to leverage local match in order to stabilize the exterior of the building and then proceed to expanding theatre capacity.

Downtown Sidney is experiencing an impressive rebirth, which was recently recognized as the “Best Downtown Placemaking” by Heritage Ohio. Downtown is attracting new restaurants, housing and retail and millions of dollars in private and public investment. This funding will assure that the Historic Sidney Theatre will remain a downtown anchor for generations to come.

I urge you to give favorable consideration to the Historic Sidney Theatre project. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James A. Hill'.

James A. Hill
Executive Director

November 1, 2023

Dayton Region Priority Development & Advocacy Committee
Dayton Development Coalition
1401 S. Main Street
Dayton, Ohio 45409



RE: Historic Sidney Theatre – City of Sidney Submission

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in support of the City of Sidney’s application for improvements at the Historic Sidney Theatre located in the heart of the Sidney-Shelby County community and Downtown Sidney.

The theatre was a vibrant community gathering place when it opened in 1921. It continued to serve our community for decades, even as a first-run, multiplex movie theatre. For a period of time, it fell into disrepair. The organization, Raise the Roof for the Arts, purchased the theatre fourteen years ago and began the long, painstaking process of returning the theatre to its original glory. The project has proved to be challenging, but they have persevered by utilizing the space to bring the performing arts to our community as well as serve as an event space.

This funding request will help leverage local dollars and secure the theatre structure for decades to come and allow the operating nonprofit to focus on expanding capacity and bringing cultural events to our community.

Their efforts are in line with the revitalization and placemaking efforts in Downtown Sidney. Our community was recently awarded Best Placemaking Project by Heritage Ohio and we want to keep the momentum going. Their neighboring businesses and property owners are investing in their properties and the City of Sidney is in the planning stages of a large-scale infill project next door.

I encourage you to consider the impact of your support of the City of Sidney’s application for the Historic Sidney Theatre project. Please reach out if you have any or are in need of additional information.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this vital project for our community,

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Floor 2
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October 30, 2023

RE: Historic Sidney Theatre Restoration – Phase II

(937) 492-9122

Sir/Madam.

Today I write to express my support for the City of Sidney's grant application to fund targeted restoration activity at the Historic Sidney Theatre. If you've never had the opportunity to visit the Historic Sidney Theatre, you must make plans to do so.

Dating back to its inception as the Majestic Theatre in 1921, this architectural masterpiece has been a catalyst for economic activity in downtown Sidney. And for those not familiar, earlier this year Heritage Ohio recognized Sidney for having the Best Downtown Placemaking in 2023. Without question, this distinct honor would not have been possible if not for the presence of the Historic Sidney Theatre in our downtown.

Recognizing that there's more work to be done in restoring the Theatre to its original grandeur, local funds supplemented by State investments will enable our community to stabilize the exterior of the building with required roof repairs, fire escape replacement, and other exterior requirements. Your support, along with ours for this grant application, will enhance the quality of life for those residing in this region and further the economic impact of the Historic Sidney Theatre on our central business district.

Thank you for considering this project for funding.

Sincerely,

Jeff Raible
President
Sidney-Shelby County Chamber of Commerce
Sidney Visitors Bureau