

## February 2012: The Banks Media Summary Report

### **Banks pullout brings suit against Doyle Restaurant Group**

Cincinnati Business Journal

February 3, 2012

When Doyle Restaurant Group Inc. pulled out of the Banks project on Cincinnati's riverfront last year, the New Orleans-based company didn't leave empty-handed.

<http://www.bizjournals.com/cincinnati/print-edition/2012/02/03/banks-pullout-brings-suit.html>

### **The Banks apartments starting to fill up**

Cincinnati Business Courier

February 9, 2012

The new Current at The Banks apartment complex has leased all of its \$800 a month apartments.

[http://www.bizjournals.com/cincinnati/morning\\_call/2011/02/the-banks-apartments-starting-to-fill-up.html](http://www.bizjournals.com/cincinnati/morning_call/2011/02/the-banks-apartments-starting-to-fill-up.html)

### **Toby Keith's open at The Banks**

Cincinnati Business Courier

February 10, 2012

Toby Keith's I Love This Bar & Grill is open at The Banks along Cincinnati's riverfront.

<http://www.bizjournals.com/cincinnati/news/2012/02/10/toby-keiths-open-at-the-banks.html>

### **Commissioners**

Cincinnati Business Journal

February 15, 2012

Hamilton County commissioners today awarded a contract of just over \$300,000 to a West Chester company to build and install new public safety systems for The Banks riverfront development.

<http://www.bizjournals.com/cincinnati/news/2012/02/15/commissioners-award-the-banks-public.html>

### **Cincinnati breaks ground**

Market Watch

February 17, 2012

Mayor Mark Mallory, City Manager Milton Dohoney, Jr., and U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood today broke ground on the Cincinnati Streetcar Project.

<http://www.marketwatch.com/story/cincinnati-breaks-ground-on-streetcar-2012-02-17>

### **City leaders break ground on streetcar project**

WLWT

February 17, 2012

City officials broke ground Friday on the controversial streetcar project.

<http://www.wlwt.com/news/30484546/detail.html>

### **Cincinnati's streetcar project breaks ground**

Cincinnati.com

February 18, 2012

With speeches, shovels and plenty of fanfare, Cincinnati leaders Friday began the long-awaited construction of the streetcar, the controversial project alternately seen as a bold path to a brighter future or a costly mistake that reflects failure to learn from the past.

<http://communitypress.cincinnati.com/article/AB/20120217/NEWS/302170045/Streetcar-project-breaks-ground-?odyssey=nav%7Chead>

### **Moerlein lager house redeems 2 dreams**

Cincinnati.com

February 19, 2012

When it opens to the public on Feb. 27, the Moerlein Lager House will be a fine place to enjoy good beer and good food on the Cincinnati riverfront.

<http://news.cincinnati.com/article/20120219/BIZ/302190070/Moerlein-redeems-2-dreams?odyssey=tab%7Cmostpopular%7Ctext%7CBIZ>

### **Lager house will pour life into riverfront reclaim city's brewing heritage**

Cincinnati.com

February 20, 2012

When it opens to the public on Feb. 27, the Moerlein Lager House will be a fine place to enjoy good beer and good food on the Cincinnati riverfront.

<http://cincinnati.com/blogs/newintown/2012/02/20/lager-house-will-pour-life-into-riverfront-reclaim-citys-brewing-heritage/>

### **\$1M in city funding for Banks tenant on hold**

Cincinnati.com

February 23, 2012

Some Cincinnati City Council members are taking a closer look at a deal that proposes nearly \$1 million in city financing for Mahogany's Cafe and Grill, an upscale soul food restaurant that's scheduled to open this spring at The Banks.

<http://news.cincinnati.com/article/20120222/BIZ/302220090/-1M-loan-restaurant?odyssey=nav%7Chead>

### **Future Banks biz to get \$1M from city, owed property taxes**

Fox 19

February 23, 2012

Cincinnati City Council's finance committee approved a recommendation to award the restaurant a \$684,000 grant and \$300,000 loan.

<http://butlercounty.fox19.com/news/news/86984-future-banks-biz-get-1m-city-owed-property-taxes>

### **Raise your stein -to the opening of the Moerlein Lager House**

Cincinnati.com

February 23, 2012

The restaurant and microbrewery open February 27 on the banks of the Ohio River Valley.

<http://cincinnati.com/blogs/livininthecin/2012/02/23/moerleinlagerhouse/>

### **Future Banks business owes additional tax money**

Fox 19

February 25, 2012

A Hamilton restaurant that the City of Cincinnati was considering giving \$1 million worth of grant and loans to come to The Banks had unpaid property taxes. The restaurant paid those taxes in full. Now, FOX19 has learned that restaurant has additional tax debts.

<http://butlercounty.fox19.com/news/news/87152-future-banks-business-owes-additional-tax-money>

### **Morning news and stuff**

City Beat

February 27, 2012

The Moerlein Lager House restaurant and microbrewery features 19th Century-inspired food and a large selection of beers including craft brews and more than 100 international beers, all meant to evoke Cincinnati's rich brewing history.

[http://www.citybeat.com/cincinnati/blog-3019-morning\\_news\\_and\\_stuff.html](http://www.citybeat.com/cincinnati/blog-3019-morning_news_and_stuff.html)

### **Smale Riverfront park to open soon near The Banks**

Local 12

February 28, 2012

The Lager House actually sits on property owned by the Cincinnati Parks. It's part of a huge park... Smale Riverfront Park.

[http://www.local12.com/news/local/story/Smale-Riverfront-Park-To-Open-Soon-Near-The-Banks/BN70\\_-2cLU2ooikIkexu1g.csp](http://www.local12.com/news/local/story/Smale-Riverfront-Park-To-Open-Soon-Near-The-Banks/BN70_-2cLU2ooikIkexu1g.csp)

### **Future Banks restaurant has additional tax debts**

Cincinnati Business Courier

February 28, 2012

A Hamilton restaurant that the city of Cincinnati is considering giving \$1 million worth of grant and loans to open at The Banks has additional tax debts.

[http://www.bizjournals.com/cincinnati/morning\\_call/2012/02/future-banks-restaurant-has-additional.html](http://www.bizjournals.com/cincinnati/morning_call/2012/02/future-banks-restaurant-has-additional.html)

### **Asian Food Festival**

Soapbox Cincinnati

February 28, 2012

The Asian Food Festival, which was founded in 2010 and has been held at the Kolping Center near Mt. Healthy until now, will celebrate its third anniversary with a move to The Banks in downtown Cincinnati.

<http://www.soapboxmedia.com/devnews/022812aff.aspx>

### **Council members question deal to bring Mahogany's to The Banks**

Cincinnati.com

February 28, 2012

The owners of a restaurant that's in line to receive nearly \$1 million in City of Cincinnati financing to open at The Banks owe federal taxes in excess of \$49,000, according to Butler County records.

<http://news.cincinnati.com/article/20120228/BIZ/302280085/Council-members-question-deal-to-bring-Mahogany-s-to-The-Banks?odyssey=tab%7Cmostpopular%7Ctext%7CFRONTPAGE>

### **City Manager: Mahogany's deal should advance**

Fox 19

February 28, 2012

Cincinnati City Manager Milton Dohoney wrote a letter to the mayor and members of city council Tuesday saying that the deal to bring a Hamilton restaurant to The Banks should be allowed to advance. The owner of Mahogany's is currently under scrutiny due to several thousand dollars of unpaid taxes.

<http://downtown-mtauburn.fox19.com/news/news/87313-city-manager-mahoganys-deal-should-advance>

### **Morning news and stuff**

City Beat

February 29, 2012

Some officials have criticized the pending deal after learning Liz and Trent Rogers, owners of Mahogany's Cafe and Grill, owe about \$49,000 in back taxes to the federal government.

[http://www.citybeat.com/cincinnati/blog-3037-morning\\_news\\_and\\_stuff.html](http://www.citybeat.com/cincinnati/blog-3037-morning_news_and_stuff.html)

### **Mahogany's financing gets City Council OK**

Cincinnati.com

February 29, 2012

Cincinnati City Council approved roughly \$1 million in financing for Mahogany's at The Banks Wednesday in a vote of 6 to 3.

<http://news.cincinnati.com/article/20120229/NEWS0108/303010084>

### **City loan to Banks Restaurant raises eyebrows**

WLWT

February 29, 2012

City officials cleared the way Wednesday for Mahogany's to get a \$684,000 grant and \$300,000 loan, and some business owners are appalled.

<http://www.wlwt.com/money/30572614/detail.html>

### **Mahogany's granted \$1 Million in grants and loans**

Fox 19

February 29, 2012

Mahogany's is granted \$1 million dollars worth of grants and loans after a 6-3 vote in council chambers on Wednesday.

<http://butlercounty.fox19.com/news/news/87313-mahoganys-granted-1-million-dollars-grants-and-loans>

### **Presentations in February by John Deatruck, The Banks Project Executive**

February 13, 2012--to Hamilton County Board of Commissioners

February 24, 2012—to OKI Regional Planning Forum