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Downtown Chandler entrepreneurs and stakeholders Peter & Sigrid Sciacca are ready to breathe new life into the former ICAN building at Chicago and Washington. The Sciaccas are best known for their glassware, art, and enterprising efforts in the downtown area. Their plans are to tackle the

larger east building and open a local craft brewhouse, with a casual family and pet-friendly environment.

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With the proximity of 2 courthouses, City Hall, Chandler Police and Fire stations, and the ultra-hip Alta Steelyard Lofts, Sciacca cleverly plans to name this venture “The QuartHaus”. There will be plenty of indoor and outdoor communal meeting space on the half-acre property in which patrons can get together with friends. It will take a more leisurely approach to dining and drinking, with space for gaming and lounging. The QuartHaus is expected to open in time for Oktoberfest.

Further into the future, the northwest side of the property has the promise to impact the downtown urban lifestyle. Civic Market is the unique Chandler concept of a “grab & go” urban grocery store/rentable space/farmers market in the heart of downtown.



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Peixoto Coffee, farm-to-table food options, a bakery where you can see the cooking take place, and a Di Sciacca glass emporium are all likely possibilities here – basically, a true craftsman community is the goal with this malleable space. With the popularity of DoorDash and UberEATS, consumers are looking for quick and easy meal options. Local downtown fans can now add totally different dinner choices – dine in at The QuartHaus, or pick up a bottle of wine & fine cheese from Civic Market, then walk a few steps over to the picnic table area, or even take the goods back to home.



Sciacca also says a dedicated space for rent in the west building could have different uses every day – whether it be a yoga class, art sale, or make-up demo. They are currently seeking 3-4 tenants that would like to sublease space on the property. The target opening date for this part of the project will be approximately 1 year.

When you have a special city like Chandler, and you add the vision and passion of influential advocates like the Sciaccas, great impact can be made on how we interact with each other. The QuartHaus and Civic Market will be a destination location in downtown Chandler, where we will all benefit by investing in our local economy, and even more so our community.

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