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Subject Charles Blubaugh

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Interviewer Andrew Hudak

Charles Blubaugh of League Park Foods describes his life such as where he was born and how he came to live in the Superior + St. Claire community where he now resides. His wife who is also present during the interview gives her biography information as well.

Charles Blubaugh, League Park Foods, life, St. Claire, Superior, Hough, vineyards, goals.

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Notes

minutes:

biographical information: born in Texas in 1947. Lived in Cleveland Heights from the 0 age of 8 to 20s.

1 More biographical information: His wife lived in Kazakhstan

Lived in Cleveland Heights, but wanted to buy a house in the St. Claire

2 neighborhood. Likes it because it looked like an old time neighborhood.

Realizes that the community is different then the communities he used to live in.

3 Be careful because of crime.

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5 The project will make the community better. Owns a business on 68th and Superior.

Wanted to do something with the empty plots of land that are around their business.

6 Planted things and put a bench there to make the plots of land look nice.

7 He owns a hot dog and ice cream stand.

8 His project is a vineyard.

9 He decided on doing a vineyard because it will make the land look better.

10 Loose collaboration.

Thought he would have planted grapes by now but not delivered to yet. Wants to get

11 them planted by summer.

12 Short term goal is to get something in the ground by winter

Wants for people who are driving down Superior to look and get people thinking

13 about doing the same thing.

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League Park Foods is their business. They sell chili dogs, ice cream, and Polish

15 boys.

16 The community enjoys their business. People are happy that it is there.

Wants the neighborhood to learn something from the vineyards. Feels that it would

17 be good for the community.

Initial reaction of the community is confusion because they do not know what a

18 vineyard is.

Wants to see children get involved. Wants to get people thinking alternatively about

19 empty lots.

20 Wants people to accept the vineyard as their own.

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22 Hopes that their project will be successful and lasting.

23 Hopes the vineyard will be there for years.

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25 Wants the vineyards to make the community look better.

Wants to see everybody get involved. Grape vines have already been in the
26 community.

27 Has never done a project like this before.

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32 Only problem is replacing vines as they die.

33 Five year plan is just maintaining the plants. Wants something nice looking there.

34 Wants people to take the vineyard as their own.

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36 Bid on the building for their hot dog stand at a sheriff's auction and won it.

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There are two independently owned restaurants and butcher shops in the
38 neighborhood.

There are a few bars and other businesses that are in walking distance from their
39 house.

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41 Does not feel safe in certain parts of the neighborhood. You have to be careful.

42 Got a couple loads from a company would had wood chips for mulch.

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Wants to put a fence in. The grapes are not the kind you eat so people who steal
44 them won't do it again. Does not think vandalism is going to happen.

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Thinks that the community is tired of the way the community looks so they will be
46 happy to make it look nice.

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Has two or three years to figure out how to make the wine. Will deal with that when it
48 it time.

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50 Does not own the land. It has to be in the Cleveland Land bank.

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