



Historic Indianapolis Union Station Redevelopment Strategy

Indianapolis, Indiana

Hunden, while at Indianapolis Bond Bank, was engaged by former Mayor of Indianapolis Stephen Goldsmith to coordinate the redevelopment strategy for Union Station. The facility, the oldest Union Station in the U.S., had been redeveloped to much fanfare in 1987 as a festival marketplace and helped the tourism revival of downtown Indianapolis. However, the retail portion of the development failed financially by the mid-1990s. The City took control of this portion of building and closed it in 1997.

There were a variety of options for the building and it was at this time that Mr. Hunden coordinated a variety of stakeholder groups to work through a developer RFP process for revitalization. A new strategy was put in place to re-tenant the building. The first phase was a redevelopment of the building's head house into a large luxury banquet facility.

Union Station now houses the Grand Hall and Conference Center at the Crowne Plaza Hotel located in the majestic red brick and granite head house, recognized as one of the memorable Romanesque Revival-style structures in America. Renovated at a cost of \$1 million, the Grand Hall and Conference Center consists of more than 30,000 square feet of meeting, banquet and exhibit space. Union Station also houses the Pacers Academy, Bands of America, Consulate of Mexico, Indiana Museum of African American History and the Japan-America Society of America.

Client: City of Indianapolis

Time Period: 1996 - 1998