

Letter on “Little Chicago”: The show will go on

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The crews of “Little Chicago,” a 1920s mobster movie set to be filmed in Bradford and New York State, are still committed to completing the movie sooner than later.

A letter from screenwriter and executive producer Carl Veno to “Little Chicago” told investors that late May is the time frame for movie-related activities to begin in Bradford.

“Little Chicago” is based on a chapter of his book, “Invisible Ink,” and has been in the works since July 2007.

In the letter, Veno reports that “Little Chicago” crews have joined forces with World Ain’t Right Entertainment Inc., which is affiliated with Batpack Studios in Cranberry, for “film projects.”

“Our cumulative company efforts have discovered that the Bradford and Olean (N.Y.) areas offer much to production companies in terms of locations, cost and ease of transportation,” Veno says in the letter.

“For these reasons, we have learned that what we have developed to date offers multiple options for Little Chicago and area businesses in terms of attracting feature films, documentaries and location venues for historical media. For Little Chicago, it is likely that a new high-quality documentary project will be filmed first, as an attachment to the intellectual property development.

“The Last Prohibition Witnesses” – a prohibition documentary and “Little Chicago” DVD featurette filmed last winter in Bradford are separate projects from the upcoming high-quality documentary project that will be filmed first.

Crews will continue to work on the actual movie at the same time, according to Veno’s letter. There were no details provided on when filming for the main attraction will begin.

Veno also assures investors that state funding will remain intact for the movie’s production, despite the movie start date for filming being delayed more than once.

“Our tax credit will be exchanged for another,” Veno says. “This is not unusual for state film incentives.”

More details will emerge soon from Veno and WAR Entertainment, according to the letter.

“Little Chicago” team, under my direction, is now completing a profitable project that will make everyone proud,” Veno says. “I believe that you will be pleased to see business conducted, visitors to the cities and jobs created as we finish the development of “Little Chicago.”