

# The Town of Brooklyn Economic Development Commission

Chairperson, Lyn LaCharite

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*Meeting the First Tuesday of every month @ 4pm at the  
Clifford B Green Memorial Center*

## **REGULAR MEETING OF April 7, 2015**

### **AGENDA**

1.) Roll Call - Lyn LaCharite, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm

Members Present: Cary Garcia, Chris Landis, Lyn LaCharite, Robert Simons (4:10), Andrew Pinto and Ronald Ventura.

Marybeth Leonard absent with notification.

Others Present - Elaine Ventura, Aaron Kerouack, Roland LaCharite and Neil Esposito.

Ronald Ventura seated as a regular voting member.

2.) Approval of Minutes: Cary Grant made a motion to accept the Minutes of the March 3, 2015 Regular Meeting. Second by Lyn LaCharite. Motion carried.

3.) Public Commentary - None

4.) Unfinished Business

a.) Brooklyn Business Association - An Event Committee meeting was held last week. They are planning a business event in July, similar to Plainfield Pride's event. All businesses are invited to attend. They will be working in conjunction with the recreation department. They plan on music, pizza cook off and other vendors.

The BBA also went on a tour of The Hole in the Wall Gang. This was in conjunction with the donation to them from the car cruise.

Next meeting is a Fun After Five at NAPA on April 27, 2014 sponsored by Team Loomis.

b.) Brooklyn Signs - Lyn LaCharite has spoken with Doug Gagnon and he has looked at the signs and feels they can be cleaned up. She will update the Commission on new progress next month.

c.) Business Recognition - Discussion was heard regarding the upcoming presentation of the plaques. Lyn LaCharite will contact the discussed business and will set a time for presentation. Andrew Pinto will also contact the new owners of Johnny's Pizza to set up a date for the presentation.

d.) CERC Training Seminar - A seminar/meeting has been scheduled for June 2, 2014 at 4:00 pm and will end at 6:00 pm. Invitations will be sent to PZC, Finance, Selectmen and all Land Use Offices. They will review the POCD and other documents presented to them.

Lyn LaCharite asked the Commission to come up with strength and weaknesses of the EDC to present to CERC before their seminar.

5.) New or Other Business

a.) P&Z PC Zone Fiscal Analysis Study - The Commission next reviewed the map of the conceptual plan that had been done for PZC ( <http://www.brooklynct.org/planning-zoning-commission/files/planned-commercial-zone-fiscal-analysis-conceptual-development-study>.) Lyn LaCharite stated this will be sent to CERC before their presentation. Andrew Pinto feels this is a good guideline for prospective buyers or businesses that would like to move to Brooklyn. Chris Landis asked Aaron Kerouack if the PZC will use these guidelines as tools for changes. Mr. Kerouack stated that he is a proponent of this analysis.

Andrew Pinto made a motion to endorse the fiscal analysis plan. Robert Simons second the motion. Motion carried. Chris Landis abstained.

b.) Danielson Glass Presentation -

Lyn LaCharite turned the meeting over to Vice-Chair Robert Simons.

Neil Esposito of Danielson Glass reviewed his proposed business at 379 Providence Road, Brooklyn, currently owned by Roland and Lyn LaCharite. He is proposing a 10,000 sq ft building 75 ft x 135 ft. There will be a glass shop, commercial and retail shops in this building. He would like to see the house currently on the property used for office purposes. He is asking for an endorsement from the EDC.

Robert Simons asked where the driveway to his business would be located. Mr. Esposito stated that the current driveway would be widened to accommodate the business. He further pointed out that Wetlands is currently reviewing his application.

Ronald Ventura made a motion to support Danielson Glass to move into the PC Zone as long as they are in compliance with the planning and zoning of Brooklyn. Chris Landis second the motion. Motion passed. Abstention by Lyn LaCharite.

Robert Simons turned the meeting back over to Lyn LaCharite.

Other business continued:

Lyn LaCharite reviewed an outline she received from Steven Townsend regarding his property in the CVS/Savings Institute property. She has limited information regarding this proposal, however she did state that he wanted to put in storage units but this is not allowed in the PC zone. She also stated that he does have a commitment for a 15,000 sq ft office space.

Marybeth Leonard informed Lyn LaCharite that the Last Green Valley has grant money to clean up areas in the town.

Jana Roberson has informed Lyn LaCharite that there is a grant from NECCOG for the sidewalk in front of Wall Mart.

Elaine Ventura asked about the status of the bowling alley. Lyn LaCharite will contact the owner of the property for a status.

Andrew Pinto reviewed the Main Street seminar that he attended. He stated that it really isn't for "main street" in towns, however they look into properties that can be transformed into satellite campus uses for Universities.

6.) Adjournment - Motion by Bob Simons to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 pm. Second by Chris Landis. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Desrosier, Clerk