

The Town of Brooklyn Economic Development Commission

Chairperson, Lyn LaCharite
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Meeting the First Tuesday of every month @ 7pm at the
Clifford B Green Memorial Center

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REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, May 7, 2013 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Lyn LaCharite called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

1.) Roll Call - Marybeth Leonard, Chris Landis, Lyn LaCharite, Robert Simons, Andrew Pinto and Alternate, Ronald Ventura.

2.) Seating Of Alternates - None

3.) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting April 2, 2013 - Robert Simons made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion second by Marybeth Leonard. Motion carried unanimously.

4.) Public Commentary - None

5.) Correspondence - None

6.) Guest Speaker- Bruce Parsons, Brooklyn Housing Authority Vice-Chair, was present at the meeting. Mr. Parsons reviewed the status of the property located at Tiffany and Front Street. He stated that the buildings have been closed down due to the fact that they are very cost prohibitive. The Front Street property has been condemned for six years. These are historical buildings and cannot be demolished without waivers from the State Economic Development and Housing. They are in discussions regarding renovations of these properties with the State EDC for the use of affordable housing for elderly and are working on some preliminary designs. They have hired a consultant, ECO, who has been working at no cost to the Town of Brooklyn to prepare a design for this property in order to obtain a grant to renovate these properties. There are 27 units total in all buildings. Tiffany has approximately 12 and 15 on Front Street. No funding is expected to come from the Town for this project. A nonprofit will need to run the property.

Leona Mainville stated that she is very pleased to hear that these buildings are being renovated. She asked Mr. Parsons if he will be overseeing this project. Mr. Parsons confirmed that he will.

Andrew Pinto does not agree with Putnam Housing running a Brooklyn Housing Property. Mr. Parsons stated that there isn't enough manpower to run these properties

in Brooklyn, however, priority to our residents will come first when it comes to renting these properties.

7.) Unfinished Business

a.) Business Association - There will be an event at the Golden Lamb on June 26, 2013 inviting members of the Chamber of Commerce from 5 pm to 9 pm to meet the Brooklyn Business Members. The membership is roughly at 30 members. Next meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2013 at Grey Mare Farm.

b.) Family Fun Day - Next scheduled meeting is May 14, 2013. They will plan on putting the Fun Day Banner up in the center of town as soon as arrangements can be made.

c.) Budget - The Commission reviewed their budget. Discussion was heard regarding whether they should purchase planters with the remaining balance left in their account. This will be further reviewed.

d.) Business Recognition - The Green Goddess is not yet open for business. Once they have an opening in the fall they will be presented their plaque.

8.) New Business

a.) Beautification Project - Marybeth Leonard and Andrew Pinto are still working on the water project for the plants located in front of the signs entering Brooklyn.

9.) Other Business - Northeast Liquors will be moving into the Old Day Drug Building.

The Friendship Valley property is currently being renovated and updated.

The Ross Property is currently being listed by Browning and Browning Realty for sale.

Andrew Pinto reviewed the All American City Award. The Town is submitting an application for this recognition.

10.) Adjournment - Robert Simons made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Second by Marybeth Leonard. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Desrosier