

# 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 FEBRUARY 2, 2016**

### **MINUTES**

1.) Roll Call - Lyn LaCharite, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

Members Present: Marybeth Leonard, Cary Garcia, Lyn LaCharite, Andrew Pinto, Robert Simons and Ronald Ventura. Chris Landis - absent with notification.

Ronald Ventura seated as a regular voting member

2.) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting January 5, 2015 – Robert Simons made a motion to approve. Seconded. Motion carried.

3.) Public Commentary – None

4.) Unfinished Business

a.) Brooklyn Business Association – Marybeth Leonard discussed how Fall Festival could be linked with Car Show. Fall Festival funding could be supported by Economic Development Commission budget. There is a subcommittee to discuss and organize meeting tomorrow at 3pm at Marybeth Leonard's home.

a.) Business Recognition – There are new business coming to Vina Ln. In particular, Gabrielle LaBonte, an attorney located on Route 6 is planning a building there.

5.) Jana Roberson Community Development

a.) Jana Roberson explained new duties of Economic Development Director.

- Brooklyn Employment
- Elderly Housing Contacts
- Brooklyn Permitting process
- Business Panel
- AG Enhancement Route 169
- TIF Project (including handout)

b.) Robert Simons handout – Adapting towns. How some cities have planned and thrived through adversity. Also, how a city in Colorado supports the growth of businesses started in the town and helps them to flourish.

c.) Art Enhancement may be a good idea for the town.

d.) Robert Simons brought up idea of building a river road from the end of South Main St south along the river where development might happen for recreation and Business Park.

#### 6.) New or Other Business

b.) EDC Budget – the process is beginning and will be ongoing.

c.) Mary Beth Leonard brought up the issue of town blight. She especially expressed displeasure over Clothing Drop Boxes. Trash can accumulate next to these boxes. Locations sited in town are Brooklyn Oil and the Salvation Army store.

d.) There was some discussion led by Jana Roberson regarding signage.

e.) Lyn Lacharite offered her resignation as Chairperson and also from the EDC for personal reasons. There was some discussion and Robert Simons agreed to fill Lyn's term. A new Vice-Chair will need to be named at a future meeting.

6.) Adjournment - Mary Beth Leonard made motion to adjourn at 5:10pm. Seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted

Andy Pinto (acting secretary)