

GLASSPORT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 2, 2012

Location: Glassport Borough building, 440 Monongahela Avenue, Glassport, PA 15045

Attendees: John Bender, Rosemary Bradley, John D'Angelo, Judy Feltz, Dave Kowalski, Janet Kowalski, Dan Matta, Ann Ostroski, Kathy Piekut, Norb Piekut

Parliamentary:

The meeting convened at 5:30 p.m. with the members reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report: Treasurer-Norb Piekut

Norb's report of the GDC financial account as of 04-02-2012 is as follows:

<u>Starting balance-</u>	\$1324.91
<u>Receipts:</u>	
Membership dues 03/06/2012	130.00
Donation 03/06/2012	100.00
Membership dues 03/14/2012	30.00
Membership dues 03/22/2012	112.00
<u>Disbursements - none</u>	
Ending Balance	1696.91
Petty Cash	100.00
<u>Ending Balance</u>	\$1796.91

Report: President-John D'Angelo

John reviewed the minutes of the March 2012 meeting. The minutes were approved without changes.

John's report included the following:

- He attended a steering committee meeting on 03/07/2012 with Glassport Council and the COG. On March 28th they reviewed three proposals and interviewed engineering firms working on the plan for the beautification and development of Glassport Borough. The firm chosen to complete the study was Planning and Design LLC. This firm will review the Borough as a whole, not just the business district. They will also bring contractors to the table. Particular areas recommended by the steering committee will be focused, such as the riverfront properties, Patterson property, and the former high school. Their portfolio includes for Castle Shannon and Elizabeth Borough. It is anticipated that completing this plan will take about six months.
- John again spoke with Steve Pholar at West to West Coalition of Duquesne. Steve's intent is to bundle several communities and apply for a federal grant to clear abandoned properties. Steve will compile a package proposal and present to Glassport Council.
- Rosemary Bradley requested that the GDC purchase a horse for the upcoming "Night at the Races" hosted by the Democratic Committee. It was agreed upon that the GDC will purchase/sponsor a race for \$50.00. Should the Republican Committee request a donation for a similar type of project, the GDC would comply.

- Dan Kolic (code enforcement) is cooperating with John on writing notices to property owners in the business district that have abandoned spaces or properties not meeting compliance with ordinances. A letter will be sent to property owners prior to citations. The letter will indicate that the owner has 10 days in which to submit a plan of action for correction.
- The building inspector will also work with John. John will “flag” him of violations on the exterior of buildings in the business district.
- John announced that PA Representative William Kortz has given him a book that outlines the new laws impacting abandoned properties. He added that he still needs time to review and understand these statutes.
- John stated that the GDC needed to start working on its fund raising project. Janet Kowalski indicated that she hopes to do the craft vendor show again, but nothing has confirmed with Kathie Evanovich at this point. Kathie is the chair of the activities committee. Janet said that the show was successful last year. Plans for this year might be to have some of the vendors in the American Legion hall, and some of the lawn of the Honor Roll, under tents. She will discuss with Kathie before the next meeting. John stated that fundraisers need a lot of planning and the GDC needs to move forward.

Report: Vice President-Chuck Spicuzza

Absent- No report

Report: Secretary & Governance Chair-Ann Ostroski

Ann stated that she has been busy at work and has not had time to finish a clean copy of the bylaws with the agreed updates and changes. She hopes to have that done soon so that it is ready for signatures and then to be notarized.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Technology-Mark Kapsha, Webmaster and Chair

Absent-No Report

John D’Angelo commented that he has received many compliments on the GDC website.

Activities-Kathie Evanovich

Absent-No Report

OTHER BUSINESS-OPEN DISCUSSION

Rosemary Bradley and Janet Kowalski requested that the meeting starting time be pushed back to 6:00 p.m. A motion was made and the starting time change was agreed upon by all members present.

Rosemary Bradley suggested a “mixer” be held for the business owners. It would be a good way for everyone to network and to find out the business owners ideas for development. A discussion was held and Dan Matta suggested the American Legion would be an appropriate place for such an event. John D’Angelo stated that in addition to the fundraiser, plans should be worked on for the mixer and firmed up at the May meeting.

John D'Angelo addressed some issues for Borough Council to Councilperson Dave Kowalski. He noted that many of the street signs in Glassport are obsolete, faded, or falling. He also stated that some of the red light poles are falling and cracked, and many need to be painted.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and was accepted. The meeting concluded at 6:55 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 7, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. (new time) in the council chambers of the Glassport Borough building.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Ostroski