

GLASSPORT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 7, 2012

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

Attendees: Rosemary Bradley, Tom Bradley, John D'Angelo, Kathie Evanovich, Judy Feltz, Dave Kowalski, Janet Kowalski, Mark Kapsha, Dan Matta, Ann Ostroski, Len Pasinski, Kathy Piekut, Norb Piekut

Parliamentary:

The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m. with the members reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report: Secretary-Ann Ostroski

The minutes of the April meeting were reviewed. The minutes were approved as is by the members present. Ann stated that she will update the email distribution list and membership list with the additional applications sent to the GDC P.O. Box as provided by Norb Piekut.

Report: President-John D'Angelo

John's report included the following:

- John has provided the Borough with a copy of the updated GDC bylaws.
- John has been working with the Borough regarding violations of building maintenance ordinances. Thus far six letters have been sent to violators. The first set was mailed on April 5th and a follow up inspection visit was made two weeks later. He noted that the Borough will not send out the letters certified mail. The advantage of certified mail may be sent with a request for the signature of the addressee to be obtained. This is to make sure that the mail is received by the intended party. There is also a guarantee of delivery to its destination. However certified mail is more costly. John went into specific detail regarding building violations in the main business district specifically the former Rite Aid property, the former new stand, Red's Barber Shop, the former Clairton EMS property, Chuck's Hubcaps, and B & C Ehrin Auto. He expounded on the variety of violations and the responses. Some owners such as the Rite Aid and B & C Ehrin have begun to make corrections. John noted that the letters were not to give the owners a deadline, but to have them respond to the Borough with a plan of action they will be taking to correct the violations.
- 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. John and Norb Piekut plan on attending the presentation.
- The Mayor, all council members as well as John DeSue, Dan Kolick, and have been copied on all business district violation letters.
- John stated that he has reviewed the new blight and abandonment control laws in detail. He stated that the new laws provide added tools for municipalities to resolve some of the blight issues. John then read and reviewed some of the laws to the members. He noted that the laws are in place, the Borough needs follow through in the enforcement to make progress to eradicate the blight.

- Planning and Design LLC has been notified by the COG that they are the firm chosen to conduct the study of the Borough. They will be starting immediately with follow up meetings with the steering committee, business owners, contractors, the public, etc... John noted that it is important that Glassport enter into the “*Allegheny Together*” program after the completion of this study.

Report: Vice President-Chuck Spicuzza

Absent- No report

Report: Treasurer-Norb Piekut

Norb’s report of the GDC financial account as of 05-07-2012 is as follows:

<u>Starting balance-</u>	\$1696.91
<u>Receipts:</u>	
Membership dues	60.00
<u>Disbursements</u>	
Post Office Box Fee	78.00
Democratic Committee Fund	
Raiser	50.00
D. Kowalski/Hoagies for	
Clean-Up Day crew	73.91
J. Kowalski for	
Easter Egg Hunt	25.00
J. D’Angelo Stamps & Supplies	48.21
Total Disbursements	275.12
Ending Balance	1481.79
Petty Cash	100.00
<u>Ending Balance</u>	\$1581.79

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Technology-Mark Kapsha, Webmaster and Chair

Mark stated that there has been a lot of activity with the website, especially since it has been linked with Rich Uher’s Glassport website. Some of the events formerly handled on Rich’s site are now on the GDC site. Mark has been regularly changing the featured “business of the month”. He also made a tribute to veterans. Kathie Evanovich requested that he add the decorative flags on the main street as one of the projects accomplished by the GDC and he agreed.

Activities-Kathie Evanovich

Kathie had to leave the meeting early. After a discussion, it was decided that the GDC would work on a “mixer” with the business owners first, and the fund raiser arrangements would come later.

Governance-Ann Ostroski

No Report

Governmental Relations-John D’Angelo

John stated that all updates were made in his President’s report.

OPEN DISCUSSION-SPECIAL PROJECTS

Len Pasinski had to leave early but will give an update on the energy sustainability seminar he attended at a future meeting.

A discussion was held regarding the mixer for the business owners. The following information was decided upon.

- The mixer will be held on Monday, June 25, 2012. The event will start at 7:00 p.m. The GDC members will start early and conduct a meeting at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will serve as the July 2012 meeting.
- The plan is to have the event at the Glassport American Legion. Rosemary Bradley agreed to contact the Legion regarding a reservation.
- Light refreshments will be served such as appetizers, soft drinks, beer, and wine.
- Mark Kapsha will provide AV equipment for the presentation.
- Norb Piekut and John D'Angelo will invite representatives from other development corporations such as Irwin, Elizabeth, and Monongahela. John will ask Planning and Design LLC to send a representative. Council representatives are to be invited also.
- The officers and members are to work on an agenda and the details of the event are to be settled at the next meeting-June 4th.
- Ann Ostroski will send an invitation via email to the members who have provided emails to save costs. The remaining businesses will have to receive a hard copy invitation. Invitations will request an R.S.V.P. A notice will be placed in the newspaper.

Questions regarding the GDC's nonprofit status and the location of the original federal 1023 were raised. Norb Piekut stated he will do a follow up.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and was accepted. The meeting concluded at 7:25 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 4, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the council chambers of the Glassport Borough building.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Ostroski