

GLASSPORT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 4, 2013

Location: Glassport Fireman's Club 22, Glassport, PA 15045

Attendees: Rosemary Bradley, John D'Angelo, Kathie Evanovich, Mitch Evanovich, Steve Geary, Pat Kmetz, Dave Kowalski, Janet Kowalski, Anna Marie Kudla, Bob Macey, Ann Ostroski, John Paceruha, Len Pasinski, Norb Piekut, Denna Thomm

Parliamentary:

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

Report: Secretary-Ann Ostroski

John D'Angelo reviewed with the members the minutes of the previous two meetings which were yet to be approved. The minutes were approved as is by all members present. Ann reviewed the pricing obtained by two companies for the proposed t-shirts. It was suggested that she also obtain pricing from another Glassport company that produces t-shirt with designs. Ann agreed and stated that she will try to send pictures/or pdf files of any potential designs via the GDC email distribution list. Ann also encouraged the members to email her any designs or suggestions before the next meeting so that the purchase can be agree on at the April meeting and the GDC can move forth with this fundraiser. It was agreed that the t-shirts should have no dates so they can be sold at various times and venues.

Report: President-John D'Angelo

The main points of John's report included, but were not limited to the following:

John submitted receipts for reimbursement for stands and envelopes for the mailing of the annual membership forms in the amount of \$48.00.

The borough code enforcement officer has updated John on some of the issues with the violations on the main street which include the following:

- 510 Monongahela - cited
- 508 Monongahela (formerly Big John's)- the Borough has applied for a grant to tear down the building though emergency funding.
- 605 Monongahela - cited
- Red's Barber Shop – no action at this point
- 701 Monongahela (Old Clairton EMS)- cited
- 710 Monongahela (Chuck's Hub Cabs) –cited (Mayor Evanovich added that this property action is now in court ligations.)
- Chugger's Bar – no action at this point.
- 9th and Ohio – cited. Building permits have been issued.

John added that he is meeting on a regular basis with the code enforcement officer and informed her that she may continue to cite the property owner daily according the law. The issue is that she is part-time and has a lot of catch-up work to do.

John met with Wayne Gdovic, Superintendent of the South Allegheny School District. They discussed a RFP for the former Glassport High School building. Mr. Gdovic is waiting to hear from one developer and John provided him with the name of another contractor who might be interested in the building/property. John also requested that the SA art students design new murals for the Borough. Dave Kowalski interjected that he has made the same request and there is an issue as this work is not part of the

student's curriculum. Dave stated that he potentially has other students/young artists who are willing to do this project.

John is attempting to locate a suitable storefront for an individual who has intentions of opening a Fox's Pizza Den in Glassport. He added that it was difficult to get in touch with some absent owner. He and Mayor Evanovich discussed some possibilities.

John updated the group on the Local Advisory Board meetings. Some of the recommendations were that Glassport Council work more closely with the GDC, that the Borough request an intern from the COG to work on Borough matters, that Glassport requests advice and assistance from the Pittsburgh Reinvestment Group, and that the Borough works towards entering in to the Allegheny Together main street program. The engineers advised that the main street business district be condensed and be considered to be from 5th through the 7th block on Monongahela. Rosemary Bradley indicated that this section left out too many of the Borough's businesses. A discussion followed as some members felt the business district should run from bridge entrance to bridge entrance through the entire town. John noted that the LAB engineers did not feel that Glassport needed off-street parking and that he nor all members were in agreement with all of the recommendations of the LAB. The LAB also suggested that the trees of the main street be removed as the roots are breaking the sidewalks. Len Pasinski suggested that the Borough seek some grants for "green" improvements and possibly replace the trees with lights. Mayor Evanovich stated that the Borough does have some grant submissions out but funding is tight.

Other Business-Fundraisers

Pat Kmetz addressed the group regarding a community event that the GDC could sponsor as a fundraiser. Pat has experience with booths at McKeesport's International Fair as well as other craft and fundraising shows. A discussion followed and it was agreed that the 2nd week of September would be a potential weekend to host the event on both the Saturday and Sunday (September 7 & 8, 2013). The South Allegheny and other community schedules would have to be checked first. It was agreed that the event should be on Monongahela Ave., blocking of two sections. The community fair would consist of craft vendors, ride's for children, food vendors, and a car/bike show. The GDC would be able to raise funds by renting booths, holding a 50/50 raffle, selling beverages, etc...

John stated that he has in mind a person with experience in organizing the car/bike show part of the event. It was noted that to successfully host this event, chair persons for the various activities and planning would have to start now and that meetings separate from the general GDC meetings should be convened. Ann indicated that she would advertise the meetings via email and in the paper once they are decided.

It was also voted and approved that the GDC seek a license for games of small chance so that they can sell strip tickets. It is estimated that the license is approximately \$100.00.

Report: Vice-President-Len Pasinski

No additional report.

Report: Treasurer- Judy Feltz

Absent-No Report.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made and accepted. The meeting concluded at 7:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 1, 2013 @ 6:00 p.m. at Max n Odi's Restaurant.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Ostroski