

GLASSPORT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 6, 2013

Location: Max n Odi's Restaurant, Monongahela Ave., Glassport, PA 15045

Attendees: John D'Angelo, Judy Feltz, Andrea Foster, Mark Kapsha, Pat Kmetz, Dave Kowalski, Janet Kowalski, Ann Ostroski, Len Pasinski, Kathy Piekut, Norb Piekut

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 April 2013. Dave Kowalski motioned that the minutes be approved. Norb Piekut seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as is by all members present.

John D'Angelo read a memo that was sent to the officers in April. Ann stated that that due to increased activities in both her personal and professional life, she will be resigning as secretary of the Glassport Development Corporation after the Glassport Community Car Cruise and Craft Show in September. She added that she would also like to continue as an active member of GDC in the future, but not in the capacity of GDC Secretary. She would like to give the GDC time to find a replacement.

John stated that she appreciated that Ann would serve during the busy time of coordinating the 1st annual Community Car and Craft Show and added that the GDC would have to start searching for a replacement to serve as secretary.

Report: Vice-President-Len Pasinski

No Report.

Report: Treasurer- Judy Feltz

The GDC general account balance at the end of April 2013 is as follows:

Starting balance-		\$1301.95
<u>Receipts:</u>		
John Pacerucha (Dues and donation)	100.00	
Max n Odi's dues	10.00	
Total Receipts	110.00	
Disbursements		
Commonwealth of PA, corp. papers, address change	70.00	
Commonwealth of PA, copies of articles of incorporation	27.00	
Judy Feltz, refund for criminal background check	10.00	
Allegheny County, Small games of chance license	100.00	
Total Disbursements	207.00	
Balance		1204.95

PETTY CASH

100.00+

TOTAL Ending Balance

\$1304.95

Report: President-John D'Angelo

John's report started with some information and discussion regarding the Community Car and Craft Show which included, but not was limited to:

- The date will be September 7, 2013 with a "rain date" of September 8th.
- A "draft" flyer that will advertise the event was passed around. Andrea Foster commented that the craft show portion should start earlier – around 9:00 a.m. She added that the crafters should have the option to come on the night before (Friday) to set up tables/tents if they choose. She also questioned what address the crafters applications should be sent to. It was suggested that they be sent to her house for quick turn over. John added that since she and Pat Kmetz were co-chairs of the craft portion of the show, and have experience hosting these events, the GDC would agree with any decisions that they make.
- Andrea and John are to take measurements at the Honor Roll grounds to plan for craft vendor set-ups. Any vendors requesting electricity would be set close to the stage. Each vendor will have a space of approximately 10' X 10' and their cost will be \$25.00.
- Dave Kowalski questioned how many barricades would be needed to be provided by the Borough. It was decided that six would be sufficient. It was noted that with the signage, barricades, and streets blocked off, cars entering from either side of town will be able to see the car and craft show notices.
- Mark Kapsha, who will be donating his services as a D.J., will be set up by the Senior Citizen's Center and the electricity connections will be to that building. Len Pasinski offered to donate the use of a generator if needed.
- Mark will start advertising the event on the GDC website.
- Dan Matta has donated "nylon bags" advertising Matta Motors for the event. These bags will contain the gifts donated by companies and other promoters. John has already started the process of requesting gift donations for the event. Dan will also be purchasing the car plates for the show cars. John stated that since Dan would be making the donation, it would be appropriate that he gets to choose the design of the plates.
- John will be discussing with the various restaurants and food vendors to see if they would like to set up booths. The fire company has already committed and will be hosting a charcoal grill food stand.

John received a copy of the final report by the engineers. The purpose of the study was to identify the best opportunities for Glassport to grow and develop its business corridor. While the plan was extensive, John summarized the information.

The immediate steps that were suggested included:

- Establish and expand relationships with the Twin Rivers GOG.

- Develop a working group in the Borough to guide redevelopment. John noted that the Glassport Development Corporation is the working group and has already been established and functioning.
- Work with the South Allegheny School District to sell and/or repurpose the former elementary school on Ohio Ave.

Other longer term steps that were listed included:

- Reach out and establish a working relationship with the Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group for assistance in development planning. John added that he would contact them.
- Make a parking lot for businesses behind the Borough building.
- Enter into the “Allegheny Together” main street development program. John added that many communities have benefitted from this program- including Elizabeth, PA.
- Work with the Trail Alliance to enhance/finish the trail in Glassport which can provide a gap between the Steel Valley and McKeesport portions.
- Complete pedestrian improvements to the main street sidewalks.

Results of the study that John and others did not agree with were:

- The engineers concluded that the Borough did not need to make off street parking on the lots that were previously purchased by the GDC for Glassport. They did a street by street analysis and decided that Monongahela Ave. had sufficient parking.
- The report also concluded that Glassport should shrink its official business district. John stated by doing that it would exclude Tube City, Matta Motors, and Shop and Save.

John stated that he was also disappointed because the working group was promised a mixer at the conclusion of the study. This mixer/meeting was to include elected Borough representatives, GDC members, residents who participated in the study and contractors who are involved in business development. He will follow up with John Palyo of the GOG to see if the mixer will take place.

Other Business:

It was noted that the Borough is seeking funds for the destruction of abandoned buildings. A “wish list” of the buildings that the Borough has listed as priority for demolition was passed around. Glassport Borough has received \$35,000 for the destruction of the former John’s Hardware building.

John Pacerucha has donated \$100 to the GDC and requested that it go towards obtaining the license for the small games of chance. Ann is to send out a thank you to John. John D’Angelo added that all officers needed to get a criminal background check for this license and obtaining it has become more complicated than expected.

It was noted that John Pacerucha’s building near the bank was sold to Win Rental Management of Pittsburgh. The building contains both residential and commercial units.

May 18th is scheduled as Glassport’s Clean Up Day.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made and accepted. The meeting concluded at 7:05 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 3, 2013 @ 6:00 p.m. at the Glassport Borough building council chambers.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Ostroski