

## **DLDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – May 29, 2013**

**Present:** Steve Neratko - Chair, Robert Fritzingler, Rosemary Banach, and Steve Sek. Also present were Mayor Anthony J. Dolce (President), Timothy Gornikiewicz (Treasurer), Nicole Waite (Secretary), Ron Szot (Attorney), and Gib Snyder (Press).

**Absent:** Margie Dye, Joe Becerra, Andy Gonzalez, Judy Presutti, James Muscato and Stephanie Kiyak.

Meeting was called to order by Steve Neratko at 11:18 AM, located in the Mayor's Conference Room.

### **Consent Agenda:**

There was no quorum so voting on the Consent Agenda was tabled until the next meeting.

T. Gornikiewicz discussed the Treasurer's Report. All of the loans who have been paying are still up to date, and those who are delinquent are still delinquent. Enviroteknix did make two payments of \$1,000 each within the past month. He mentioned on the ledger that the transaction dated 4/17/2013 for \$2,348.80 is a quarterly reimbursement from the City for office space and utilities that the City and DLDC share.

S. Neratko is working with R. Szot to put together loan discharge documents for Rookie's who has paid off their entire loan. R. Banach asked if all of the loan files had been gone through and checked for what is there and what is missing. That chart has been created and N. Waite will email a copy of it to R. Banach prior to the next board meeting.

A.J. Dolce talked about the recent Picnic in the Point event and gave an overview of the activities to the board. There were approximately 200-300 people in attendance although it is hard to tell based on the answers from the survey. He thanked T. Gornikiewicz and N. Waite for doing a great job putting the event together. The Festival Committee will meet again to discuss some minor changes they'll make for next year, but financially they came out ahead and it was a low cost, well received event.

R. Banach questioned how the DLDC is handling reimbursing T. Gornikiewicz for the time he spends planning for and working these festivals. S. Neratko and A.J. Dolce reiterated that the Festival Committee is a volunteer committee and the time he spends is volunteered. They also mentioned that there was a long-term plan in the works to solve this problem. They hope to have it in place this year.

### **Old/Unfinished Business:**

Enviroteknix Update – Chris Surma, from Enviroteknix, has made two \$1,000 good faith payments in the past month, 4/25 and 5/14. R. Szot and Surma's attorney are still in negotiations and S. Neratko hopes to have a resolution to put before the board in the next few months.

Bertges Cleanup– The NYS DEC's cleanup at the Bertges Property, 18 Lake Shore Drive West, started last week. They anticipate it being completed within another week or so. It should not affect the festivals at all. Once the cleanup is completed the DLDC can move ahead with furthering its marketing efforts for the site.

R. Banach asked what work was being done at the site. An investigation report and remediation action plan was completed by Empire GEO Services, Inc. at the request of the NYS DEC. This report

was emailed to the board in April. It stated "Empire estimates that 2,800 tons of impacted soil will be excavated and disposed offsite at a permitted facility." S. Neratko mentioned that the removed soil will be taken to Tonawanda to be disposed of properly.

### **New Business:**

Flickinger Building – S. Neratko, A.J. Dolce, and Al Zurawski, City Zoning Officer, had some safety concerns about the Flicking property. There was an open space in the back of the building that someone could have climbed into and then fallen many feet to the basement. There were also some loose bricks in a windowsill that were in danger of falling. The DLDC has invoices totaling \$270 from C&M Painting for the work they did in May 2013 to fix these hazards.

Creating Healthy Places to Live, Work, and Play – Community Gardens – The Chautauqua County Health Network received a 5 year Creating Healthy Places to Live, Work, and Play grant. For the past 2 ½ years their target area has been Jamestown. Starting this year they are targeting Dunkirk for the remaining 2 ½ years. One of their focuses for the grant is community gardens.

N. Waite explained that Janet Forbes, the Project Coordinator for the grant, has approached her about the possibility of the DLDC being the umbrella agency for the community gardens. In Jamestown, the Jamestown Renaissance Corporation has served that role. They added on to their liability insurance, which according to their Executive Director, cost less than \$300 for the year. They are also in charge of leasing out the raised garden beds to residents, and that serves as some income.

The grant provides the funding for the materials and manpower to build the raised beds and the City provides free compost to all City residents. The gardeners would be responsible for providing their seeds and garden tools. The group is looking to do a demonstration garden this spring in Washington Park, with the support of Mayor Dolce and Tony Gugino, DPW. The long term plan is to utilize city owned vacant lots that are in neighborhoods.

There were not enough board members present to put this idea to a vote, but prior to the next DLDC meeting S. Neratko will get quotes on the cost of adding this coverage to their current insurance policy and bring them back before the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM.