

# City of Dunkirk

## Meeting Minutes

Economic Development Committee

July 31, 2012

Attendees: Board Member Andy Gonzalez, Councilman  
Board Member Bill Rivera, Councilman  
Steve Neratko, Director of Planning and Development  
Tim Gornikiewicz, CDBG Administrator, Planning and Development Department  
Nichole Waite, Planning and Development Department (DLDC)  
City Attorney Ron Szot  
Tony Gugino, Director of Public Works  
Gib Snyder, Observer

Absent: Board Member Stephanie Kiyak, Council Member-At-Large

*Call to Order:* 11:00 am

### *Issues Discussed:*

Monthly reports for the festival and Music on the Pier were provided by Tim Gornikiewicz.

Steve Neratko indicated that there are two tenants at the Boardwalk that are late with their payments. According to policy, letters have been sent out at this time to each tenant. He also informed the committee that one of the tenants (Kangaroo Café) may be leaving, and a bicycle shop may take its place – Rich Goodman, founder of Spoke Folk, plans on talking to Steve in the near future. It was pointed out by Stacy that Rich didn't believe the space to be big enough and inquired about subletting the space.

City Attorney Ron Szot suggested guidelines for days/hours of tenants to remain open be a part of future lease agreements.

Tim talked about the CDBG 5-year plan. The next meeting for this plan is scheduled for August 22, 2012.

It was noted that the Clarion loan is still an issue with HUD and that they are expecting a report from the City by September.

Developer Krog has indicated to the City that the feasibility of a mixed-use building (located at the site next to Demitries at the waterfront) is not feasible at this time and has submitted an invoice for \$8,000 to the City for reimbursement of planning/design.

Steve talked about a grant for \$330,000 being available for renovations or construction anywhere west of Central Avenue. The City would have to match funds by contributing \$33,000. Two steps are involved – the first: identify potential sites; the second: any Brownfield cleanup required. The second step has a deadline of one year to complete. The committee was told that an RFP would have to be submitted in the Fall, and a resolution put before Council to accept the grant funding.

It was mentioned that the Planning Board cancelled its last meeting because a tour of the church building needed to be conducted (this building is owned by the hospital, located on the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Central Avenue).

It was discussed that there has been an interest by some folks wanting to purchase city-owned properties.

Discussion turned to the seawall project. Tony Gugino discussed various options of repair or replacement at this time. He informed the committee that all permits required have been obtained. Hill Engineers have been paid over \$155,000 in 2009 for design services. Nussbaumer and Clark have also been asked to submit design ideas (although no contract has been negotiated at this time) and they will be attending a future meeting to make a presentation to the committee.

*Adjournment:*

A motion to adjourn at 12:35 p.m. was made by Councilman Rivera, and seconded by Councilman Gonzalez.