

City of Dunkirk

Economic Development Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 13, 2014
1:45 pm Mayor's Conference Room

Attendees: Stephanie Kiyak, Council Member-At-Large, Chair
Bill Rivera, Councilman, Board Member
Stacy Szukala, Councilwoman, Board Member
Michael Michalski, Councilman
Steve Neratko, Director of Planning and Development
Nicole Waite, CDBG Administrator
AJ Dolce, Mayor
Ron Szot, City Attorney
Gib Synder, Observer
Susan Chipone, Buffalo News

Call to Order: 1:47 PM

Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Stacy Szukala and seconded by Bill Rivera to approve minutes of April 2014 meeting.

Issues Discussed

Ongoing Business:

CDBG activity reports: Steve reported CDBG activity this month to the committee since Nicole Waite could not attend today. He started by reporting that no transfers or drawdowns in the month of April. They're in the process of completing the CDBG-R Transfer (money the City currently owes to the Federal Treasury) and should be finalized by the end of the week. There was a public hearing last week for the CDBG 1-year action plan. There were some attendees for that meeting, but no written comments have been received as of today. This plan will be submitted next week.

Boardwalk Update: Mayor Dolce informed the committee that a new tenant will be joining the Boardwalk, replacing Yummy's ice cream (the new tenant will sell ice cream as well). All tenants are paid up-to-date.

Festivals: Mayor Dolce brought the committee up-to-date on upcoming events, starting with Picnic at the Point, sponsored by NRG, and overall festival(s) sponsorship is coming from Brooks Memorial Hospital. Music-on-the-Pier's music list has been finalized. Cards printed with the schedule are still in the works and should be made available shortly. AJ explained that this year, the cards were being printed with local business paying \$200 to advertise on one side (it is anticipated that eight businesses will be advertising /sponsoring) and the listing of the bands and schedules on the other side.

Landbank Update: The County continues to navigate the process of utilizing the grant funding they received last year for demolitions, etc., and they are also starting the process of reclaiming properties off of this year's foreclosure list.

Grant(s) update: We continue working with Empire State Development (ESD) to plan for the seawall work to be done. CFA process is underway, and we're looking into available options as well as working with potential businesses to pursue options with ESD. Main Street grant is moving along, and the city has received two applications to administer the program. We will review those and any others at next meeting.

Marina project update: Some demolition has begun. Jeff Gambino is scheduled to come to the next planning board meeting to further update the Board.

Start-Up NY program (SUNY): Fredonia is awaiting approval of their plan. Other areas have begun implementing the program.

New Business

No new business.

Adjournment:

Motion made to adjourn at 2:23 pm by Stacy Szukala, seconded by Bill Rivera.