

City of Dunkirk  
Economic Development Committee Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
October 20, 2014  
12:00 PM Conference Room

Present: Willie Rosas-Councilman-At-Large  
Stacy Szukala-4<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilwoman, Board Member  
Steve Neratko-Director of Planning and Development  
Nicole Waite-CDBG Program Administrator  
Lacy Lawrence-Deputy Director of Development  
Steve Ald-STEL  
Tom Whitney-STEL  
Ashley Switfer-STEL  
Gib Snyder – Dunkirk Observer  
Sue – The Buffalo News

Call to order: 12:03 PM

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

A motion made by Stacy Szukala and seconded by Willie Rosas to approve minutes of June 2014 meeting.

Issues Discussed

### **Ongoing Business**

**CDBG report:** Nicole Waite reports there were only 2 draw downs. The 1<sup>st</sup> was for “Meals on Wheels” program for \$6500 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> was for Chautauqua Works. Repaving of streets with HUD funds has been completed.

Nicole also stated the HUD report requests more citizen participation in the Public Hearings.

C.O.I/City program regarding rehabilitation of homes has to be advertised better. Willie suggested advertising in the Spanish Newspaper Panorama Hispano. This newspaper is distributed throughout Western New York. The Editors Name is Edwin Martinez, and the website is panoramahispanonews.com. Nicole continued with issues that have come up with this program. The 1<sup>st</sup> being there are no formal dispute resolution procedures. We need to work with representatives from COI to establish a policy.

**Boardwalk update:** Campi’s Pizza is paid up to date.

**Festivals Report:** The report was not presented. Steve Neratko advised that he will present the report including financials, at the next Economic Development meeting.

**Land bank update:** Only a small portion of this money is for rehab, most of the money is for demolishing residential property. The next round of funds will be used for demo of Commercial Buildings. Matching funds come from HUD – 2012 funds.

**STEL:** Expressed an interest in property on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Lake Shore Drive to develop two story roll houses looking like the boardwalk. STEL representatives also expressed interest in the old Conti building on Maple Avenue (ST-60) to demolish and rebuild apartments for low income residents. They would pay limited taxes. They are in the process of negotiation with the current owners. They were advised the Maple Avenue location is preferred for this project. STEL also advised their application is due on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Steve Neratko stated he will be in contact with STEL.

**Grant Updates:** Main Street grant is bid out, hoping to get started before the end of this year.

Seawall is coming along well, looking to be completed in 2015. \$400,000.00 grant/matching.

**Marina update:** No change, looking to do the dredging at the boat launch. Willie advised that the Harbor Commission Members have concern's, they want it done at the boat launch.

Mr. Gambino has been late with payments and no payment on the monthly \$250.00. Stacy wants to see concrete poured as he had promised. Willie recommends that the city not continue to do business with this guy. Steve Neratko stated that Mr. Gambino was the only one who applied for the boat launch business.

**Start-up N.Y. program (SUNY):** One business is already up and running at the college (FSU) Jewitt Hall.

Millennium Parkway is completely done now. It's a county road, study is done and no stop sign is included. Police Chief Ortolano is looking into having a stop sign placed on Lincoln and Talcott Streets.

**SUNY 20/20 project** – didn't get approved.

Adjournment at 1:15PM, motion made by Stacy Szukala and seconded by Willie Rosas