

CLAYSVILLE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

October 20, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. 12 members were in attendance.

MINUTES: - were reviewed and approved with no changes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None available

CLAYSVILLE BROCHURE – A copy of the new brochure was provided. It is very nice, when printed on heavier paper. We discussed putting copies of the brochure in local businesses as well as the Welcome Center at the rest stop. It was agreed that it would be a good idea, but perhaps on lighter weight paper. We'll send an email asking for suggestions on the local brochure. A motion was offered by Sandy Brownlee to print in town brochures with a second by Rob Daniels. Motion passed.

CAPRI –Next meeting is November 14, 2011. Discussions were held on the following:

- The LSA Grant application has been submitted for the community building at \$124,294 to bring the building up to code. It is a comparatively smaller project compared to others submitted.
- Current bylaws allow 9 directors. Letters will be sent to community businesses asking for others to be directors. There was a discussion about inviting attendees. It was agreed that a letter of invite was preferred over emails.
- MURAL Committee. There should be a representative from the American Legion, VFD, churches, borough, and the community center for consensus content of the mural. This brought up a discussion about the many historical photos of the area that are in existence. There would be a need for someone in the community to execute getting these framed and hung after it has been determined where they should be hung. It was suggested that the new administration building would be an excellent place to hang the photos. There currently are photos hung in the Community Center. It would also be possible to hang additional photos in the center. Jay Dutton and Chuck Edgar will survey to find a volunteer.

DUTCH FORK LAKE – Work is still in progress.

ADMIN BUILDING – The project is in the penalty stage. Railings are still needed to complete the project. An occupancy permit is still needed in order for occupants to move. The Re-Development Authority will have an open house once the building is completed.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: The comprehensive plan must be in place for community to get future funding. Donegal Township is ready to pass/approve the plan. There could be an issue with Claysville Borough approving the plan which is possibly due to them not understanding the impact on the community. If anyone has influence on the Borough Council, they should discuss

approval of the plan. Claysville Borough Council meetings are the first Monday of each month at the Borough office. If anyone has an influence, we need advocacy as the any future monies will only be granted if there is a plan.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

- The Presbyterian Church now has an interim pastor – Dr. Jerome Creach. Chuck Edgar was the representative for the church. Contacts are Claypres@verizon.net, 114 Green St. Claysville, PA 15323
- The Thanksgiving Eve service will be held at the Presbyterian Church
- The Methodist Church Relay for Life Bingo will be held on October 22.
- Churches will be doing a Christmas Nativity scene for the Christmas Parade.

There was a lengthy discussion about the Byers Market closing. There was some input about possible other businesses going in to the building, but nothing firm. Rick Newton has bought the old Hensel house and plans to have a bakery/coffee house with a bed and breakfast room at a later date.

There was discussion about boroughs razing blighted propertied which increased the value of other surrounding properties.

Kathy brought up the role CBA plays in support of businesses and whether it is about businesses and income for businesses. Shirley Smith announced that she was initiating a group specifically to pursue programs that would enhance the businesses and their possibilities for greater income. The meeting will be held on October 28 at 8 a.m. at her house. Everyone is invited to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 A.M., The next meeting is November 15, 8 a.m. at the Huddle House.

Katherine Prescott