

City of Tonawanda Local Development Corporation

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 8th, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

Location: 61 Main Street, Tonawanda, NY 14150

Call to Order: 7:07 by MC

Board Members in Attendance: Mary Ann Cancilla (MC), Marty Grunzweig (MG), Michelle Moore (MM), Sam Muscato (SM) & Mario Pena (MP) & Scott Sherwood (SS)

Excused: Don Benoit (DB), Fred Foels (FF), Joseph Hogenkamp (JH), Rebecca K (RK) and Sean Rautenstrauch (SR)

MOTION: Minutes from February 8th, 2023 approved – 1st MP & 2nd MG

Announcement: RK has moved

MG Signed up for ABO Training in February.

DISCUSSIONS

- **MG:** Completed ABO Training and will forward documents to MM for filing. SS needs to complete ABO Training within one year from signing on to LDC.
- **MC:** Zoning – Mayor had advised MC that things were moving along with Rua & MC fwd to Jason. Hoping to get moving, and possibly to a formal submission. We need to give a date for completion, and if nothing comes to fruition, we can hire own attorney @ LDC expense. See if Jason can recommend someone who represents environmental law. MC will send Jason an email.
- **MM:** Keith Marshall will be coming 03.09.23 to measure back of Main Street building. (Please note this was attempted by Mr. Marshall and building is too complicated for him to measure with the resources he has).
- **Murals:** Colossal Taco building is an option for a mural, building is brick. SM w/approach owner.
- See RK email – advise her to keep developing.
- SS & RK were given access to LDC web page –so we can move forward with social media and weekly spotlight.
- SS & RK were given list of COT businesses (mentioned that Queen of Tarts has closed their shop on Hinds and a new shop is in the works).
- Beautification Request, from Mayor; for \$10,000. Planters. They raised \$4k. Mayor is requesting balance of \$6k donated from LDC. MC spoke to Mandy regarding watering plants. MG guaranteed watering. MC will request official letter from Mayor with the details and photo's. Motion to table request/letter and once we get form request approve up to \$7k. Motioned by MP, Seconded by MC.
- Nothing Old Business
- **New Business:**
 - End of April schedule Networking events, Meet & Greets, and again possibly end of June and again in August.
 - Start focusing on Christmas events – sponsored by LDC. MC – Kelly & Mandy chair and spearhead committee.
 - Forming Business Committee (incl SM, MC, MM, SS & RK). MC will reach out to Kelly and Mandy.
 - DRI meeting 03.17.23 at 2 pm at the Mayor's office for any that wish to attend.
 - "It's a Wonderful Night", 1st Friday night December
 - Maybe 1st Saturday, full day event.

Adjournment: Motioned by MC at 8 pm, Seconded by SM

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 12th, 2023 @ 7 pm at 61 Main Street, Tonawanda, NY 14150