

City of Tonawanda Local Development Corporation

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 10th, 2022 @ 7:30 pm

Location: 130 Clinton St., Tona, NY 14150

Call to Order: 7:40 by Don

Board Members in Attendance: Don Benoit (DB), Mary Ann Cancilla (MC), Michelle Moore (MM), Sam Muscato (SM), Mario Pena (MP) and Marty Grunzweig (MG)

Excused: Fred Foels (FF), Joseph Hogenkamp (JH) and Sean Rautenstrauch (SR)

MOTION: MP moved to approve Minutes from July 13th, 2022. Second by MC. Motion carried

MM & MG Need to complete ABO

FOLLOWING DISCUSSED:

Meet & Greet Invitee's >>>

Post on Facebook – have businesses that are interested in attending to network, contact and we will message them details on location and date and time. This is for COT businesses only.

MM will mail invites to COT business list (will also add COC directory of COT businesses). MC gave MM envelopes for mailing. Mailing will be postponed until date of event confirmed.

Keep track of those who attend event

MC Mulberry Tree had interest in applying to group. MC suggested that we reach out to her.

DB Enhanced Zoning Map. MC forwarded to SR, SR then forwarded to City Attorney Michael Rua and we expect to hear back from him once back from vacation. Mayor had advised SM that he would hire another counsel if Rua does not move forward.

DB Presented quote for Enhanced Zoning Map. It was suggested that group obtain at least 2 more quotes, so we are doing our due diligence. MG suggested DB reach out to Phil Sylvestire & Steve/Carmina & Woods. Another option is to reach out to Jason Knight and ask for suggested references. DB will request Foit – Albert for a revised quote to resubmit. This will be tabled until new quotes come in.

DB New committee being formed by Mayor, LWRP – First meeting, Monday, August 15th, 2022. Both DB and MG were asked to partake in committee.

DB Has encouraged owners of Consumer Beverage on Young Street to invest in property and not sell it. May be grants that can match \$ for \$. Possibly a grant to build out water front as well.

Adjournment: Motioned by DB at 8:30 pm, Seconded by SM

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 14th, 2022 @ 7 pm at 130 Clinton Street