Jeannette Planning Commission | Meeting Minutes



Meeting Date February 10, 2021

Attendance:

- Bill Pacelli, Chairman: present
- Alec Italiano, Co-Chairman: present
- Joseph Carle: present
- Donald Deguffroy: present
- Laura Smith: present
- Judy Soles: present
 Anthony DeNunzio: present

City Representatives

Chuck Highlands, City Councilman Nathan Bish, City Clerk Benjamin Walker, Adm Assist to City Clerk Chad, member of Redevelopment Authority

Call to Order 6:02pm

Review and Approval of last month meeting minutes. No comments on minutes, a motion was made by Alec Italiano and seconded by Laura Smith to accept the meeting minutes as presented. Corrected spelling of Antonacci.

Old Business:

a. Work on the former Jeannette Hospital site is progressing, top floor almost completed. Mr Anlauf is doing most work himself. Bill Frye is assisting him with code concerns. Mr. Anlauf is also interested in building patio homes on the site. The PC's concern is, should we be reviewing plans for this project and making recommendations to Council. Elliott facility on target, should be in production by June of 2021.

b. A virtual meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 18th, on the path to bring the Downtown PA Centers Main Street Program to the City. Laura will share information at the next PC meeting, March 10, 2021. Chuck Highlands shared a Forward Cities handout. Forward Cities doing work in New Kensington currently. Partnering with this group could be beneficial for the city.

c. Bill Pacelli drafted a letter and with PC approval, sent to Mayor and City Council, regarding the zoning changes, reclassifications and third-party advertising signs on buildings in the city

Mr. Witt, Jeannette City Solicitor, has responded by an e mail to the questions concerning advertising of third-party's on buildings in the city. A copy of the e mail is included with our packet. Mr. Witt has also agreed to participate in a PC meeting to answer additional questions and provide guidance.

d. Alec Italiano had a conversation with Ed Antonacci, will discuss at next PC meeting.

New Business

a. At 6:15pm we have scheduled a virtual meeting with Marcy Stein of the Marcy Stein Company, New York, NY. This company is focused on historic projects with a mission to enhance the community. Please refer to your handout, Ms. Stein has a vision, Glass City Creative. In the handout we get a little of her history and the connection she has to the city. Marcy's grandfather was Jack Millstein Sr., who owned several industries in this area. Glass City Creative would revitalize the PNC building at 400 Clay. We listened attentively as Marcy detailed her plans for the project, which has taken about a year to reach this point. After her presentation, Marcy answered our questions, promising total transparency and communication along the way. Very exciting for us that a developer is interested in revitalizing this historic building in the downtown. If this works, other projects could follow.

Misc

Addendum to the PC By-laws: Member of Planning Commission must be a resident of the City of Jeannette. On agenda for next PC meeting for vote.

Planning Commission will send a Thank You card to Marge Stanislaw, for contributing informational articles, based on the PC monthly meetings, to the Penn Franklin News regarding the Planning Commissions' community commitment.

Public Comment:

None

Adjournment:

7:32pm motion made by Alec Italiano, Don Deguffroy second