

City of Jeannette Planning Commission Meeting February 15, 2023

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call: Alec, Don, Joe, Judy, Anthony, Cindy, Laura
3. Review and Approval of Last Meeting Minutes
4. Old Business

- a. Jeannette Initiative Meeting

They did not have a quorum at their last meeting on Monday Feb. 13. Several board members have resigned, currently re-organizing. Hoping to apply to DCED Façade Street Grants, in the process of writing guidelines for that.

- b. Discuss the former Jeannette Glass Chambers Avenue site

PC made a recommendation to formally condemn the building. Was any action taken?

- c. Review of proposed Food Truck Zoning Ordinance change from Solicitor Witt.

Any update since last meeting that was discussed about these changes?

- d. Addendum to the PC By-laws: Need to rewrite based on the feedback from Solicitor Witt

- e. Discuss the current condition of the roads in Jeannette

Sellers Ave. timeline. Perhaps receive a copy of the 'master plan' in writing?

5. New Business.

- a. Group formed from Forward Cities initiative still meeting; there was talk about trying to create a space that would be a co-working area / entrepreneurship resource center. Two main areas talked about doing this at: the library or second story of city hall. There should be money available through NPP funds (Neighborhood Partnership Program; what paid for the amphitheater / other projects in town 5 or so years ago. This program is administered through Westmoreland Community Action and could be up to \$200k / year for 6 years if approved). WCA is working on that right now. If received, would need to put more thought into this entrepreneurship center and/or other projects in town we could do with this money. WCA is also working on installing 'Welcome Centers' throughout the county which is designed to be a resource center for people to be able to do things like look for jobs, housing, and generally provide any assistance that is available. It kind of goes hand in hand with this entrepreneurship resource center idea as it could be something all-in-one and staffed with NPP funds / WCA funds until a more sustainable funding source is secured OR the center collects enough money to be self-sustaining through fees collected by people renting out an office or a desk there. There are several models of these co-working spaces throughout the region.

6. Public Comment: