

Jeannette Planning Commission | Meeting Minutes



Meeting Date September 8, 2021

Review and Approval Date October 13, 2021

Call to Order 6PM

Attendance:

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

City Representatives

Chuck Highlands, City Councilman  
William Whetzel, Zoning Officer  
Marcy Stein, Marcy Stein Company, New York, NY

Review and Approval of last meeting minutes. No comments on minutes, a motion was made by Anthony DeNunzio and 2nd by Don Deguffroy to accept the meeting minutes as presented.

Old Business:

- a. Forward Cities meeting attended virtually by Marcy, Alec and other concerned members of the community. Funds are available through the Community Foundation of Westmoreland County. Forward Cities could use grant money to pay the main street manager. Marcy had lunch with Kim Lewis to discuss the Eco System, also discussed a point person to connect the dots and work with Kim on the Eco System.
- b. A proposal for 400 Clay Ave. was prepared by Marcy and sent to WCCC, work force investment board, Pittsburgh Foundation and Alec Italiano at the Private Industry Council, for their review and input. The proposal was well received by all. A curriculum would be created based on the need. Marcy will meet with the hiring managers of local companies to determine their needs, in an effort, to close the hiring gap. The building would have all the services in one place for the participant. There are a couple of ways to access foundation money; submit an

application and/or enlist the help of Phil Koch. Foundation money is needed for the building repairs, RK Mellon and Hillman Foundation have also been mentioned.

c. Ethan is completing the grant applications for sidewalks and curbing.

d. Bill Pacelli's letter to Nathan Bish has been tabled until the October council meeting. The PC discussed the pros and cons, the benefits to the city, of moving forward with the application process, designating a Historical District in the city. The drawback for the city appears to be the \$25,000 application fee. This figure is just an estimate, it would be put out for bid. The professional selected will need to have the knowledge for this application process, involved and time sensitive. Look at the \$25,000 as an investment to get the city moving in the right direction. Developers may purchase buildings in the Historical District, get tax credits to help with rehab of the buildings. Marcy explained how the tax credits work. Grant funding application period is December 2021, closes March 2022 and awarded June 2022. PC is unanimous in their recommendation to Mayor Antoniak and city council. This is the path to revitalizing the city.

e. Bill Pacelli working on addendum to the PC By-Laws based on feedback from solicitor Tim Witt.

#### New Business

a. Bill Whetzel presented several zoning ordinances for the PC to review based on his experience in dealing with the ordinances on a daily basis. Bill Pacelli suggested the PC meet for a working session within the next 2 weeks to discuss these suggestions as well as the zoning ordinances he is reviewing,

Public Comment:       None

Adjournment:           7:40pm motion by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don