



Minutes of Meeting of April 6, 2017

Chair Mike Geiss called the Regular Meeting of the Clayton Local Development Corporation to order at 4:00 p.m. at the Clayton Improvement Association/CLDC Board Room on Strawberry Lane in Clayton. Also in attendance were Vice Chairman Dennis Weller, Treasurer David Storandt, Assistant Secretary Chris Bogenschutz, Jamie Ganter, Rebecca Hopfinger, Christine Powers, and Norma Zimmer. Secretary John Slattery, Mike Bashaw, John Cooper, Michael Docteur and Doug Rogers were excused.

On motion by Rebecca Hopfinger, second by Christine Powers, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of March 1, 2017.

Chair Geiss discussed the Riverwalk Phase 3 project and provided meeting minutes from a Friday, March 31, 2017 pre-construction meeting (copy attached). Phase 3 is scheduled to start the end of April or beginning of May depending on water levels. The project office will be located at RJ Marine Associates on Riverside Drive and the anticipated completion date is November 30, 2017. Chair Geiss also informed the Board that Don Alexander from Jefferson County Economic Development had contacted the CLDC about a boat manufacturing firm from out of the area that was looking for a new location. The timeline to submit a RFP for a potential site was very short. After a quick look at inventory, zoning and the LWRP, it was determined there was not enough time to identify a site in the Town of Clayton. Finally, Chair Geiss informed the Board about the TILT project to transform the Sissy Danforth Trail into a multiple use Rail-Trail between Clayton and Lafargeville. The project is moving ahead with surveying and engineering underway by Aubertine & Currier.

Treasurer Storandt presented bills for approval in the amount of \$8,985.38 which, when paid, will leave a balance of \$1,408.59 in the General Checking Account. A lease payment in the amount of \$4,675 was received from Wood Boat Brewery. On motion by Jamie Ganter, second by Dennis Weller, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report and the payment of the bills, copies of which are attached to these minutes.

Kristi's Executive Director's Report is attached to these minutes. She reported that closeout documents for the Craft Beverage Promotion Grant were complete and submitted. Kristi stated that she was working with the Village and NYS DOS to revise the NYS DOS contract (\$500,000) to remove National Grid from the contract for the Historic District Infrastructure Improvement Project. Kristi reminded board members of upcoming webinar training sessions for compliance and that the CLDC annual reports had been submitted on 3/31/2017.

Under old business, Kristi Dippel and Chris Bogenschutz reported on the seasonal job expo that had been held on March 29th in conjunction with the Clayton Chamber of Commerce. The expo had a waiting list for employers to participate (limited space) and there was good attendance from job seekers. The job expo will be held again next year in a larger venue to accommodate employer interest.

The Chair announced that the next Regular Meeting will be held on May 4, 2017. On motion by Dennis Weller, second by David Storandt, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Bogenschutz, Assistant Secretary