

Red Lion Redevelopment Commission
Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 1, 2009

Members

Beth Nidam
Sue Grove
Seth Bengé
Danielle Kabacinski
Walter Hughes

Others

Cynthia Barley
Stacy Myers

1. The meeting was called to order @ 7:00 p.m. Everyone present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Sue Grove made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2009 meeting. Cindy Barley seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried. Dee Kabacinski made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2009 meeting. Cindy Barley seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried.
3. Old Business—
 - Response from Attorney General's letter has not yet been received; will probably be months before Commission receives any.
4. New Business—Following was discussed:
 - Red Lion Mile update—Dee will forward minutes from RLM Committee's May meeting to Beth Nidam. The committee meets the last week of the month, so Redevelopment will receive their minutes after minutes have been approved (basically, a month late).
 - Redevelopment Commission membership—two positions are open. No meeting in July; Beth will provide more information at August meeting about people she has in mind.
 - Project options for Redevelopment—Commission members agreed to pursue the following:
 - a) Residential Resource book—for people living in older, historic homes. Dee expressed interest in working on something like this over the summer. It was suggested that Dee call Shirley Keeports from the Historical Society for more information.
 - b) Adopt-a-Street program—Beth said Red Lion Borough has a high foreclosure rate, and qualifies for HUD money to help spruce up the community, in hopes of turning over home sales more quickly. HUD calls it the "Prevent Homelessness: Rapid Re-housing Program", and Red Lion is receiving \$225,000 from HUD. Beth had gotten information on how to break up a map into different streets/blocks for organizations to "adopt" certain sections to improve. Local businesses could be asked for monetary donations, or donations of labor. Sue Grove and some friends adopted a street in Hellam, and she offered suggestions on how to go about pursuing this program. Cindy Barley will ask Council for approval for Redevelopment to move forward in pursuing the Resource book and the Adopt-a-Street program.

- c) Seth Bengé mentioned a project similar to the Elm Street project. Beth will get some guidelines regarding this, although funding may be an issue. With some of the HUD money, the Main Street project was to be continued, installing street lights on South Main Street, and then possibly along Broadway too.
- d) Beth may invite Joiann Galiano to August meeting—she may provide more information on community development projects.
- e) Meeting dates for summer discussions on above items may be scheduled. Beth will email members with dates/ideas.
- Central Pizza Façade project—Beth is taking a sketch plan for the front of the building to show to the owner in hopes of moving forward with the project.

5. Redevelopment will not meet in July; next meeting will be August 3, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.

6. Walt Hughes made a motion to adjourn the meeting @ 7:40 p.m. Sue Grove seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stacy Myers
Recording Secretary