# **Lumber City Development Corporation Minutes of the Board of Directors**

## February 27, 2013 Board Meeting 500 Wheatfield Street North Tonawanda, NY 14120

The meeting of the Lumber City Development Corporation (LCDC) was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Chairman Taylor at 500 Wheatfield Street, North Tonawanda, NY. The following Directors were present:

Rich Andres Joe Miranto
Dave Gross Andrea Moreau
Sharon Kochmanski Douglas Taylor
Garry Krause

Also Present: Community Development Director Richard Tindell

Mike Zimmerman

Absent: Joe Fonzi, Ed Janulionis, Nick Maniccia, Joe McMahon,

Robert Ortt

#### **Roll Call**

Attendance was taken and is reported above. The LCDC welcomes Sharon Kochmanski to the Board of Directors.

#### **Minutes Review**

The minutes from the January 16, 2013 board meeting were included in the package and the Board took a few minutes to review them. As there were no questions or clarifications:

*Resolution*: Moved by Director Andres,

That the Board of Directors approves the minutes of the January 16,

2013 meeting.

Seconded by Director Moreau and unanimously approved.

## **Treasurer's Reports**

The December 2012 Financial Summary was distributed and Richard Tindell presented the details of the report.

Resolution: Moved by Director Andres,

That a motion is made to approve the December 2012 Financial

Summary.

Seconded by Director Moreau and unanimously approved.

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### **Committee Reports**

Finance/Loan & Audit:

The Finance/Loan & Audit Committee held a meeting on February 14, 2013. A meeting summary was distributed to the Board and Richard Tindell and Director Moreau went over the details of the meeting.

Resolution: Moved by Director Moreau,

A motion was made to approve a loan to 82 Webster Properties LLC-Jay Soemann according to the terms and conditions outlined in the

Finance & Loan Committee Meeting Summary.

Seconded by Director Miranto and unanimously approved.

**2013 Budget:** The LCDC Proposed 2013 Budget was distributed and presented to the

board by Richard Tindell

Resolution: Moved by Director Moreau,

A motion was made to approve the 2013 budget.

Seconded by Director Miranto and unanimously approved.

**Project Review** The Project Review Committee held a meeting on February 13, 2013.

A meeting summary was distributed to the Board and Chairman Taylor

went over the details of the meeting.

Resolution: Moved by Director Moreau,

A motion was made to approve the sale of 62-64 Webster Street to 26

Webster LLC, David Burgio for \$85,000

Seconded by Director Gross and unanimously approved.

**Personnel**: The Personnel Committee did not hold a meeting in February.

**Marketing**: The Marketing Committee held a meeting on February 6, 2013. A

meeting summary was distributed to the Board and Director Gross went

over the details of the meeting.

**Governance:** The Governance Committee did not have a meeting in February.

Committee Director Kochmanski was appointed to the Finance Committee and the

**Appointment:** Personnel Committee as the chair.

#### **Old Business:**

**Armstrong Pumps:** Michael Zimmerman and Richard Tindell reported to the board that the project is moving forward and incentive packages from the Niagara County IDA and NYS Empire State Development are being considered.

## **New Business:**

Business Visits: Richard Tindell and Michael Zimmerman reported to the board

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that business visits were held with the following companies: Confer Plastics, Solid Surface Acrylics, Kean Wind Turbines, Buffalo Pumps, Thread Branders-Rob Albert, Pioneer Printing, Power Tools & Abrasives, Papa's Pizza Truck, LG Refinishing, Pencil in the River, and Hibbard's Custard/Lumber Jake's

Other Activities: 1/18 meeting w/Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper, 1/31 Chamber ED committee meeting, 2/4 meeting w/Webster Street Merchants, 2/6 meeting w/National Grid & Shaun Donnelly, 2/7 2013 Niagara County Fam tour meeting, 2/12 PARIS training, 2/13 met w/Martin Cassstevens, UB stor/technology incubator, 1/23 meeting w/J. Santiago, Tonawanda's Chamber

**Status of Kayak Launch:** Michael Zimmerman updated the board that the contract with NY State has been started and a Steering Committee will need to be appointed. If any LCDC Director is interested in being a committee member please let Mike know.

**Status of Tonawanda Island Phase 1 Environmental Assessment:** Michael Zimmerman informed the board that funding was approved to do the assessment.

**T-NT Expo:** This year's T-NT Expo will be held at the North Tonawanda Alumni Center, 405 Meadow Drive North Tonawanda on Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 4 p.m. Directors were encouraged to consider manning the LCDC booth.

**NYS Homes & Community Renewal Letter:** The letter was distributed to the board and Richard Tindell went over the details of the letter. A letter was drafted and sent in response by the Mayor. North Tonawanda is requesting an extension until the end of 2013 to accomplish the objectives of the CDBG grant program.

**Available Property:** Director Andres informed the Board about the availability of a property at Ruie Road and Niagara Fall Boulevard. The property is 2.5 acres and would be a highly visible location for a business. It was suggested that the owners should consider listing the property with a commercial broker.

**Sportsplex Road:** Director Andres informed the Board that the road between Sportsplex and the school bus garage may be turned over to the school district.

**Gratwick Marina Status:** M. Zimmerman informed the Board that dredging will hopefully begin soon. The City has not yet received the federal BIGP grant agreement from New York State.

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## **Next Meeting:**

The next LCDC Meeting will be held on March 20th at 6:30 p.m. at 500 Wheatfield Street.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Director Miranto to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Seconded by Director Andres and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamy D. Thine Garry Krause

Secretary, LCDC February 27, 2013