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

## August 16, 2017 Board Meeting 500 Wheatfield Street North Tonawanda, NY 14120

The meeting of the Lumber City Development Corporation (LCDC) was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Chairman Taylor at 500 Wheatfield Street, North Tonawanda, NY. Roll Call was taken and the following Directors were present:

Donna BraunGarry KrauseAndrea MoreauDave GrossStacy KubitArt PappasAmber HolycrossNick ManicciaBrian PettitEd JanulionisJoe MirantoDouglas Taylor

Also, Present: Planning & Development Specialist Laura Bernsohn

Excused: Mitch Banas Joe McMahon

Joe Fonzi

Community Development Director Michael Zimmerman

#### **Minutes Review**

The minutes from the June 21, 2017 board meeting were included in the Board packet and the board took a few minutes to review them. As there were no questions or clarifications:

Resolution: Moved by Director Moreau,

That the Board of Directors approves the minutes of the June 21, 2017

meeting.

Seconded by Director Maniccia and unanimously approved.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

The May 2017 report was included in the Board packet. Director Moreau went over the details of the report and answered all questions. The July 2017 report indicated a total in all accounts to be \$523,562.33

Laura Bernsohn updated the Board on the aging accounts and answered all questions.

Resolution: Moved by Director Gross,

That a motion is made to approve the July 2017 Treasurer Report.

Seconded by Director Janulionis and unanimously approved.

#### **Committee Reports**

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**Projects Review:** 

The projects review committee held a meeting on August 7, 2017. Minutes from the meeting were included in the Board packet. Laura Bernsohn went over the details of the meeting and answered all questions.

**310 Payne Avenue:** The projects review committee has received (3) applications for the Payne avenue property. (2) of the applications have been pre-approved at the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting and the third application was included in the Board packet.

**Brewery Project:** Included in the Board packet was a memo detailing a potential brewery project. The project has been identified as a good candidate for a grant/loan package NYS OCR CDBG funding.

**Resolution**: Moved by Director Gross,

That the Board approve LCDC staff to move forward with an application to the NYS OCR for the Brewery Project with Rusty Nickel Brewing and Appalachian Brewing companies.

Seconded by Director Maniccia and was unanimously approved.

**Got Maid:** The projects review committee received an application for a microenterprise grant. The application meets all criteria and the committee has recommended the project to the finance committee.

**LCDC Project Summary Report:** The August 14, 2017 report was included in the board packet. Laura Bernsohn went over the details of the report and answered all questions.

**Finance/Loan/Audit:** The Finance/Loan/Audit held a meeting on August 8, 2017. Director Maniccia went over the minutes from the meeting and answered all questions.

**Got Maid:** The Finance/Loan/Audit committee reviewed the Microenterprise Grant application for Got Maid and is recommending it to the Board for approval.

**Resolution**: Moved by Director Maniccia,

That the Board approve the Microenterprise Grant for Got Maid in the amount of \$15,000.00

Seconded by Director Moreau and was unanimously approved.

**LCDC Loan Interest Rates:** The Finance/Loan/Audit committee is recommending that the LCDC change the interest rate on loans from 3% to Prime.

Resolution: Moved by Director Maniccia,

That the Board approve that all new loans use the current prime percentage. The rate would be locked in at the time of approval.

Seconded by Director Moreau and was unanimously approved.

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**Personnel:** The Personnel committee did not hold a meeting.

**Marketing:** The Marketing Committee Held a meeting on August 3, 2017. Director Gross

discussed the meeting and answered all questions.

Governance: The Governance Committee held a meeting on June 21, 2017. The minutes were

included in the Board packet.

#### **Old Business:**

**Downtown Revitalization Initiative** Laura Bernsohn updated the board on the meeting held on August 10, 2017. The Board discussed and Laura answered all questions.

**Oliver Street Update:** Laura Bernsohn updated the board on the status of projects related to Oliver street and Project pride. Laura provided information on the upcoming events and answered all questions.

**2017** Consolidated Funding Applications: The grant was submitted on July 28, 2017.

### **New Business:**

**Buffalo Niagara Partnership:** The LCDC has joined the Buffalo Niagara Partnership and will be having a developer's forum on September 26, 2017.

**Other Activities:** 6/22 Ivy Lea Ribbon Cutting, 7/12 Buffalo Niagara Partnership Open House, 7/20 Platter's NYS OCR Monitoring, 7/27 CDBG Planning Public Meeting, 8/4 DRI Meeting and Tour with Paul Brown and Senator Ortt, 8/8 Yahoo Grant Site Visit, 8/9 Land Bank Meeting, 8/10 DRI Meeting with ESD

The next Board Meeting will be held on September 20, 2017 at 500 Wheatfield Street.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Director Pettit to adjourn the board meeting at 6:34 p.m. Seconded by Director Maniccia and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamy D. Thine

Garry Krause

Secretary, LCDC

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