

GREATER LOCKPORT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

July 27, 2017

A regular meeting of the Greater Lockport Development Corporation's Board of Directors was called to order at 7:45 a.m. at One Locks Plaza, Lockport, New York. The following Directors were present and constituted a quorum:

Gary Bennett	Jackie Davis
Allan Jack	Franklin Knowles
Patrick Schrader	Allan VanDeMark

Excused: Joan Aul
 Scott Cain
 Anne McCaffrey
 David Van Schoonhoven
 Dave Wohleben

Staff: Mr. Brian Smith

Others: Ms. Jessica Dittly
 Mr. David Kinyon

Secretary Bennett called the meeting to order.

The reading of the Board of Directors minutes of the May 25, 2017 meeting was waived. Moved by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. VanDeMark that the minutes be approved. Ayes 6. Noes 0. Carried.

Brian Smith updated the board on the Treasurer's Report stating that the report is an accurate representation of the GLDC's current financial position as of the end of June. Mr. Smith stated that the Lake Effect principle amount of \$100,000 would be due back in August.

Moved by Mr. Jack, seconded by Ms. Davis to approve the Treasurer's Report for filing with our accountant. Ayes 6. Noes 0. Carried.

Mr. Smith introduced David Kinyon, Chairman of the Locks Heritage District Corporation. Mr. Kinyon stated that it has been a great season for the LHDC. Mr. Kinyon stated that the LHDC currently has an intern that was funded through the Grigg Lewis Foundation, which has helped with the busy, successful tourist season. Mr. Kinyon stated the community has been excited about the Erie Canal. Mr. Kinyon stated that the LHDC raised more than \$20,000 from over 40 businesses and another \$1,000 from over 20 individuals. Mr. Kinyon said that this has allowed the LHDC to take on an awful lot in 2017, including offering bike tours and a beautification overhaul in the locks proper.

Mr. Kinyon stated there has been an uptick in recreational boating, and the effects of the Erie Canalway Trail are beginning to be felt. Mr. Kinyon stated that the LHDC, in partnership with Lockport Main Street, is working on installing bike racks on Canal Street as there seems to be a need. Mr. Smith asked what the cost would be. Mr. Kinyon stated it was anticipated to cost between \$5,000 and \$6,000. Mr.

Smith stated that, if given more information, the GLDC might consider funding such a project. Mr. Kinyon stated he would send the GLDC additional information.

Mr. Kinyon stated that LHDC board member David Chatt was leading a group of over 120 volunteer Lock Tenders through the 2017 season. Mr. Kinyon also stated that his goal was to have the entire Flight of Five fully-rehabilitated by 2025.

Mr. Smith introduced Jessica Dittly, program manager for Lockport Main Street. Ms. Dittly reiterated that 2017 has been a busy, successful season. Ms. Dittly stated that Lockport Main Street was the local contact for the Canal Corporation and the New York Power Authority for the Erie Canal Bicentennial event, which exceeded expectations. Ms. Dittly stated the Canal Corporation expected 1,500 but it is estimated that about 4,000 attended the event. Ms. Dittly also passed around the 2017 Lockport Visitor Guide. Mr. Smith stated that this was a huge improvement from when he first started working in Lockport in 2014. Ms. Dittly stated that Lockport Main Street also launched Art on Main, a public art project that beautifies vacant storefronts with artwork from local artists, making downtown Lockport a walk-able art gallery.

Ms. Dittly also spoke about the success of the Lockport Community Farmers Market, specifically highlighting the Double Up Bucks program that allows individuals using food stamps to double their value while purchasing healthy foods from local farmers. Mr. Smith stated he wanted to emphasize the importance of the market and its impact as it relates to both economic and community development. Mr. Kinyon stated that economic development does not happen on accident and complimented the Greater Lockport Development Corporation's efforts.

Mr. Smith stated that he and Heather Peck had been working on four different project applications for the Consolidated Funding Application process. Mr. Smith stated they included redeveloping the South and Elmwood lot into a park, the Lock Tender Tribute, and both a Microenterprise and New York Main Street program. Mr. Smith stated they anticipated learning about if and at what amount projects were awarded funding in December.

Mr. Smith stated progress has been made with the T Club as it relates to phasing the work. Mr. Smith stated that the County was able to use grant funding to perform a Phase I environmental analysis on the property. Mr. Smith stated that, as

Moved by Mr. Cain, seconded by Mr. VanDeMark to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Ayes 8. Noes 0.

Gary Bennett
Secretary