

Closter Improvement Commission

January 22, 2008

Minutes

Meeting convened with the following in attendance: Barad; Amitai; Brewster; Cook; Mattes; McConnell; Pitofsky, and Stella.

Minutes from November 27, 2007 were approved with one correction noted. No agenda was distributed for this meeting. Fred Pitofsky acted as chair in his capacity as Vice Chair.

Correspondence: Secretary noted that schedule of CIC 2008 meetings were published, though 2 dates were either changed or cancelled: The following is the schedule for future 2008 meetings:

February 26; March 25; April 22; May 27; June 24; July 22; September 23; October 28; and November 18. There will be no meetings in August or December.

Signs: Ann Brewster reported that the proposed new signs offered by Mr. Wiggins is as of date, in flux.

Ann also reported her frustration in receiving a call back from John Fitzgerald regarding peeling of Sign Board outside Borough Hall. Ann asked if a letter could be written on this behalf from John DeStefano.

Website: Vicky reported that the website needs updating, though the website does not have a list of current CIC members with their emails.

Chamber of Commerce: Fred reported that there was luncheon meeting where there was a rather poor representation of the local businesses. There will be a further attempt to get more participation from town businesses.

Our newest member Grace Kim Cook, introduced herself to the commission. We welcome her and appreciate her involvement.

Budget: Ann Brewster was asked to be Treasurer with all its responsibilities. We thank Ann for taking on this job to better assess what monies are available to us.

Member reappointment: Frank Rodriguez and Grace Kim Cook were recognized as newest members of CIC.

Spring Arts Program: This program is in the process of being developed. The program will include Fashion, Music, Dance and Art displays. We are awaiting final approval from NVHS for the April 6th date. Wilson agreed to help with designing the program for this event, and Fred was asked to procure sponsors for the program. Eric reported that Michael Rothchild will help create website for this program.

Welcome to Closter Brochures: Ann reported that the Woman's Club distributed 93 packets. We are grateful for the work that this group has done. More packets are needed and will be prepared once the subcommittee (Amitai; McConnell; and Barad) gets together at a future date.

Vicky asked Grace if she would like to translate the Welcome Letter in Korean , and Grace readily agreed to do this.

Chair Nomination: Vicky nominated Eric Mattes to chair this committee, citing his qualifications, experience, enthusiasm, and talent. All agreed to support this nomination. Fred Pitofsky was nominated as Vice Chair.

Iris Barad will retain her position as Secretary.

Eric Mattes reported that the donated benches from DPW were a nice gesture but that some of them were placed in questionable sites. There should have been approval before these benches were placed in their locations.

Vicky urged the members to use the now inter-active website to report things in the town that need to fixed, changed or addressed.

Iris reported that she will investigate the tree in back of the town clock, which is incongruous to the other existing trees.

Vicky also reported that there is an important meeting on 2/2/08 from 10-12:00 where Jeremiah Burgstrom, of the DEP will discuss proposed future building regulations . On 2/6/08 Beth Lipman, head of Downtown Livingston, will act as a consultant and present a bird's eye view on a potential future look of our downtown area.

Meeting adjourned. Next scheduled meeting will be February 26, 2008