

Closter Improvement Commission

September 23, 2008

Minutes

Roll call, agenda distributed, July minutes approved. Present were: Amitai; Barad; Brewster; Kook; Cylulis; McConnell; Rodriquez; and Stella. Fred Pitofsky acted as chair in lieu of Eric Mattes.

Old Business:

1. Anne B. reported that the Sign Board is a disgrace, the plexiglass is still broken and though the old paint had been scraped, it has not been repainted. Vicky reported that Ed Rogan is going to sue Fitzpatrick as a result.

2. Mission statement will be tabled until our next meeting.

3. Chuck informed us that Cissy Gialanella from JC Promotions has a check from an old street fair for \$500. Fred said he will contact this woman and obtain the check. Anne B. reported that the only bill we have for 2008 is from Wood Landscaping.

4. Vicky reported that Brook Glidden and Diane Lockhart will not be available to participate in our next spring fair. Vicky said she will take to Ms. Cummings from Tenakill Middle School to find other possible participants. We talked about getting local businesses to sponsor the fair: i.e. pay for tent (if we use one), food, chairs, etc. We need a list of current running businesses in town. Fred said he will approach the owner of the Korean music school to see about their participation in an upcoming event. The area around Herbert Avenue was mentioned as a possible site for this program. A motion was made and approved to look at April 24-26 for the next fair.

5. Welcome to Closter Packets: These are ready for distribution and Eric has the list of newcomers, according to Vicky.

6. Vicky reported that there is a sign downtown announcing the imminence of Whole Foods. Vicky said there is a signed contract, though not an official starting date. Whole Foods will have to come before the Planning Board to option approval. Vicky also reported that Richard Price has been hired as a professional planner for Closter's Master Plan.

7. A motion was made and approved to send certification letters to the following for improving their front signage: Shyong, Wards, and Arcello Photography.

8. Rileigh will put up the decorations following Thanksgiving. Vicky reported that DPW staff will observe the installation of the lights with the hope that they could install them for 2009.

9) There will be a meeting of the sign ordinance subcommittee on Oct. 7th. The committee includes Lenny; Irene, Vicky, Anne B. and perhaps Eric.

#10 - Power washing: F. Pitofsky will reach out to someone who did our power washing previously just to find out how much they charge. We informed him our budget would not permit a venture of this nature at this time.

#11 - New Passive Park – The property in question currently is in the process of closing. We will wait until afterwards to revisit this idea.

#12 – LB Commercial – Frank Rodriguez explained that LB Commercial feels many of our laws create hardship for businesses coming to town. Irene Stella thought the borough was too lenient in this regard. Frank would like to put this item back on next month's agenda and have his original email as reference.

#13 – Vicky Amitai mentioned there is conjecture from some that sending an email to more than 4 members of a commission might violate the Sunshine Law. Best to discuss matters at our meetings rather than in an email.

Meeting adjourned: Next scheduled meeting is October 28