

Closter Improvement Commission

Minutes, February 23, 2010

Attendance: Mattes; McConnell; Amitai; Barad; Brewster; Pitofsky; and Clarke. Mr. Hugh Johnson also was in attendance.

January 26, 2010 Minutes were approved, though Fred Pitofsky abstained.

1. Status on Closter Plaza: Status quo on development of Closter Plaza. Impending trial dates have not been set up on current lawsuits on application.

2. Certificates for Dr. Shyong and Steve Arcella: As stated in the meeting outline, Eric sent letters to both parties of behalf of CIC inviting them to the 2/24/10 M&C meeting. Both Steve Arcella and Dr. Shyong responded that they would not, however, be able to attend that meeting.

3. Sign Ordinance Subcommittee: Topic held until next meeting since Irene was not in attendance.

4. Status of Flamm Park Acquisition: As stated in the meeting agenda outline provided by Eric, recent DEP investigation which was a caveat to the Borough purchasing the property, acquisition is now in question due to potential toxins on site. Vicky reported that Boswell Engineers will be doing more borings.

5. Purchase of Replacement Planters: Eric stated that seven planters have been delivered to DPW and are sitting in storage. We will determine which planters will be replaced.

6. Power Washing of Sidewalks in the Renaissance District: John Kilduff provided Borough Administrator Weist with an invoice for fiscal year 2009. Since we did not act in a timely manner, 2009 monies were lost. We will see if we can afford to do this work with 2010 monies.

7. Tree Grant Application: (Proposed planting at corner of Closter Dock Road & Piermont) Councilman Kashwick informed Eric that paper work is still being filed to receive the grant monies. On Arbor Day (April) the Shade Tree Commission will donate one of the proposed Copper Beach trees to this site.

8. Citizen Leadership Forms: Completed forms by members of this commission will be sent to Borough Clerk Loretta Costano.

9. 2010 Budget: There will be a meeting of Borough Commission heads to discuss budgetary requirements. Eric Mattes and Anne Brewster of CIC will attend this meeting. Members of this commission are encouraged to propose improvement ideas to help ascertain our budgetary needs.

New Business:

I. Streetscape Clock: Closter resident Hugh Johnson discussed how he is trying to raise funds to replace the clock in the downtown triangle. Mr. Johnson discussed clock types and cost considerations. He indicated that a new clock would cost \$25,000 though restoration of the existing clock would cost \$8300. Mr. Johnson indicated that he would personally contribute the Catalon (chime) at his expense.

Vicky said she would bring this information to the next M&C meeting.

Fred Pitofsky, looking in good shape, was asked to reactivate interest in Chamber of Commerce, which currently does not exist. Cheryl indicated that she will try to get information to restart Chamber of Commerce and will reach out to Dumont in an effort to try to annex their chamber.

Last business item was the suggestion that we repaint the existing mural on the corner of Closter Dock and Herbert Avenue, as the existing mural is in poor condition.

Next meeting March 23, 2010.