

Closter Improvements Commission  
Meeting Minutes from October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Attendance: Ann Brewster, Wilson Reimers, Tina Stratton, Vicky Amitai, Shiran Slutzky, Fred Pitofsky, C.J. Clarke, Ophelia MacBain

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Building Department**

- Michael Sartori was unable to attend the meeting as planned. Vickie obtained a copy of the 'Request for Tenancy Change Requirements' and this was distributed to all members present at the meeting.
- CIC to liaise with Chamber of Commerce to help promote new businesses within the town.
- Wilson informed us that the CIC reviews plans for all Commercial properties.
- The timeline for town approval of new businesses was discussed and we questioned the Closter timelines compared to other towns. It was agreed that no action is required by the CIC.

**2. Monies from Labor Day Events**

- Wilson confirmed that we have \$595 in a separate account for the CIC to spend and these funds can be carried forward if not spent by the end of the year.

**3. Treasurers Report**

- Funds remaining for the 2011 year \$1,570. If not spent, these funds will not be carried forward into 2012.
- It was noted that the budget for Christmas Decorations is \$2,790 – as per last year. Lights to be put up week after Thanksgiving.

**4. New Bench**

- Vickie confirmed that the bench gifted to the Borough from a Closter resident, has been placed in town by John Kaswick.

**5. Wild Lilly Award**

- Irene is arranging for the plaque to be made.
- C.J. to liaise with Chamber of Commerce to see if we can present the Award during the next Chamber meeting.
- Possibly arrange for Press Coverage of the Award.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Meeting Dates for Next Year**

- All present agreed to continue to hold our regular meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

These dates are: 1/24, 2/28, 3/27, 4/24, 5/22, 6/26, 7/24 (skip August), 9/25, 10/23, 11/27 (skip December).

**2. Reappointments**

- Members due for reappointments: Irene Stella, Wilson Reimers, Ophelia McBain, Irish Barad and C.J. Clarke
- Members no longer active: Grace Kim Kook and Donna Arbeitman
- Re-organization will take place on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012
- Members to submit suggestions for new members to Mayor Heymann

**3. 'Back Door' Project**

- Vickie updated us on a proposal that would compliment the initial idea of a 'Back Door' Project. The new project – 'Dumpster Art' (Painting of "nature themed" murals on Miele Dumpsters) – would be a community based project and would require input from local artists, schools, groups (ie. churches, businesses, girl scouts, boy scouts etc).
- C.J and Tina motioned to approve the CIC's leadership of this project.
- Vickie to liaise with Council to gain their consent.
- Vickie to set-up a sub-committee, the first meeting will take place on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Tina to draft timelines for discussion at Dec 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**4. Other Business**

- Vickie advised that the lease on the Cell Tower is up for renewal early in the 2012. Suggestions have been made to move the tower to the DPW. The group agreed that this would be a suitable location.
- Closter Plaza is moving forward. Next hearing is Dec 1<sup>st</sup>.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting is Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011.