

Greater Sissonville Development Council Minutes | 2013

Thanks to **Save a Lot Food Store** for furnishing apples to the board for snacks during this meeting.

Highlights: Kanawha County Commissioner David Hardy and Kanawha County Deputy Planning Director Colt Sandoro were in attendance. Commissioner Hardy offered the county's planning department assistance to the council.

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April 8, 2013

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Sissonville Public Library

Meeting started: **5:03 pm**

The meeting was called to order by President Johnnie Brown.

Attending: **Johnnie Brown**, president; **Dana Ferrell**, Vice President; **Chad Taylor**, Treasurer, **Tom Crouser**, Secretary, **Earl Scyoc**, **Dr. David Santrock**, **Lisa Godwin**, **Calvin Butcher**, **Steve Poyet**, **Jason Fields** and visitors Kanawha County Commissioner **David Hardy** and Kanawha County Deputy Planning Director **Colt Sandoro**

Minutes: Printed copy of previous meeting (March 11, 2013) was distributed to all via email and printed for distribution at the meeting. Dr. David Santrock moved to accept minutes without reading. Lisa Godwin seconded the motion. *Unanimously approved*

1. **Sissonville Library Funding** - President asked that this issue be carried forward to April. President to send a letter to Kanawha County Schools in support of Sissonville library and all libraries. *Written report received from Pat Abbott.*

Pat Abbott, Kanawha County Public Library, submitted a written report: "Not much has changed since last month except for the fact that the Board of Education voted to fund KCPL Library system through June of this year. We still continue to meet with them and another Board meeting will be held on April 18th. I will attend and report in May. Hopefully we will have more to report then."

Johnnie Brown, president, reported that he sent a letter on behalf of the council in support of the library to the library foundation and the Kanawha County Board of Education. He reported that no response has yet been received.

President directed that the issue be carried forward to May's agenda.

2. **Website** –Jason Fields reported on the current status of the website (www.sissonville.info).

Discussed was the history of the site as well as advertising that companies have previously paid.

He disclosed that an offer had been made by Tom Crouser to host the site on his company's server which would save the council hosting fees of some \$108 per year. Chad Taylor moved and Calvin Butcher seconded a **motion to approve the website hosting move**. The motion passed unanimously.

Jason noted that funding therefore would not be needed for hosting during the next year as was previously approved in the March board meeting.

Jason gave a brief history of website advertising revenues that had been charged by the council. He reported that \$360/year was the agreed upon rate but that no fees were charged or collected in 2012. He also indicated that traffic was light and, after a discussion, suggested that no fees be charged currently until the site was upgraded. Members present agreed to table the discussion until after the upgrade.

Eddie Elmore had requested a letter for tax purposes to indicate a donation of \$300 for use of his URL, www.sissonville.org. President Johnnie Brown moved and Jason Fields seconded a **motion** to approve the sending of such a letter. Lisa Godwin will supply secretary Tom Crouser a mailing address for the letter.

3. **Sissonville Relay for Life** – June 7-8, 2013 – In March's meeting, the president requested that the group return in April with a cost estimate for a banner sign and that the council would consider funding such. No representatives were present at this meeting, so the president requested the item be held over for the May agenda.
4. **Sissonville Drive/White Oak** – Dana Ferrell report that he had contacted Brent Walker of DOH about the intersection. He reported that DOH visited the intersection and were gathering information about it and that information was sent on to the planning/engineering department. He did indicate that White Oak drives needs widening but must await some paving projects on the Interstate near there. No known results as of yet.
5. **Millertown DOH Maintenance:** Earl Scyoc reported that he will make a follow up trip to the DOH and relay the status to Dana Ferrell. This mainly deals with cleaning debris from the side of the roadway.

Discussion was held on exit names on Interstate signs and the confusion as to where to exit for the "Sissonville Business District," or that area surrounding Sissonville High School. No resolution. It was reported that the United States Geological Survey was in charge of naming areas within the state.

Tuppers Creek exit – Dana Ferrell reported that Brent Walker of DOH felt that something might get done on lighting underneath the Interstate where several accidents have occurred.

It was reported that **Dave Harper of DOH** was one contact for the county maintenance crew working this area of the county from the North Charleston garage. His contact number is **744-3050**.

6. **Grant Requests:** During the March meeting, Delegate Ron Walters told the council that there was a week remaining to submit specific project grant requests for consideration by the legislature. In that meeting, the council voted as first choice to do something on behalf of the pool or splash park at Camp Virgil Tate. President Johnnie Brown reported that he contacted Camp Virgil Tate but that it was too short of a time to obtain a specific project request in time to submit.
7. **Aldersgate United Methodist Community Center Grant:** a copy of a letter dated February 18, 2013 from Delegate Ron Walters to the Governor's office requesting a \$16,000 grant be redirected to Greater Sissonville Improvement Council as a 501 (c) 3 partner-organization of the church was reviewed as no further information had been obtained.

Dr. David Santrock reported that the issue is mute now as Aldersgate is applying for 501(c) 3 status and will be able to work directly with the Governor's office and Delegate Walters. He reported that they no longer would then need a 501(c)3 partner to be involved therefore no further action on the council's part was needed.

8. Items not on the Agenda

Sissonville Spring Fever Car Show this coming Saturday, April 13th

Kanawha County Commissioner **David Hardy** offered the assistance of the county's planning department which could help the council with such tasks as grant writing and development issues. Deputy Planning Director **Colt Sandoro** reaffirmed that offer and discussed some capabilities.

A discussion ensued about speculated land usage in the area. Colt Sandoro reported that Tractor Supply had previously made an offer to Mary Sayre Aultz on property she owned in the Sissonville area. Mrs. Aultz has since passed. He reported that Tractor Supply has since made an offer to the estate, but has not yet received a response.

A discussion followed regarding housing development in the county and Colt Sandoro reported that no large developments have been built anywhere in the county over the past two to three years with except of on certain ridges with higher priced homes. He affirmed that this condition was not limited to the Sissonville area.

There being no other business, president Johnnie Brown moved to end the meeting, Dr. Dave Santrock seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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The meeting ended at 6:02 pm

Next Scheduled Meeting: Monday, May 13, 2013 at 5 pm in the Sissonville Public Library.