

Greater Sissonville Development Council Minutes# 2014

May 12, 2014

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Sissonville Public Library

Meeting started: 5:10 pm

Next Scheduled Meeting: **Monday, June 9, 2014 at 5 pm** in the Sissonville Public Library.

Note: the March 2014 meeting did not have a quorum and no official business took place nor were minutes kept. The April 2014 meeting was cancelled due to the library scheduling another group in for our regular meeting space/time. Also note the January 2014 meeting was cancelled due to bad weather. This May 2014 meeting is therefore the second official meeting of the group in 2014.

The meeting was called to order by *President Johnnie Brown* who presided.

Voting Members Attending: President Johnnie Brown, Vice President Dana Ferrell, Secretary Tom Crouser and Board Members Danny Bragg, Tom Miller, Steve Poyet, Dr. David Santrock, Kevin Shamblin and Earl Scyoc

President Brown presided and declared a quorum was present.

Guests: Diana Strickland, L. Bruce and Sue McClung, Kanawha County Commissioner Henry C. "Hoppy" Shores, Delegate Ron Walters, Sally Shepard and Diane Slaughter.

Approval of Minutes: Copies of February 10, 2014 meetings were previously distributed to all via email. Copies were also available at the meeting. Names were corrected and one update was made. Dave Santrock moved to accept the minutes without reading and Kevin Shamblin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Topics discussed:

1. **Stop light at Call Road and WV21 and Lighting at Tappers Creek Exit** – Dana Ferrell
Not had received info back from Brent Walker.

Did have some contact from a resident on White Oak who complained about semi-tractor trailers parking at exit 111 and blocking the view as well as creating hazardous conditions (old Tappers Creek Road). Dana has made contact with State Police. Tom Miller indicated the Fire Department has also contacted authorities concerning the same issue.

Stop Light at Call Road and Route 21. Dana reported that he could not add anything on the stop light. He did catch up with Brent Walker and he does want an email concerning the subject. Brent said he will follow up on that and report on feasibility.

From February 2014 minutes: ... stop light at Call Road and Route 21. Dana indicated Brent Walker said he would follow up based on Dana's email. We should further address elected representatives after we have received Brent Walker's response. We agreed to draft a letter to the DOH Commission with copies to Brent Walker, Dave Bodnar, Greg Bailey, Delegate Walters and Senators Walters and Wells once we have received information from Brent Walker.

2. Public Highway Sign committee

Letter went out today to Paul Maddox, Secretary, WV Department of Transportation regarding the Interstate Sign recommendation of GSDC adopted at the February 2014 meeting.

Copies of the letter and proposal went to the Kanawha County Commission, Metro 911 Center, Regional Intergovernmental Council, Kanawha County Office of Emergency Management, Kanawha County Board of Education, GSDC Board Members and the Sissonville Fire Department.

New business

Commissioner Henry C. "Hoppy" Shores addressed the council and noted that money is tight in government but Kanawha County is fortunate not to be in a crisis. A question was raised about Camp Virgil Tate and the support Kanawha County could provide. Commissioner Shores noted the support the county has provided in the past and the current county participation in the pool project was discussed (direct funds as well as logging proceeds from the county property around the camp). Commissioner Shores said that the county needed to rejuvenate contacts with the camp officials and he would be supportive of it.

Delegate Ron Walters addressed the council and noted that the county commission has always been willing to work with those in the House of Delegates on district projects. He also noted that he met last Friday with House Finance Chairman Brent Boggs and we have about a 60 day window for any one time capital projects we would like to propose. He noted there were some funds available for certain types of projects and indicated he would support such a proposal. He noted that he has to be for a one-time capital expenditures and not on-going operating expenses. He did say he had a request from the elementary school that he is working on right now.

Recycling – Sally Shepherd brought to the attention of the council that it could get a \$90,000 grant for recycling. She indicated a grant application is due in June. She proposed a gated, fenced and supervised location in the community where residents could bring recyclables. Discussion was held on what would be recycled as well as the potential purchase and housing of a bailer.

She requests a committee be formed that would help put the grant application together. Various options were discussed. It was also noted that no hazardous waste would be accepted. Jackson County recycling was cited as an example.

The council had questions on how it would work and requested that she work with **Lisa Goodwin** of the council to bring back a written proposal and projection to board's June meeting. Council would then determine if they could support such a project.

Sissonville Library Street Festival

Danny Decker, Library Board, discussed the planned **Sissonville Library Street Festival** and the apparent conflict of that event with the March discussion of a Heritage Day Festival sponsored by the GSDC. It was noted that the GSDC discussion was in formative stages.

Both events are planned around the Sissonville High School Homecoming this fall (dates not yet available). Coordination between the events was discussed and **Diane Slaughter** would coordinate with the library board and report back in June.

President Brown asked that the Fall Festival be the first item of discussion on the council's June agenda.

Fall Library Bond Levy

A Library Bond Levy is being proposed by the Kanawha County School Board to help finance the library only and will be on the November ballot. This levy requires a 50%+ approval and is estimated to bring in \$3.2-\$3.5 million year for the library. It was feared that failure of the bond levy to pass may mean the closing of the Sissonville Branch Library.

Library Levy will be on the agenda for June for a supportive vote from the council.

Announcements

No further announcements were made.

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Being no other business, Tom Miller moved and David Santrock seconded the meeting to conclude. The motion was adopted unanimously.

The meeting ended at 6:15 pm

*Next Scheduled Meeting of GSDC: **Monday, March 10, 2014 at 5 pm** in the Sissonville Public Library.*

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