

Greater Sissonville Development Council Minutes | 2015

October 13, 2015

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Sissonville Public Library

Meeting started: 5:09 pm

Next Scheduled Meeting: **Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 5 pm** in the Sissonville Public Library.

Voting Members Attending:

President **Johnnie Brown**, Vice President **Dana Ferrell**, Treasurer **Chad Taylor**, Secretary **Tom Crouser** and Board Members **Calvin McKinney, Tom Miller, Earl Scyoc, Lisa Godwin** and **Dr. David Santrock**.

Five required for a quorum.

Not in attendance:

Danny Bragg, Jason Fields, Buck Flynn, Kevin Shamblin, Steve Poyet, Robin White.

Guests: **John Luoni**, Kanawha County Engineer; **Hudson Hamady** and **Paula Hamady** (Foodland); **Chris Reed** (Charleston Auto); **Joe Long** (retired Verizon); **Diana Strickland** (Sugar and Spice Bakery), **Bruce McClung** and **Sue McClung**

The meeting was called to order at **5:09 pm** by *President Johnnie Brown* who presided. A quorum was declared “*present.*”

Minutes from the September 2015 meeting were adopted unanimously. Tom Miller moved and Earl Scyoc seconded.

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Discussion on Greater Sissonville Development Council

Major comments and discussion points were as follows:

Recognizing the diversity of our community and the outlying areas.

Fire hydrants in many areas are not existent

Extend **sewer** to areas without it (Cicero, Hanes Branch, Clearview Heights and other areas); also **water extension** to certain areas.

Roadways **cleaned up and mowed** and tidied up.

Property stewardship – keeping our property up whether public or private.

Information booklet for community – preparation for new people coming into area

Heritage Day Reunion – major event in community, perhaps in connection with homecoming at Sissonville – to increase visibility of community similar to what West Side of Charleston has done.

Be a conduit for notification of community activities; car shows; school activities

Signs – highway and other

Enhance reputation of area

Economic Development – could be liaison with economic development authority – site selection – water and sewer – interest in the business of economic development – expansion of infrastructure

Get businesses involved – membership organization? Publicizing Sissonville image throughout our immediate region could be one benefit of having dues paying members. Having funds to provide council’s infrastructure (such as mailing).

Voice to government – noted was the council’s progress in connection with communicating with government officials. Many regularly attend our meetings which was not the case before.

Determine best practices other communities have done to assist in economic development – there are developers in area who could run water and sewer if they have land – *24 townhouses are apparently coming to Knollwood at Mink Shoals*

Kanawha County development resources discussed

Sewer needs

What most “chambers” of commerce type organizations do: lobbies, business development and marketing – suggest using existing organization such as working with Charleston Area Alliance and other organizations in development – build the area –

Real estate referral type of network for commercial and residential construction. Finding available property is a challenge in Sissonville

Community foundation – could accept donations, gifts to establish a permanent funding source for the community.

Broadband needs are an issue in the community

President Johnnie Brown volunteered to put together a draft for distribution to the board in November.

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John Luoni, Kanawha County Engineer reported on the Spring Clean Up: South Charleston this Saturday on C Street. Final one for the fall.

Calvin McKinley moved for adjournment, seconded by Dana Ferrell and adopted unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6 pm.

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