

Seneca Falls Development Corporation Board of Directors Meeting - Minutes May 15, 2019

The Seneca Falls Development Corporation (the "SFDC" or the "Corporation") Board of Directors met on Thursday, May 15, 2019, in the board room of the Generations Bank Headquarters at 20 East Bayard Street, Seneca Falls, New York.

Board members present included: Board Chair Joell Murney-Karsten, Doug Avery, Shannon Ward and Jerry Goodenough. Absent were: Diana Smith and Greg Lazzaro. Also attending were Greg Zellers, Director of the SFDC, and Susie Cornett, 2020 Event Coordinator, and two community members.

The meeting was called to order at 5:29 PM.

Prior Meeting Minutes:

The meeting minutes for the April 25, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Doug Avery moved to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Jerry Goodenough and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Doug Avery presented a report including a Statement of Accounts (credits and debits) held by the SFDC, reflecting figures as of April 30, 2019. They are attached to this document. Shannon Ward moved to accept the report, seconded by Joell Murney-Karsten and unanimously approved.

Also discussed – submitting a letter to the Town Board of Seneca Falls so the SFDC could receive funding for the farmers market. Joell Murney-Karsten will work with the town on this.

New Business:

A presentation by Anwei Law from the It's a Wonderful Like Museum was made to the board members present. There is an architect for the proposed modifications and renovations to the building – Caroline O'Donnell from Cornell who is also involving Cornell students on this project.

Old Business:

2020 Event:

Susie Cornett updated the board with her latest agenda and schedule. Her update is attached to this document.

2019 Downtown Revitalization Incentive ("DRI") Grant:

Greg Zellers reported: The public DRI workshops led to almost 50 proposed projects. The projects will be compared to DRI requirements, sorted and prioritized, and a final list will be presented in the first draft to the board which the board should expect to see on 5/26.

The final application will be reviewed, edited and submitted to the State on 5/30/19.

Member Comments:

Joell Murney-Karsten announced that board member Diana Smith will be resigning effective immediately. A discussion ensued pertaining to the need to fill two open seats. Board members were asked to bring possible candidate names to the next meeting.

Next Meeting:

Joell Murney-Karsten set the next monthly meeting of the SFDC for Wednesday June 19th at 5:30pm at the Generations Bank board room.

Adjourn:

There being no further business before the Board, upon motion by Jerry Goodenough, seconded by Doug Avery and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Goodenough
Board Member