

Columbia Borough
Community Development Committee Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2016

Open the Meeting at 6:00 PM.

Guest in attendance:

Kathy Hohenadel on the Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce, Kathy brought to the committees attention a new chamber event that will take place on August 6, 2016, they will be having a beer fest from 12 to 4 in the afternoon on Locust Street from the 2 to 5 hundred block.

Janice Nikoloff from Columbia Economic Development Corporation
Janice updated the committee on the Locust Hotel project.

Jeanne Cooper from the Columbia Hhistoric Market House Trust
Submitted a letter of request for additional funds to help support the new market manager. The letter is attached.

The committee is looking at forming in downtown Christmas lighting committee with the purpose of redesigning the look of the Boro decorations. This would also include possible summer decorations for Memorial Day through Labor Day i.e. flags Ect.

Town Square, The committee discussed finishing the work at Townsquare getting pricing for the bollards the redoing of some brickwork adding 2 additional two benches and having the electrical issues fixed that has been plaguing the square for the last few years.

Maintenance issues surrounding borough hall and bus stop were discussed. Keeping the flags lite at both the borough hall and the bus stop, and who is responsible for the flags to be lowered at half mass when required to be.

Downtown Street Scape review, to discuss finishing the streetscape possibly adding new fixtures such as bicycle locks, trash cans, possibly Khios is instead of meters, brick work around tree wells, etc.

We then had a brief discussion period for ideas from the committee and public to be put on future agendas. There were several brought forth, Third Street project, A Facebook page, redo of website and more marketing initiatives. Historic District signage and town lighting, and a Main Street initiative . We ended discussion and with what will be one of our biggest initiatives, A walking bicycling bridge that would connect both counties and the towns of Wrightsville and Columbia on the old Pennsylvania Railroad piers.

Our next meeting will be held Thursday, March 17, at 6 PM at the Columbia Borough Hall.

Closed Meeting at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Cleon Berntheizel
Chairman