



## Borough of Columbia | Community Development Committee

Thursday December 14, 2017 | 6:00 PM

Chair:	Cleon Berntheizel
Vice Chair:	Marilyn Kress Hartman
Member:	John Novak
Alternate:	Fran FitzGerald
Staff:	Rebecca Denlinger, Columbia Borough Community Development Coordinator

### AGENDA

#### I. Opening of Meeting

1. Chairman Berntheizel called the Community Development Committee meeting to order at 6:07 PM. All committee members were in attendance, Columbia Economic Development Corporation's Janice Nikoloff, Borough Manager Greg Sahd, and Rebecca Denlinger.
2. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, there were no citizen comments on agenda items.
3. John Novak moved and Marilyn Kress Hartman seconded approval of Community Development minutes from November 12, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

#### II. Presentation

1. Rebecca Denlinger provided an overview of the Community & Economic Development 2017 Summary Report that will be delivered to Borough Council at their January 2018 meeting. The activities are grouped into the following categories: (1) Organization / Communication / Marketing / Promotion; (2) Business Development; (3) Placemaking / Planning / Infrastructure; and (4) Redevelopment / Property Assistance. The committee provided input on some of the projects and activities to be incorporated into the final report. They also expressed interest in having the report condensed for posting as well as sharing highlights of the years' activities provided in the forthcoming newsletter.
2. Chairman Berntheizel introduced Thomas R. Wilcox, Executive Director of the National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors, Inc. Mr. Wilcox stated that he has been in his current position for about three months. They recently held an event to celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. He shared his excitement to continue learning about Columbia and working with community groups to build on the success of the NAWCC facility. He invited all to share in the 75<sup>th</sup> 2018 NAWCC National Convention to take place here in Columbia and York in July 2018. The event will be bringing people from all over the country – as well as internationally – to the area.

### III. Old Business

1. Rebecca Denlinger provided an update on the Bid Process for the lease of the Borough Owned Properties, including the Columbia Market House and 137 S. Front Street. She has been answering questions from potential bidders and is optimistic that we could receive bids on both properties.
2. Rebecca Denlinger provided an update to the Committee on the Main Street Discussion Update. We will be starting with a regional conversation with participation from both Marietta and Wrightsville Boroughs. The meeting will also include representatives from DCED as well as the Planning and Economic Development Organizations from both Lancaster and York Counties
3. Janice Nikoloff reported that there continues to be interest in the properties and they remain hopeful for a developer to show interest in moving forward with a project at the site.
4. Rebecca Denlinger reported that Borough staff met with Susquehanna Heritage regarding the operation and management of the Trolley in 2018. Susquehanna Heritage will be coming back to the Borough with a proposal in January.

### IV. New Business

1. Rebecca Denlinger provided an update on the Downtown Streetscape Project initiative. While the Borough was not successful in their initial attempt to secure funding for the engineering/planning of the Streetscape, Denlinger asked the Committee to consider moving ahead in 2018 with at least a portion of the street lighting element of the project as well as the planning/engineering of Phase I. The Committee asked for Rebecca to work with Ron Miller to provide the cost for the street lighting project to run either from the Rt. 462 Bridge to Union Street or from the Rt. 462 Bridge to Malleable Road.  
  
Denlinger also asked the Committee to consider putting an RFP out to secure a consultant to complete the planning and engineering for the Phase I Streetscape project. Phase I includes 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (approximately 3450 L.F.), Locust Street (approximately 2200 L.F.), and North Front Street (approximately 1450 L.F.). The advantage of moving forward with the Phase I planning and engineering is that the Borough will then be in a position to submit a “shovel-ready” project to the state for funding in their next round of Multimodal Transportation Fund grants.
2. Janice Nikoloff shared CEDC’s thanks to Marilyn Kress Hartman for her efforts to patch the awning on the Hotel Columbia/ Hotel Locust property.

Being no further business before the committee, Chairman Berntheizel adjourned the Community Development Committee meeting at 8:22 PM.