

Informal Meeting Notes

Brooke-Hancock Regional Brownfield Task Force

June 10, 2015

Present were:

Dave Olson	CEC
Marvin Six	Business Development Corporation
William Kiefer	City of New Cumberland/ FACS Law
Linda McNeil	Mayor, City of New Cumberland
Mark Zatezalo	WV House of Delegates/ Weirton URA
Sue Simonetti	Mayor, City of Wellsburg
Mark Henne	City Manager, City of Wellsburg
Barb Zimnox	BHJ
Shawn Dienger	BHJ Intern
Kerek Springston	WV Northern Brownfields Assistance Center
Aaron Sporck	Senator Capito's Office

Mike Paprocki called the meeting to order at 12:05. Mike asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the March 11, 2015 meeting minutes. Sue Simonetti made the motion. Marvin Six seconded. Motion carried.

Mike updated the group on the status of the EPA grant awards. We did not receive any assessment funds this year. Discussion ensued on where other sources of funds might be available for both Brownfields and BAD buildings. Mentioned were grant funds obtained by the WV DEP for assessments. These funds are targeted for the Kanawha County area, but are believed to be flexible. Mark Henne brought up the Genpak property in Wellsburg. He stated that the property owner is willing to work with the City, but a Phase II remains to be completed. He is trying to secure funds to complete the Phase II. Linda McNeil and Bill Keifer discussed problems with a demo in New Cumberland and the options that they have for the completion of the demo.

Marvin gave updates on the BDC's Brownfields activities over the past quarter. The BDC was awarded three clean up grants, all with starting dates of October 1st. The sites are TS&T in Chester, the riverbank portion, Brooke Glass in Wellsburg, and RG Steel in Beech Bottom. Discussion ensued on these sites and what was going to be done on each.

Marvin also noted that the BDC was going to take part in the National Brownfields Conference to be held in Chicago in early September. He said the benefits to this conference include the training sessions, seeing how other states do things that may be useful for WV, and exposure to potential developers.

Marvin updated the group on the Jimmy Carey stadium site. A phase II is in the works at present. The BDC will apply for a clean-up grant for the site in the next round of grants. He also stated the Beech Bottom site will need demo and soil clean-up, as will the Brooke Glass site.

Mark Henne stated that the Wellsburg URA continues to work on city-wide plans, including BAD buildings. The Comprehensive Plan is complete.

Derek stated that the Northern Brownfields Assistance Center is in the 2nd phase of its BAD building program. Luke is working with 18 entities at present. The BDC will sponsor a BAD Buildings Summit in August with the assistance of the WV NBAC. Plans aren't final yet, but it may take place August 11, 2015. Further updates will be forthcoming regarding the workshop.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 30, 2015.

With no further business, Mike asked for a motion to adjourn. Mark Zatezalo made the motion. Mark Henne seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.