

Informal Meeting Notes

Brooke-Hancock Brownfield Redevelopment Task Force

March 11, 2015

Persons Present:

Michael Paprocki/ BHJ Executive Director
Barb Zimnox/ BH Regional Council Community Development Specialist
Sue Simonetti/ Mayor/ City of Wellsburg
Mark Henne/ Wellsburg City Manager
Marvin Six/ BDC of the Northern Panhandle
Pat Ford/ BDC of the Northern Panhandle
Pat Kirby/ Executive Director/ Northern WV Brownfields Assistance Center
Casey Korbini/ WV Department of Environmental Protection
David Olsen/ Engineer/ Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc
Debbie Sciarrino/ Workforce West Virginia
Christina Johnson/ Workforce West Virginia
Nick Charles/ BHJ Intern

The Brooke-Hancock Brownfield Redevelopment Task Force met at noon in the Activity Room of the Mary H. Weir Public Library to (1) adopt the minutes for the December 10, 2014 meeting, and (2) hear/discuss existing and proposed projects and review activities targeted at these projects.

Michael Paprocki called the meeting to order at 12:10.

Mike asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the December 10, 2014 meeting. Sue Simonetti made the motion. Pat Ford seconded. Motion carried.

Mike asked for an update on our EPA Grant submissions. Pat Kirby said that awards probably won't be made until the end of May or beginning of June.

Program Updates

Pat Ford told the group that the WV DEP continues to administer the clean-up grant that was obtained for a portion of this project. He said that they do have prospects for this land. He also asked that we update our Task Force contact list to include Mayor Forsythe of Chester and Mike Dotson who is their contact with the city.

Pat Kirby discussed the Brooke Glass Project, telling the group that that there was a meeting that evening at the Wellsburg Salvation Army to work on the upcoming events related to the project. On April 25th the "Brooke Glass Pickers" event will take place, with former employees and Brooke Glass collectors. Also upcoming will be a public art display and the completion of a "mosaic" to be placed somewhere in the town. He also said that the Phase II assessment had been completed.

Marvin Six updated the group on the Jimmy Carey Stadium project. He said that the assessment would start next week, that an underground tank will be removed and an asbestos survey will be done. A company has signed a lease for the property with the intent to purchase at a later date. They intend to expand soon after and add another building where the football field is now located.

Marvin also told the group that the Phase II has been completed at the Beech Bottom site. The BDC also has a couple potential tenants looking at the area. There is also the possibility that a gas to electric power plant might locate to the site, although the company is right now looking at 2 other sites also. The company and the BDC see the new Ohio River Bridge that will be erected in Wellsburg as a plus for this project. They intend to bring this up at the next TAC and Full Commission Meeting at BHJ.

Mark Henne stated that the Wellsburg Urban Redevelopment Authority continues to work with the WVU law center on a blight and slum plan for the City. They hope to work on a zoning plan this upcoming summer.

Pat Kirby told the group that they had 19 applications for the Northern WV Brownfield's Assistance Center's technical assistance grant for the Bad Buildings Program. Unfortunately, neither of the entities that have applied from the BH Region (the BDC and the City of Wellsburg) were awarded grants. Mark Henne expressed that Wellsburg will continue to move forward with their bad building plan without the grant with the assistance of the WV NBAC.

Casey Korbini said that the WV DEP will soon have a website with all the resources available for bad buildings up and running. She will send everyone an email when it is launched.

Pat Ford told the group that the Hubcap grant must be committed by April 1st, and they still have about \$6500 to commit. He will see if he can get an extension, or find some other use for the funds before the time expires.

Dave Olsen updated the group on projects still needing assessments. He said that Genpak in Wellsburg still needs a Phase II assessment, as does the old Weirton Post Office. Also, a site from early in our Brownfields Program, the Barkhurst Property (next to AL Solutions in NC) has been discussed for an assessment, and the TS&T Riverfront property.

Pat Kirby discussed the state's submittal of the IMCP grant (Pittsburg, Morgantown, and Youngstown). They were not selected in the last round but do intend to submit again, this time without Youngstown.

Pat noted that the National Brownfields Conference is September 2-4 in Chicago, and that WV usually has a strong delegation present, and the WV Brownfields Conference is September 15-16 in Morgantown this year.

Mike stated that the next meeting will be June 10th, 2015.

With no further business, Mike asked for a motion to adjourn. Pat Ford made the motion. Mark Henne seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 PM.