

Informal Meeting Notes

Brooke-Hancock Regional Brownfield Task Force

September 30, 2015

Present were:

Mina DeMatteo-Paul – Workforce Career Center
Hampton Clkeley – Senator Capito’s Office
Barb Zimnox – BHJ
Dave Olson – CEC
Derek Springston – Northern Brownfields Assistance Center
Marvin Six – BDC
Mike Paprocki – BHJ

Mike Paprocki called the meeting to order at 12:05. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 10th meeting. Dave made the motion and Derek seconded it. Motion carried.

Dave reported on the National Brownfields Conference held in Chicago in early September. He said that it had been very well attended and that there were good presentations. The video funded by the EPA about the BDC projects was shown and was very well received.

Derek reported on the WV Brownfields conference. He said it was the best attended one yet, with over 240 registered. The presentations again were very good. The Brownfields Assistance Centers gave out awards this year for the first time, and the Brooke-Hancock Brownfields Taskforce received one for Environmental Impact.

Mike updated the group on his conversation with Joe Nowak regarding BHJ’s application for an assessment grant. They discussed the properties included in the application and environmental justice among other things.

Derek also talked about the WV HUB and the Property Rescue Initiative, and that a tool-kit would be available on-line. This is part of the BAD buildings program and a good resource for communities who need assistance with demolition.

The BH property list was discussed in detail, with some properties dismissed and a couple added. The group was updated on what had been done with each property on the list and what remained to be done. Some of the properties added included the Riverview High School in Wellsburg, the Wellsburg Middle School, and Follansbee Middle School, and the Magnone Building in Weirton. Removed from the list was the Former Wheeling-Pitt Steel Fabrication Site in Beech Bottom.

Marvin updated the group on the BDC’s ongoing projects, including clean-up grant applications for Marland Heights Williams Lodge and the Jimmy Carey Football Stadium.

Mike told the group that the Wellsburg URA would meet in the next week, and that BHJ is mapping their BAD buildings for them.

Marvin told the group that the Brooke Glass GO Team would be meeting the next evening, and that the mural being done there is not completed as yet.

The Rock Springs Riverfront Redevelopment Committee continues to meet. Meetings are every 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30 in the Chester Municipal Building.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30.