

## New Britain Borough Community & Business Committee Minutes May 09, 2013

Present: Robert Belchic, Debbie Byrne, Jackie D'Agostino, Marie Esher Coia, David Holewinski, Lorraine Moxey, Donna

von Lipsey Excused: Dave Fermier; Chris Forlano, David Joss Guest: Lynn Bush

Chair Marie Esher Coia, called the meeting to order 7:30 PM. The March 14, 2013 meeting minutes were read and

accepted. NOTE: A meeting was not held in April due to DelVal Design Studio Project participation.

Old business:

6. Neither DelVal professor, Don Borden or Rob Staudt were able to attend the meeting. The committee would like to have all the materials from the Design class. Robert Belchic suggested NBB become an ongoing course.

Lynn Bush is thinking about our next steps. BCPC can pull together a draft plan/strategies based on the Town

Hall meeting she facilitated and the DelVal Design Project. She will include bullet point concepts for the Knoll property.

7. Bitzers: An auction is scheduled for May 16 and may be an on-line only auction. Robert spoke to DelVal's president and they are interested in the property.

8. Knoll Property: Owner, WC Weis, attended both meetings with the DelVal Design Team.

New business:

1. DelVal has a full time grant writer they may share with the borough.

2. DelVal Professor Rob Staudt will work with art students for window art in empty retail store fronts.

3. Jackie suggested we write thank you notes to the Design Project students and invite them to see where we are with implementing their ideas in five years. Marie will draft a thank you and Donna and Jackie will review and collaborate on a final version.

4. Jackie has been invited to lunch by the DelVal president. As alumni, he would like to recruit her to be more active with the college.

5. DelVal A-Day was a great success. One of the sororities is holding a charity event to raise funds for lupus in

October. Perhaps the borough can assist in their efforts.

6. Borough Manager, Robin Trymbiski, is participating in the PA Borough Association and is looking at how other

municipalities have funded renovations to their borough halls, lighting and benches. Marie is checking prices for

"gas" light fixtures, approximately \$5-10K. Some municipalities have received funding for individual fixtures

from individuals, families, businesses.

7. Donna and Marie will collaborate on an article for the borough newsletter recapping the Design Project.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM. The next meeting will be June 13, 2013 at 7:30 PM. Debbie Byrne and Donna von

Lipsey will be unable to attend.