

ONONDAGA CIVIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2021

The Regular meeting of the Onondaga Civic Development Corporation convened on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 333 West Washington Street, Syracuse, New York, 13202 in the large conference room on the 1st floor.

Michael LaFlair called the meeting to order at 8:44 am with the following:

PRESENT:

Michael LaFlair
Mitch Latimer
Kevin Kuehner
Kimberly Townsend
Virginia Biesiada O'Neill

ABSENT:

Alison Miller

ALSO PRESENT:

Robert M. Petrovich, President/CEO
Carolyn Evans-Dean, Economic Development
Nate Stevens, Treasurer
Karen Doster, Recording Secretary
Christopher Andreucci, Harris Beach
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Mike Lisson, Grossman St Amour CPAs
Brianah Lane, Grossman St Amour CPAs
Carrie Wojtaszek, Galaxy Media

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 7, 2021

Upon a motion by Kevin Kuehner, seconded by Mitch Latimer, the OCDC Board approved the regular meeting minutes of October 7, 2021. Motion was carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Nate Stevens gave a brief review of the Treasurer's Report for the month ending October 2021.

Upon a motion by Mitch Latimer, seconded by Kevin Kuehner, the OCDC Board approved the Treasurer's Report for the month ending October 2021. Motion was carried unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Nate Stevens gave a brief review of the Payment of Bills, Schedule #100.

Upon a motion by Mitch Latimer, seconded by Kevin Kuehner, the OCDC Board approved the Payment of Bills scheduled #100 with General Expenses being \$19,400.08. Motion was carried unanimously.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Carolyn Evans-Dean stated based upon the items on the agenda today a conflict of interest is not necessary.

NEW BOARD MEMBER WELCOME

Robert Petrovich stated this is the first meeting from Virginia Biesiada O'Neill and comes to the Board recommended by David Knapp, Chair of the County Legislature and endorsed by County Executive Ryan McMahon. He stated she has along and expansive career and he thinks she will be an excellent asset to this Board. He welcomed Ms. O'Neill to the Board.

CANINE CARNIVAL – UPDATE

Carrie Wojtaszek stated she sent a recap of the Canine Carnival to the Board and they were excited to work with Wayne Maher once again for his Canine Carnival. She stated it is a fantastic event for the community and they are happy to bring it back after it was gone for one season. She stated they only had about 2,500 people attend and lower than typical years but with the September Covid coming back scare they were nervous to say the least. She stated they are actively out looking for private businesses to help them and they were able to secure funding from a new sponsor, Staff Works. She stated they are based in the Utica market but have offices here as well. She stated the

number one comment about the festival was there must be a canine carnival in heaven because it is so wonderful. She stated she has never seen such a great charity event. She stated Staff Works made the commitment the day of the event to up her sponsorship next year to \$10,000. She stated Canine Carnivals commitment is to go find private funding to avoid coming back to OCDC with the same request amount. She stated they raised over \$18,000 to give back to local animal shelters. She stated they really appreciate OCDC's support. She stated it is a really wonderful community event and showcases Jamesville Beach Park tremendously. She stated they would love to keep doing this and plan on continuing for 2022.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Upon a motion by Kevin Kuehner, seconded by Mitch Latimer, the OCDC Board approved a resolution appointing Virginia Biesiada O'Neill to the Governance Committee. Motion was carried unanimously.

SUNY ESF ALGAL BLOOM STUDY - UPDATE

Postponed until next meeting.

Michael LaFlair asked if the meeting date and time is going to be changed. Karen Doster asked if the 1st Tuesday of the month at 8:30 am works for the Board. The Board agreed to hold the OCDC Regular Board Meetings on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 8:30 am starting in January 2022.

Upon a motion by Virginia Biesiada O'Neill, seconded by Kevin Kuehner, the OCDC Board adjourned the meeting at 8:57 am. Motion was carried unanimously.



Carolyn Evans-Dean, Secretary