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Strategic Planning & Partnerships Commission

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State of New York,
City of Jamestown ss.:
Mayor's Conference Room

The regular meeting of the Strategic Planning & Partnerships Commission of the City of Jamestown, New York was held on Friday, March 11, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.

Members Present: Co-Chairman Jennifer Harkness, Co-Chairman Greg Rabb, Linda Swanson, Steve Kulig, Dave Painter, Tom Sweet, Becky Robbins, John Garfoot

Others Present: Lee Harkness, Amanda Chapel

Co-Chair Harkness called the meeting to order and welcomed Tom Sweet as a new member who replaces Pierre Richard Fleurant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 2011 meeting were approved.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Mr. Painter stated he no longer works at the IBEW. He has moved to Ahlstrom-Schafer Electric and is in negotiations with Craig Holt – Vice-President to partner with him to buy the business. This should take place around September. He will remain on the Labor Council.
- The Strategic Planning and Partnership seat is nominated by the Labor Council. He will remain on the Commission until a new person is appointed.
- The members congratulated Mr. Painter in his new role and stated he is always welcome on the commission.
- Mr. Painter stated he would like to stay involved.

ANNUAL STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION/DRAFT STRATEGIC GOALS 2011-2012

- A draft summary of the strategic planning session that was developed by Len Faulk was distributed stating the goals for this next year.
- 2010 goals were Job Creation, Retention, Workforce Development.
- The group focused predominately in the Healthcare arena and still feels that should be a primary focus.
- In addition discussion took place regarding the manufacturing area with engineers and other jobs. There's a lot going on in that area according to Todd Trantum.
- Manufacturing is up and hiring.
- The GIS work station is another goal to be completed. Amanda Chapel will work to accomplish this goal.
- The J20 action team needs to be convened.

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- We are still focused on supporting the Urban Design Plan and Neighborhood Revitalization Plan.
- The Jamestown Renaissance Corporation may come back to us from time to time to let us know what they're doing and to see if there's anything we can do to help.
- The Neighborhood Revitalization Plan does have grant requests out to the foundations for money for summer projects that they want to do.
- Two new things that were added are to create a Community Diversity Action Team and a Jamestown Education Action Team. No chairs have been identified to lead either one of those initiatives at this point.
- John Merino has recommended the Community Diversity Action Team.
- The Mayor recommended the Jamestown Education Action Team.
- The Chautauqua Leadership Network is out there and Project Blueprint is at The United Way. Project Blueprint is focused on people of diversity. It's a shorter more abbreviated introduction to governance. Should they be brought in on this task force? Groups are searching for people to sit on boards with diversity.
- Rich Fleurant runs Project Blueprint.
- We need to be talking as a community about how to deal with this.
- Goals will be presented to the City Council at the May 2, 2011 work session.

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN PRESENTATION

- They have been meeting. Two neighborhood sessions at Persell and Jefferson Schools are being planned. They will be in April and May.
- Mr. Lombardi can come to the May meeting to provide an update.

HEALTH CARE ECONOMIC IMPACT

- Things are moving along. They're submitting a grant request for physician recruiting to the Community Foundation. They will be the leader and house the funds that we're going to raise as a community.
- The Sheldon Foundation has received year two of the Grow Your Own Grant. It is a collaboration between Work Force Development and Chautauqua County Health Network. That is to work on healthcare career exploration and promotion. They have started with three schools, have met with hundreds of students, worked their way through some curricula, conducted a health fair in January at WCA which was well-attended. They're going to expand to three more schools. This is part of a long term initiative to have a conduit of interesting people from our area on going into the healthcare careers. Hopefully some will be physicians, para professionals and all the other kinds of workers that are needed.
- JAMA has been successful in recruiting six new physicians.
- There's been a lot of movement. Some physicians are flipping to become hospitalists at the hospital - Dr. Gentile and Winnicki. There's still a shortage in primary care physicians, OB/GYN, Orthopedists, Psychiatrists and dentists are the top fields right now that we're still really acutely short.
- No discussion has been held regarding the medical corridor.
- The people that were leading the physical improvements of the healthcare corridor were John Merino and Len Faulk. That went by the wayside instead to deal with the more immediate need of physician recruitment. No one's leading that sub-committee right now.

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- The Gebbie's staff helped do some investigation of looking at parcels down there.

SHARED SERVICES

- Joe Gerace said the consolidation group is going to meet again in the next month. No bids were received for the RFP.
- There should be a meeting with the Sheriff, Chief Snellings and the Mayor, in the next couple of weeks.
- On the workforce front there's a lot of activity. There's a lot of training to support advanced manufacturing. Manufacturing has been picking up.

URBAN DESIGN PLAN UPDATE

- Maynard Electric on Third Street is targeted to have their façade done.
- Jody Peterson is completing the former Donut Connection building which he has 100% occupied. They uncovered the side and it really looks nice. He's going to take down Williams Garage and that'll be a parking lot for that building.
- The Wine Cellar is looking to do an outside dining area.
- The side of Mason's Fine Arts is finished.
- Focus is on the Winter Garden.
- The 2nd story development is also being reviewed particularly any buildings they've invested in to have people use their 2nd stories for apartments or offices. Encouraging people to live downtown.
- The Wellman Building is supposed to be done by the end of this year. They're working 24 hours a day.

TRAIN STATION

- The train station is scheduled to be done on July 1st
- The grand opening is August 6th. A ribbon cutting will be held August 6th during the Lucy events.
- The Cattaraugus County IDA wants to tear some tracks up but we have got them to put that on hold so excursion trains can come. The train station will be a destination in its own right. A millionaire wants to bring a train in from New Jersey just for the grand opening of the train station. Another train will be coming down from Buffalo.

JAMESTOWN'S NEXT GEN TASK FORCE

- There is no update.
- Jason and Joelle are the co-chairs. They are trying to define the group and what they should/could be doing other than networking and socializing.

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

- New commercials running on the Cable 8 News and the Jamestown Up Close and Wonderful is being used.

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DJDC

- Mike Sullivan has been hired by the Gebbie Foundation to head up implementing the new marketing-branding proposal.
- The annual meeting will be held April 7th. It will be held in the Renaissance Center. The guest speaker will be the Mayor of Memphis, Tennessee. His name is A.C. Wharton. It's a Thursday night. Registration is at 5:00 and the meeting is at 6:00.

MISCELLANEOUS

- The BPU will provide an update in the next few months.
- The Children's Museum closed. The benefactor died.

OTHER BUSINESS

There will not be an April meeting.

The May meeting will be held May 19, 2011 at 3:30 P.M. in the Mayor's Conference Room.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

James N. Olson
Director of Financial Services/City Clerk