

**Minutes for the July 14th 2009 special meeting of the Directors of
The Village of Lancaster Community Development Corporation**

At 7:15 pm. on July 14th 2009, President Jeffrey Stribing convened a special meeting of the Directors of the VLCDC in vacant space at the LVOP Complex in Lancaster, New York. Also present were Directors Dawn Gaczewski, Linda Mallia and Matthew Walter. Consultants Mark Aquino and Stanley Keysa were also present, as was Village Trustee Bill Schroeder and NYMS program Financial Review Committee member John Evoy.

Matt Walter reported on his efforts and those of Dawn Gaczewski is setting up "Amazing Race - Lancaster." It contemplates teams being given tasks to complete on foot, with boundaries being Aurora to School Street, Broadway to St. Joseph Street. The goal is to have 50 teams, and target date is September 26th. If there are 15 or more challenges, the teams can be spread out so not all start at the same challenge. Teams will be asked to seek \$1000 minimum in sponsorships, with the prizes being funded from the entry fees of the first five teams. Expenses are low, and include port potties. The race should bring in several hundred contestants to the central business district. Prizes would be \$2400 for first place, \$1600 for second place, \$1000 for third place (or a total of \$5000). Matt said this type of race has never been run here in Western New York, the nearest example being in Ohio. Matt said the website should be up in a week under Lancaster CDC.org.


Jeff Stribing said he hopes all board members will pull together a team (other than the board member themselves). He suggested promoting it at special events and asked about a booth at the Taste of Lancaster, to be held August 1st. That same day, the Lions club will be hosting a bike ride. Another event might be the 3 on 3 tournament.

Matt continued by saying there would be various penalties, with the race starting at noon, and ending at 6pm. He plans to text info to all challenges. There would be an after party at the LVP Complex, and winners known by 6:30 pm. Discussion followed as to how to handle handicapped access to certain challenge sites, and the stated purpose of the race, which Matt was was "to promote the revitalization of the village."

Linda Mallia reported on the tour of properties in the central business district. She noted in particular that the inside of buildings owned by Gary Schaff and John Stendahl were quite beautiful. She had no idea how many residential units there were, and said most of the buildings were quite viable. The tour gave her a good idea of how much work is needed, for example, on the New York Store. She was also unaware that Bill Schutt had 30 employees in his building. She was concerned over the conditions seen in the Town of Lancaster Building Inspector's office in the LVP Complex. Other properties included the Upholstery shop with a beauty shop and law office upstairs, the empty space which used to be Lancaster-Depew Pediatrics, Accent Photo, and the "doggy bar."

The meeting concluded with Linda, Jeff & others leaving for a tour of the LVP Complex.

Respectfully submitted,



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