

**Minutes for the October 30th 2008 special meeting of the Directors of  
The Village of Lancaster Community Development Corporation**

At 8:03 a.m. on October 30<sup>th</sup> 2008, President Jeffrey Stribing convened a special meeting of the directors in the board room of the Municipal Building, 5423 Broadway, Lancaster, New York. Also present were Vice President William Cansdale, Secretary Craigg McRae, and Directors Dawn Gaczewski, Robert Giza and Richard Young. Consultants Mark Aquino and Stanley Keysa also attended.

President Stribing explained that he had sent out requests for proposals to a number of architects following up on the concept that the Community Development Corporation would (with partners) fund the cost of having an architect work with business owners in the central business district (CBD) in order to simplify the business-owners' efforts to improve the facades of their properties in a historically-sensitive fashion, while also increasing the chances that the various facades would work together in an integrated fashion.

Jeff had earlier circulated responses from Dean Sutton, Flynn Battaglia and Lauer Mancuso for review by the Directors. Discussion followed as to potential costs and Jeff's request to the Town of Lancaster Industrial Development Agency (LIDA) for funding. He also reviewed briefly a second grant opportunity announced by New York State for which the Village of Lancaster will apply. Supervisor Giza asked if the Town might participate as a property-owner, as it has about \$20,000 of work needed on its exterior brickwork. Jeff said he would investigate that.

President Stribing said he had sent requests to William Schutt and Left Coast Design, but heard back from neither. He thought that John Karan (at Left Coast Design) might be experiencing some health problems which kept him from responding. He also said that the three responders had provided examples of their expertise. His impression was that Dean Sutton primarily did new work or renovation of older structures, while Lauer Mancuso had solid restoration background, and was the only one which specified a cap per building. Bob Giza said his preference would be someone with local ties.

It was the consensus that Jeff invite the responding architects to make presentations at the **next regular meeting, to be held November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Municipal Building board room.** An executive committee meeting will proceed at 6:30 pm in the library.

Respectfully submitted,



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Craigg McRae, Secretary