

**Local
Development
Corporation**
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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Local Development Corporation (LDC)
June 4, 2025, 12:00pm
City of Geneva, Teams Room**

Board Members in Attendance:

Craig Talmage
Dana Hollenbeck
Marty Davis
Catherine Price
Jessie Redmond
Maddie D'Amico

Others in Attendance:

Liz Toner, Events Coordinator
Nicole Tillotson, City Clerk
Adam Blowers, Comptroller

Necessarily Absent:

Marc Rodriguez

Other Participants:

Caroline Scutt Finger Lakes Health
Ryan Davis, Ontario County
John Brennan, City Council
Jim Petropoulos, City Council

Call to Order

Chair Talmage called the meeting to order at 12:03pm.

Financial Report

Comptroller Blowers presented the May Financial report, highlighting a \$12,000 donation to GRAF for Drumstock, otherwise not much activity at the moment. Comptroller Blowers shared that everything has been transferred to LNB.

Ms. Davis made a motion to approve the May Financial Report, seconded by Ms. Hollenbeck; motion carried unanimously (6-1 absent)

Approval of Minutes

Tabled until the July meeting

Nominations and Advisory Committees

Councilor Brennan and Ms. Price met with Spike Herzog and recommend him to be on an advisory committee. The Nominations Committee will meet later this month to review their recommendation. Chair Talmage welcomed Maddie D'Amico to the board, and began round table introductions.

GRAF and Drumstock

There will be an informal meeting on June 5th at Drumstock to review fundraising and review individual asks of support. The goal is to raise \$20,000 for the event. A \$500 and \$1,000 donation have been made thus far in addition to the LDC's \$12,000 contribution. The fundraising flyer was reviewed, and feedback shared.

Any further feedback should be emailed to Ms. Hollenbeck. Discussion followed around fundraising logistics.

BID Projects and Event

First Friday is this week featuring many food and beverage specials downtown as well as live music. The next Music Monday is on June 16 at Bicentennial Park featuring food vendors, live music, and a farmers' market. Paddlefest will be held on July 5, and is fully accessible. The BID added accessibility to its mission statement at its most recent meeting. Councilor Petropoulos added that Vault Pilates will open on June 14.

City Events and Updates

Ms. Toner shared upcoming City events to include the Relay for Life on June 7, HWS Reunion Weekend this weekend, Rosé Soiree on June 14, Geneva High School Graduation on June 20, Hildreth Hill neighborhood garage sale at McDonough Park on June 21, and the Daughters of the American Revolution reenactment of Mark Lafayette's speech at Pulteney Park on June 8. She also shared that Farmer's Markets are up and running every Saturday, and there will be a free First Sail event on June 14 from 8am to noon.

County Updates

Mr. Davis shared that on Ontario County Housing Ad Hoc presentation will be held today in Gorham. With one scheduled in Canandaigua later this month as well. Mr. Davis will work to schedule a presentation in the City sometime this summer, before students return to Hobart on September 1.

Mr. Davis also shared that The Ontario County Board of Supervisors funded the EAGLE Loan Fund with an additional \$200,000 recently. He received notification from CNB yesterday that the funds are all allocated. Ms. Price wondered about the County's program to rehab vacant rental properties; Mr. Davis shared that this program is also in high demand, funding the rehab of about 25 units this cycle. Discussion followed.

Neighbors Together

After discussion it was decided that the Neighbor's together group will meet on August 5, from 6:45-8:00pm at the Bozzuto Center. Ms. Davis also shared details of a toy library being established for families to share around toys they no longer use.

Bicycle Repair Station Update

Chair Talmage explained that a proposal is being developed for a stationary bike repair station that will include tools and a bike pump. It was suggested that it be placed near the bike rack in front of City Hall. Discussion followed.

Habitat for Humanity

Chair Talmage will connect with Habitat for Humanity and invite them to an LDC meeting.

GCSD Follow-Up on Funding Needs

Chair Talmage will reach out and follow up with the school district to see if there are need the LDC can help them meet.

Open Discussion

Ms. Redmond wondered what the process looks like for the LDC to purchase property to rehab, noting a home on South Main that will be sold as a foreclosure soon. Comptroller Blowers explained the City Owned Property tax foreclosure process, and explained that the LDC would be competing against others in the market for the home, whereas there isn't competition for the LDC in the City process. Comptroller Blowers will share the City owned property for sale list when it is updated later this summer. Discussion followed.

Mr. Davis added that the NYS Consolidated Funding Application for Empire State Development is scheduled on June 17 from 9:30 – noon at the Safety Training Facility.

Adjournment

Ms. Redmond made a motion to adjourn at 12:58pm; seconded by Ms. Davis. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Tillotson

Geneva City Clerk