

Babylon IDA Board Meeting – 17 June 2020

Meeting Attendants and List of Acronyms:

WC = William Celona

MD = Marcus Duffin

TD = Tom Dolan

RD = Rosemarie Dearing

TG = Thomas Gaulrapp

JB = Justin Belkin

PM = Paulette Moses

WB = William Bogardt

AM = Antonio Martinez

Transcription:

TG: Good morning everybody. I would like to welcome you all to the June 17th, 2020 IDA board meeting. I would like to call the meeting to order. First up on our agenda is the accepted minutes of the IDC/IDA board meeting from May 20th, 2020. Everybody was sent the minutes; everybody had time to review them. Can I get a motion to accept the minutes?

PM: I'll make a motion. I'll make a motion to approve the minutes.

TG: Motion by Paula. Can I get a second?

WC and RD: I'll second that.

TG: Alright. All in favor?

WC, MD, RD, JB, and PM: Aye.

TG: All opposed? The ayes have it, so ordered. Next up is the resolution giving preliminary approval of the Town of Babylon Industrial Development Agency to grant certain financial assistance to the Vogue Group and 550 Smith Street LLC. Can I get a motion to accept the resolution?

WC: I'll make a motion.

TG: Motion by Justin [Note: TG incorrectly stated that JB made the motion]. Second by?

PM: I'll second the motion. Paulette.

TG: Second by Paulette. All in favor?

WC, MD, RD, JB, and PM: Aye.

TG: All opposed? The ayes have it, so ordered. Next up is the Chief Executive Officer's report by Tom Dolan.

TD: Good morning everybody. I hope all-everybody is doing well. Just to update you on a couple of things, one was last meeting, Bloomfield Bakers. You had given me, there was a resolution so that we can renegotiate. And our attorney had sent a letter to the company and we are going to be suspending their benefits until they fully occupy the building. So, just an update, and as more things become available, I'll get more information to you. The other thing I just wanted to let you know is Avalon Bay. Prior to the pandemic, we were due to have a public hearing; I think it was on the 16th. And, so that has now been rescheduled for next week. It's going to be 6/24 at 2 p.m. and it will be done on like this, on virtual. And, you can go to the website for instructions and for all the connections there, and we'll be updating the website. But the notice is out; it's next week, 6/24, at 2 p.m., Avalon Bay. The other thing I just want to talk about, we are starting to go back to the office again on a very limited basis and we're going to continue to work remotely because we can. But we're a couple days a week, we will be in the office just to get to our desks because we haven't been there in three months. So, just to kind of get things that we need and again we will continue to work remotely but I can tell you that business has continued to move forward, and the staff is doing a tremendous job as far as keeping everything going forward. The last thing is before I introduce, or not introduce, you all know, our Deputy Supervisor Tony Martinez, who is going to give you some information on the Babylon is Back Program that we've been working on with the town. But I just want to say that in our canvassing efforts, we've been out doing a canvass, which you know, in all the downtowns, all the businesses. And I can tell you that from the personal meetings that we are having and the conversations we are having, this program has been very beneficial to them. They're so thankful for the guidance, for the support because these people were left, you know we know that this hit Main Street pretty hard, and I can tell you that businesses have been very responsive and thankful for what we are doing. And with that, I'll turn it over to Tony, our Deputy Supervisor and liaison, who will fill you in on some of the other things that we've been doing.

AM: Good morning everybody.

WC, MD, RD, JB, PM, and WB: [Note: an exchange of greetings was made]

AM: I hope you all are doing well. I miss you. I miss seeing you in person. (Inaudible) twilight zone is just not very healthy but, but anyway I hope everybody is staying safe and well. I know that we will get through this, you know, and we are very resilient us Babylonians. And I want to thank you all for the great work that you continue to do. Tom Dolan, his staff, everybody at the IDA, and Matt McDonough. I got to tell you this Babylon is Back is a homerun. People are so grateful for the work the IDA is doing. They are realizing that the IDA is a business solutions organization, you know, and between the PPE, the loan, the mentoring program is just going a long way and they're helping with the opening for the outdoor dining. People are very extremely grateful, especially the village mayors. You know they're also very grateful, and the trustees, for the work that the IDA is doing. So, let me tell you-I'm not sure if saw what happened yesterday, but with the PPE, we had a great response. We had it in Wyandanch, and it was an appropriate site. A lot of these businesses in some of these communities do need our help, barbershops with the face shields, their PPE. So, yes, it was really a homerun and I want to thank this board for making this thing a reality. So, Supervisor Schaffer is extremely grateful for all the work that you

put in and yesterday was another, another-. I guess the event shows the great work that you do, so from the bottom of our hearts, we want to say thank you very much.

TD: Thank you Tony, and what a great job you did yesterday. Great job putting that together.

AM: I stutter. I'm not, uh, yeah. But I did alright. Anyway, it was, things are moving along with other projects. You know in Copiague, in, uh, everywhere. So, as Tom mentioned, nothing has stopped. And with Wyandanch rising, we continue to move the southeast quadrant forward. We continue to meet monthly with the developer, but we also have every other week some meetings pushing the southeast quadrant. One issue that we're trying to figure out is the post office and the parking and how it's going to relate to the development. We are asking the, we are asking the post office to allow us to do share parking. We're speaking with their attorneys and they're speaking to our attorney's, and hopefully we'll have some resolution. Senator Schumer is helping us. We will also be putting in a capital improvements request for the, to our congressional delegation hoping that they can help because the next, the next phase in Wyandanch is quite expensive, and we're hoping that we can get some help from our state and federal representatives. And, that's what I have. Again, with the, with Babylon is Back, amazing job and super grateful. Thank you.

TD: Thank you Tony. And with that, I guess I'll turn it back to our chairman Tom.

TG: Thank you. With that being all with your Chief Executive's report, we can move on to old business. Anybody have any old business? No old business. We can move on to new business. Anybody have any new business? New business, I just want to thank Tom, Kevin, Tony for yesterday; it was a great event. You guys really stepped up and, you know, it's going to be great for the IDA and the town. With that being said, I take a motion to adjourn.

WB: Motion.

TG: Seconded?

RD: Second.

TG: All in favor?

WC, MD, RD, PM, JB, and WB: Aye.

TG: All opposed? The ayes have it, so ordered. Thank you very much everybody, great meeting.