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Meeting Agenda – August 30, 2016 - 7 P.M.

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Attendance: Glenn Barnes, Danny Carey, Kathy Gambrell, Mary Molinaro, Mark Stewart, Herb Weiss, Maggie Herman, Tamara Schlossenberg, Kim Drapkin, Jimmy Roberts, Ernie Schmidhauser, Calvin Reter, John Barnard, George Marsalek, Mary Ellen Morrison, Pat Brooks, Gini Trotti, Susan Rose, Bob Reynolds, Heidi Conley, Brian Beaumont, Ken Camper, Betty Ann Rigney, Tina Asher

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**“Reisterstown’s Main Street is a Destination.
Not Just a Drive Through Road.”**

Welcome Our Newest Members;

Beazer Homes @ Quarry Lake

Michael Donnelly

Bess Hauf – Zen Life Wellness

Kathleen Gower – Gower Resources

1. **Call to order** – The meeting began at 7:05 pm. Introductions of those attending.
2. **Review of minutes from last meeting-** Mark Stewart motioned to accept July’s meeting minutes as posted on the website. All agreed, none opposed
3. **Treasurer’s report - Kim Drapkin-**The current bank balance is \$17,453.52. She also discussed the Profit & Loss Statement showing Income and Expenses. We still have a couple more bands to pay and a few more vendors for concerts and the Farmers Market to get more income. To date we have a Net Ordinary Income of \$6,436.28 so doing well and on track this year.
4. **Membership Report – Kathy Gambrell – Renewals & New Members \$25 yr.**
To remain on the website roster our annual \$25 dues must be paid. If you check our site and your name is missing your membership has probably expired. Kathy thanked those who are our renewing members and our new members. She said we appreciate your timely payment of dues and your support of RIA by becoming members and renewing. Our newest members (4) are listed above. Thank you to the following members for renewals during August:
 1. R.O.M.G Chamber of Commerce – Mary Ellen Morrison, President
 2. Secure Alarms – Craig Bober @ 655 Main Street
 3. Delegate Jay Jalisi @ 301 Main Street
 4. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church – Rev. Tim Feaser @ 109 Main Street
 5. Barnard Associates – John Barnard
 6. Country Club Estates Community Association
 7. Baltimore County Public Library/Reisterstown Branch – Abby Cooley @ 21 Cockeysmill Road

5. President's Report

Baltimore County Code Enforcement role? Main Street and in the residential communities. Call 410-887-3351 for information. Glenn asked if anyone had an issue or reason to submit something to the county. No one in the room said they had a complaint to file.

Baltimore County Council is meeting at 6 PM tonight in Towson to vote on the CZMP – Comprehensive Zoning Map Process, a review of zoning on properties conducted every four years. The decisions will affect thousands of acres on more than 500 properties across the county. Commercial, residential and agricultural properties have proposed zoning changes. Vicki Almond and Jonathan will not be able to attend.

The former Main Street Grille will reopen in the future. Several people on Facebook connected with the owner have said the main part will be called Chicken Shack (charbroiled-peruvian style) and an add-on in the back will serve Open Pit Beef. They are remodeling the building at this time. Glenn said that he had questions from people who had seen the tape around the property.

The restaurant formerly known as Playoffs near Office Depot opened as OC Brewing Co. The new sign went up a few weeks ago. They have locations in Ocean City and Abingdon near Bel Air. Comments on Facebook have been mixed. Everyone hopes they will be successful.

Weiss Super Market will replace Food Lion at the Village Center between now and early October. They are supposed to close for about 5 days in mid-September and convert over to the Weiss name. There have been comments that Food Lion will close 9/9 and then reopen 9/15 as Weiss. We hope they will be on schedule.

This year's National Night Out (NNO) event took place Tuesday, August 2nd, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM in the lower parking lot of the CHARTLEY SHOPPING CENTER. It was co-sponsored by Chartley Homeowners Association, Country Club Estates Community Association, and the Reisterstown Improvement Association. Very nice turnout! Ernie will discuss the event. Ernie said that we had perfect weather this year. There were around 400-500 people in attendance and around 45 information tables for all to enjoy. We had 3,000 nuggets from Chick-fil-A. In addition, several hundred snowballs were given out along with sodas and bottled water. It was a great event.

The ROMG Chamber of Commerce 26th annual Crab Feast August CRAB FEAST!! ~ took Place on Thursday, August 18, between 5:30 and 8:00pm at American Legion Hall, Post #116, 1090 Westminster Road, Reisterstown, MD – Mary Ellen reported that the event was sold out with 150 attendees. The crabs were good, they had hot dogs, corn, salads, chicken and beverages and Wegmans provided two cakes. It was an enjoyable event. A large bag of Utz Crab Chips was on each table and a number was under one place at each table to indicate the winner. Door prizes were provided by several businesses.

Royal Farms Buys Fuchs North America 5 acre site for \$6.65 million dollars in Owings Mills on Reisterstown Road. Future Royal Farms location and Car Dealership just below Home Depot. Glenn said this purchase was just reported in the Baltimore Business Journal. The article was attached to the agenda for all to read.

Major announcement on school starting dates coming tomorrow with Governor Hogan and Comptroller Franchot holding a press conference in Ocean City. They are expected to change the school start time to the day after Labor Day.

4th District Councilman Julian Jones held a meeting last night at the Metro Center Library to discuss the Owings Mills Mall and rumors concerning Walmart wanting to build a Supercenter Store there. They would close the Owings Mills store off Reisterstown Road and there is concern they might close the Randallstown Store as well. Between 200 and 300 people attended the meeting and most apparently were strongly opposed to a Walmart going to the Mall site. They cannot block any store if the zoning is correct. Most of the pad locations for the Mall site are less than 70,000 square feet in size. Supercenter stores average 179,000 square feet. They would have to do a new site design to make this size store work on the site. Glenn said that he received a report from someone he knew that attended the meeting. While some agree that the Owings Mills store may close they would be surprised to see the Randallstown store close as it is a supercenter and just opened a few years ago. A map of the proposed design was provided to everyone in attendance tonight. Also, others at the meeting said they prefer stores such as Kohl's or a food store such as Trader Joe's and restaurants. Time will tell which stores will be leased.

The new Wegmans will open Sunday, September 18 at 7AM at Foundry Row. Glenn said that he received an invitation to a pre-opening event Friday evening. Since it is our last Music on Main Street concert of the year, he is not likely to attend. Mary Ellen said she was also invited.

Best Buy stores in Rosedale and across from Security Mall will be closing in October. Hopefully the others will remain open. We hope that the Owings Mills Blvd. will remain open.

Main Street Committees Reports

We have 5 committees

If you would like to be on one of our committees please let us know. Each committee chair will give a report tonight.

Organization Committee – Mary Molinaro- The committee held their monthly meeting last Wednesday and reviewed all the finances as reported by Kim this evening. We also discussed grants and the need for projects being identified so we can seek grants to fund them. The T-Shirt sales are going well. We have almost sold 50 of the 100 purchased so far and will soon start making a profit. We have only one historic bag left and one T-Shirt from 2015. Shirts were on hand at the meeting if anyone was interested in purchasing a shirt tonight. The sponsor program is fully funded for those being displayed now.

Economic Restructuring Committee --New Chairperson TBD- Contact Glenn if you are interested in this position. He hopes someone with a banking/financial background will accept this position.

Design Committee - New Website Designer - Irwin Kramer

www.reisterstown.com. Irwin was unable to attend and sent an email with points to discuss. He said the website is well. Mary said that there are 1038 email addresses. 439 people are in the Farmers Market group to receive a newsletter once it is developed. There are 701 receiving the weekly email. Irwin said that he was able to resolve problems with a few sites bouncing back the emails (Hotmail, AOL, MSN, Outlook and Live accounts) so we are doing better. He is working on ideas for the next Main Street banners and considering a contest with prizes for the winning design.

Clean, Safe and Green Committee -Dan Carey- Clean Main Street Day – Next one will be Saturday, September 3, 2016. Meet at Reter’s Crab House & Grille Parking lot at 9 AM. Danny said he will have all the supplies there for those who participate in the event.

Promotion Committee - Carin Smith-Carin did not attend and sent an email explaining the next event, Spooktacular will be held Saturday, October 29th at 227 Main Street. This year the costume contest will include children, adults and pets! We will have children’s crafts and games at the tent and/or at various locations on Main Street. We will parade through town visiting shops for treats. Let Carin know if you are interested in helping with the planning process or participating.

Farmers Market – Kim Drapkin will give us an update. Attendance continues to improve each week in front of the Franklin Middle School (where our concerts take place) every Sunday from 10 AM to 1 PM? The market has seen incremental growth throughout the summer. Kim met with a former manager of the Waverly market who gave her some helpful ideas of things we can do to improve our market. Contact Kim if you are interested in volunteering or participating in any way.

Grant Committee and Main Street Fixtures (Benches, Trash Receptacles and Planters) – Kathy Gambrill, Dan, Linda and Glenn. Kathy will give a report on the Benches. See below under Old Business. We will continue to apply all \$10,000 requested for Music on Main Street. It is too complicated to break up the request. We can use some of our existing funds in the treasury for additional benches. Kathy mentioned that we need new liners for the trash receptacles as they do not have bags in them. We may want to consider benches in front of the Middle School and will have to work with the School Board to gain permission. There is a 9/30/16 deadline to submit the CRAG grant; however, Glenn believes we will submit our request a month early.

Officers and Board Member comments? There were no extra comments by officers or board members.

Glenn invited Ken Camper to talk about St. Luke's Church located at 60 Bond Ave. Ken explained the history of the church (136 years old). He handed out an article published in the Community Times describing the project. 3 years ago they were able to get a \$95,000 grant for repairs to the Odd Fellow Hall.

Phase 1 was completed with a roof and new exterior siding. Phase 2 will work on the interior on the 1st floor and Phase 3 will involve refurbishing the 2nd floor. It was also pointed out that we have a Medal of Honor recipient buried in the St. Luke's cemetery, Augustus Wally. Ken handed out another flier describing 2 events. One is "Family and Friends Day" to be held Sunday, September 11th @ 1:00pm. There is a Community Outdoor Dinner at 1:30PM and all are welcome. The other event is "Movie Night" on Saturday, September 10th @ 8 P.M Outdoors – Big Screen showing Disney's Zootopia. Heidi talked about meeting with leaders from 9 churches in the area to discuss events after school to occupy children and she is with an after school athletic program.

6. **Music on Main Street Committee -Dan Carey and Glenn – Last week's concert attracted over 1200 people. We'd like to thank everyone who attended. We had a number of new guests for the concert and they have also commented positively on Facebook. This week we have Code Red performing and on September 16, 2016 we have The New Romance performing our last show of this year. Hunt Valley Towne Centre's last show of the summer was last Friday. We may have some of their audience join us this week.**

7. **Reisterstown Community Cemetery Committee (1764 By John Reister) - Co-Chairs Linda Percy and Chris Larkins. Linda is not able to attend tonight. Her husband's barbershop chorus is performing at Oriole Park before the game and singing the national anthem.** Linda sent an email with topics she wanted discussed. Glenn attached it to the agenda and reviewed some of the items. Delegate Adrienne Jones offered a \$25,000 grant to continue the work on the walls and Linda is busy completing all the requirements to apply which is quite extensive. Also, Tina Johansson left the cemetery \$10,000 from her living revocable trust which was very generous. They plan to use the money to get latches for the gates to keep them closed and have Mathias Monuments repair one of the large monuments that is leaning. Also, we will now have insurance on the gates and the cemetery in general since they give tours at various events throughout the year. It is more cost effective to have a rider on the RIA policy and then pay us with their funds (approximately \$500 for both ideas). They will be participating with the library "A Toast with the Ghosts" again this year in October. Just a reminder that the cookbook recipe forms are available tonight and should be turned in by the end of September.

8. **"Bloomin ArtFest" Committee-Mark Stewart** – Planning for Bloomin' ArtFest 2017 begins Oct 4 at 6:00 pm at 321 Main Street. Please join us to plan and prepare for the next Bloomin' Art Fest. All are Welcome!

9. **The Franklin Precinct will have a representative attend tonight's meeting.** There were no police officers able to attend tonight.

10. **Facebook comments about Reisterstown – Music On Main Street, lost animals, what stores are coming to the Reisterstown Shopping Center, restaurant reviews, yard sales and crime** – These continue to be topics of discussion.

11. Old Business:

a. The benches on Main Street were refinished and all twenty were sanded, stained/painted at a cost of \$100 per bench and with 20 benches the total cost was \$2,000. They were stained a cedar color that closely matches the original color. We felt we should restore the color to its original finish since that's what the County approved several years ago. The painter painted the black metal sides with rustoleum gloss black. Two year guarantee. Painting Contractor was Guy's Professional Painting, Inc. They look great! - Dan said this was a good project, completed quickly and we still have some paint left for any necessary touch ups.

12. New Business

- a. There will be a meeting 9/1 at the Owings Mills Library for Red Run PUD in meeting room A @ 7:00pm
- b. Jimmy mentioned there was a discussion on Facebook about the students jaywalking when crossing the street. Others in the room mentioned this has been a problem for years.
- c. Mary Ellen announced the Taste of the Town event 10/20 will be hosted by Douron on Painters Mill Rd. for the 2nd year. It will be from 5:30-8:30pm with 20 restaurants at a cost of \$35 per ticket.
- d. Calvin talked about a flag ceremony at Owings Mills Volunteer Fire Department.
- e. Ernie handed out fliers for the Chartley Homeowners Association Crab Feast to be held 10/15 at the American Legion Hall.
- f. Kathy said Sue Keeney with Boy Scout Troop 143 spoke about looking for a project appropriate for about 10-15 boys ages 11 to 18. She asked us to think about some ideas for consideration. Kathy has received a couple of thoughts and would like more. One suggestion was to clean the stream that runs through Country Club Estates.
- g. Glenn announced there will be a morning meeting at 10am held Tuesday, October 11th @ Reter's Crabhouse. Some of the committees will be meeting at 9am. Please check with your chairperson.
- h. Mary passed around a signup sheet for shifts at the RIA booth during the Reisterstown Festival.
- i. Tina said she has Boscov discount tickets for \$5 each for a fundraiser at her synagogue and sisterhood if anyone is interested.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm-Submitted by Mary Molinaro

Volunteering Your Time

Volunteers form the backbone of our communities. They set the tone for our culture. Volunteering brings help and guidance to recipients and great satisfaction to the givers. It builds friendships, creates confidence and promotes natural leadership.

Thank you for attending tonight's meeting.

We will continue working with Jacob DeNobel -The Community Times, Michael Ruby with The Country Crier, Sarah Meehan with the Baltimore Business Journal, the Baltimore County Planning Department, Department of Economic Development, the County Executive's Office and the Main Street Maryland Program.

Phone Numbers for 2016 Officers and Board Members

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Linda Percy - Board /410-833-2062 or 410-244-6634
Dan Carey - Board / 410-833-3820
Maggie Herman - Board / 410- 833-5019 or 410 – 453 – 0490
Mark Stewart – Board / 410-241-1057
Irwin Kramer Board / 410-581-0070
Carin Smith – Board /410-746-2354
Charles Brittain – Board / 410-526-4443
Herb Weiss – Board / 410-526-5300
Pat Brooks – Board / 410-833-8215

Next Meeting

Tuesday, September 27 -7 PM at the Long and Foster Office at 321 Main St.

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