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Meeting Agenda – September 27, 2016 - 7 P.M.

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Attendance: Glenn Barnes, Danny Carey, Kathy Gambrell, Mary Molinaro, Herb Weiss, Maggie Herman, Tamara Schlossenberg, Kim Drapkin, Jimmy Roberts, Ernie Schmidhauser, Calvin Reter, John Barnard, Pat Brooks, Gini Trotti, Susan Rose, Ken Camper, Tina Asher, Veronica Beaver, Greg Klein, Mike Ruby, Bob Sammarco, Rev. Ivan Brooms, Irwin Kramer, Carin Smith, Lt. Doug McManus, Linda Percy, Michael Donnelly, Jonathan Schwartz, Barbara Burdette, Rob Johnson, Stephanie Boston

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President – Glenn Barnes
Vice President – Kathy Gambrell
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Danny Carey	Carin Smith
Mary Molinaro	Linda Percy
Maggie Herman	Irwin Kramer
Mark Stewart	Charles Brittain
Herb Weiss	Pat Brooks

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

Welcome Our Newest Members;

Joe Buccini

Family Podiatry – Dang Vu

- 1. Call to order –Introductions of those attending.** The meeting began at 7:05 pm.
- 2. Review of minutes from last meeting-** Glenn asked if everyone read the minutes and whether there were any corrections. The minutes were approved as written.
- 3. Treasurer’s report - Kim Drapkin-**The current bank balance is \$15,611.02. She also discussed the Profit & Loss Statement showing Income and Expenses and asked if there were any questions. We still will receive the remainder of the CRAG grant (\$2,500.00). Kim commented that in 2016 so far we received \$41.47 for the SMILE Amazon program and reminded everyone to go there to start their shopping . They should see that Reisterstown Improvement Association is the charity of their choice. If not, they should sign up.
- 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. The new members for September were as listed above. Joseph Buccini works on the Corn Roast Committee and Family Podiatry of Maryland LLC at 4 Glyndon Drive.
Renewals included:
 1. Pro Drum – Alan Czarnowski @ 218 Main Street
 2. Carin & Michael Paul Smith
 3. Herb Weiss of Reisterstown Physical Therapy @ 461 Main Street
 4. Craig Piette Landscaping
 5. Steven Reamer, CPA @ 316 Main Street

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.

The former Main Street Grille will reopen soon. 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 and added onto the front/side. Glenn said that he doesn't have an exact date yet but the owners are looking to open in the near future.

Weis Super Market replaced Food Lion at the Village Center. They will continue to make changes on the inside over the next few months. They kept most of the former employees of Food Lion. A comment was made by John and Pat that former employees stayed (90%) and kept the same seniority and benefits which was great news for not losing their jobs with the change.

Mondo's closed September 18, 2016. The building is for sale.

Kecco's will open in October. They have told those who called they will honor the special discounts which were mailed earlier and have an expiration date of October 16th since they have a later opening date than expected.

The property @ Chartley Drive and Main Street is under contract again. However, it is premature to make an announcement.

Royal Farms will open soon on the former Capt. Harvey's restaurant site. A comment was made that they are selling gas and working on completing the car wash.

4th District Councilman Julian Jones held a meeting recently at the Metro Center Library to discuss the Owings Mills Mall and rumors concerning Walmart wanting to build a Supercenter Store there. Any update? Jonathan said there is an expected announcement in about 3 weeks by Kimco. They should reveal their plan with multiple stores on the site. Again the thought of a Super Walmart was discussed. Stephanie commented that if it results in closing the Randallstown Super Walmart it will create a food desert along Liberty Road as the other food stores have closed.

Corn Roast – Saturday, October 1st at Reynolds Farm, 427 Cockeyes Mill Road? From 12-5? Free admission, food and drinks for sale. Rain date October 15, 2016. Mary passed around a sign up sheet asking for volunteers to spend time at our booth "Meeting & Greeting" others sharing our mission and vision.

Glenn directed everyone to a document attached to the agenda with 3 pages discussing a development called Chestnut Ridge which has been approved for zoning to build 40 homes with 3 or 5 acres. The expectation is home priced at \$3.5 million and the lots to cost \$700K near Broadway & Falls.

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 will be asking each Committee Chair to prepare their 2017 budget and share at the November board meeting. We can prepare a full budget to present in January to be approved. Discussed future fund raising ideas to accompany the tote bags and T-Shirts we sold in 2016. We have to date sold more than half of the shirts and have about 35 of the 150 Music on Main Street tote bags in stock. Other items will be discussed by those handling them later in the meeting including Historic Tours, Monday morning meetings, the Farmers Market and remaining Promotion events of Spooktacular, Small Business Saturday, and Holidays on Main Street. We will have setup a booth 36 times in 2016 marketing all the activities of RIA. We will start hanging the Reisterstown.com banner at the last few events to encourage website visits.

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. Irwin suggested that the Chamber of Commerce is also looking to fill their position and maybe we can find a person who will work collaboratively with their board and ours.

Design Committee - New Website Designer - Irwin Kramer

He spoke about planning a competition for the next banner design opening it to local groups and schools, and art schools even out of the area, etc. Design Guidelines for Main Street may be revisited to alleviate our concern of losing historic characteristics so there is some degree of urgency. We want new buildings to complement the existing buildings. He has spoken with Mary Ellen Morrison, President of the ROMG Chamber of Commerce who seems favorable to discussing the topic with the new ROMG board and encourage collaboration.

Clean, Safe and Green Committee -Dan Carey- Clean Main Street Day – Next one will be Saturday, October 1, 2016. Meet at Reter’s Crab House & Grille Parking lot at 9 AM. Danny said Kathy will be in charge of the event weather permitting.

Promotion Committee - Carin Smith-The committee met last Thursday . Spooktacular will be held Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bay Country will donate the use of a tent setup at 227 Main Street. Carin is looking for businesses to donate prizes and judges who will help around 11am. Reynolds Farm has said that we can use their corn stalks and hay bales to decorate around the signs and tents. Small Business Saturday and Holidays on Main Street will be held Saturday Nov. 26th. The next meeting will be 10/6 @ 4:30pm – place TBD. Signs for Spooktacular have been put up at Trinity Lutheran Church, corner of Cherry Hill Drive, and up on Butler Road. The Farmers Market signs will be coming down after the last event October 2nd.

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? Kim held a committee meeting and met with a person who is from the MD Department of Agriculture. They want to

expand the market to start the 1st weekend in June until the last weekend in October from 9am – 1pm. She thanked her group of helpers for all they did this season. Kathy thanked Kim and Tammy for heading the committee and taking responsibility for the event.

Grant Committee and Main Street Fixtures (Benches, Trash Receptacles and Planters) – Kathy Gambrill, Dan, Glenn and Linda. Special thanks to Linda Percy for preparing the grant again for us. Linda registered for the State grant writing workshop. Kim may try to also register even though we are now past the early registration discount. We have gotten grants the last 6 years for benches, trash directories as well as the concerts. Glenn delivered the 2017 grant request over to the county this week and thanked Linda for completing it.

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

Veronica introduced herself as Delegate Jay Jalisi’s assistant. She reported that they awarded about \$50,000 in scholarships to approximately 200 kids in school. They participated as a group in the Reisterstown Festival parade and have been working with Franklin Middle School at meetings to address safety concerns.

6. **Music on Main Street Committee -Dan Carey and Glenn – Our last summer concert was on September 16. The New Romance performed our last show of the summer and they broke our attendance record with almost 2100 people in attendance. We’d like to thank everyone who attended. They also attracted over 2000 people in July. We had a number of new guests for the concert and they have also commented positively on Facebook.** Glenn said that he believes the attendance across the summer was approximately 18,200. Calvin thanked the MOMS committee for the successful summer of concerts. There was discussion about other concert venues in the county. Feet on the Street in Towson is held on Allegheny Avenue which is a long rectangular space and it is difficult to see the band from the end of the area. It has a Beer Truck which we can’t do on the school property. Stephanie said that ours is more family friendly. Middle schoolers make plans to meet – a great “community event” and drinking changes the atmosphere. John spoke of how much our concerts empowers the town and makes people excited to participate. Jimmy said that all bands love to play here because of room and appreciate the efficient setup and take down after the concert. Glenn said that The New Romance is part of Live Nation and has jobs in Philly as well as at the Philmore in Silver Spring where they bring in about 2,000 like our concert.
7. **Reisterstown Community Cemetery Committee (1764 By John Reister) - Co-Chairs Linda Percy and Chris Larkins.** No one was here to give a report.
8. **“Bloomin ArtFest” Committee-Mark Stewart** – Mark was not here but everyone was reminded that the first planning for Bloomin’ ArtFest 2017 will be Oct 4 at 7:00 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.** Lieutenant McManus reported for the precinct. He says he reviews a weekly crime report and they are focusing on Robberies, Auto Thefts and Burglaries. To reduce theft from autos he would like to ask everyone to focus on locking their doors and not keeping valuables in cars. The shopping season is approaching and he wants

everyone to be extra careful. He said the police were assisting at Wegmans after their opening because the parking was very busy the first couple of weeks. Mission BBQ is scheduled to open Monday Oct. 24th and there will be a soft opening event 10/21 from 6-9pm. Proceeds will be split between the PCRC Councils in Reisterstown and Pikesville. He encouraged everyone to plan to attend. Mike Ruby asked if the department responds to homeless sleeping in the area. He suggested that you can call 410-887-6965 or the front desk 410-887-6975. They do come out to investigate and can try to ask about finding them a place (shelter). People commented that there is a gathering at the shopping center where Aldi is located under the bridge. He said they are aware of that issue; but, if you see something concerning to call 410-887-2222 which may be more helpful than 911. Glenn asked about helicopters up and flying about the area. It was explained that certain crimes will send up the helicopters and that sometimes it is a deterrent for patrolling during certain times. The helicopter is normally higher if just patrolling. Susan thanked him for stopping the trucks parking along Tarragon Road. Pat asked about any help with managing school traffic in the mornings and evenings as it is very hectic. He said that traffic flow is generally handled by each school.

10. Facebook comments about Reisterstown – Lost animals, what stores are coming to the Reisterstown Shopping Center, restaurant reviews, yard sales and crime, Wegmans, Foundry Row, Owings Mills Mall demolition, new Royal Farms store.

11. Old Business:

a. Ernie announced that he had fliers for the Chartley Homeowner Association's Crab Feast that will be held at the American Legion on Westminster Pike Saturday, October 15th. The tickets are \$35 per person

b. We will hold a morning meeting October 12 @ 10am located at Reters Crab House, 509 Main Street.

12. New Business

a. Kim made a motion that we support the Toast Among Ghosts event on October 8th with a Black Cat level of \$250.00 Susan seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

b. Jimmy said that Nature Care Pharmacy said they had signs taken and thought we as an organization had taken them. Jimmy was told it was probably ROG Coordinating Council which is trying to clear the area of illegal signs. We suggested that he tell the owner of Nature Care Pharmacy and suggest that they place any signs on personal property where they have permission and not on public areas where they are not permitted.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

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

Glenn Barnes – President / 410-833-5400 or 443-695-2308
Kathy Gambrell - Vice President / 410-979-8885 or 410-833-6551.
Kim Drapkin - Treasurer / 443-289-4447
Mary Molinaro - Secretary– Board / 410-908-0724 or 410-526-7190
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, October 11th @ 10am at Reters Crab House, 509 Main Street
Tuesday, October 25th @ 7 PM at the Long and Foster Office, 321 Main St.

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