

Reisterstown Improvement Association
P.O. Box 856
Reisterstown, Maryland 21136
Founded 1758

Meeting Agenda January 31, 2017 – 7 pm

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Attendance: Nancy Stevens, Betty Ann Rigney, Tina Asher, Mark Stewart, Kathy Gambrill, George Marshall, Susan Rose, Herb Weiss, Mike Ruby, Gini Troth, Dan Carey, Jimmy Roberts, Charlie Hoppa, Glenn Barnes, Rob Johnson, Kim Drapkin, Pat Brooks, Michael Donnelly, Mary Molinaro, Maggie Herman, Dave Powers, Corey Katz, Linda Percy, Craig Bober, Jay Jalisi, Irwin Kramer, John Barnard, Jonathan Schwartz.

2017 Officers: President Herb Weiss
Immediate Past President Glenn Barnes
Vice President Ernie Schmidhauser
Treasurer Kim Drapkin
Secretary Michael Donnelly

2017 Board of Directors: Maggie Herman Mary Molinaro
Mark Stewart Irwin Kramer
Linda Percy Justin Switzer
Pat Brooks Dan Carey
Kathy Gambrill Charlie Hoppa

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

Special Presentation - None

Police Report - None

Council Report – Budget season is coming up. April 13th will be the announced of the county budget. Budget year started July 1st. Reisterstown Elementary needs planning money to replace the school.

Delegate/Senate Report – Jay Jalisi spoke and mentioned. Guinness announced a new factory in Balt. County. 600,000 visitors claimed. Halethorpe is the property location. Three proposed laws: Property tax credit for 65+ residents. Utilities ask for deposit. Seniors exempt from deposit as long as they are paying the bill. Grandparents rights for visitation for grandchildren.

Call to Order – Introduction of those attending. Meeting began at 7:00pm.

Review of minutes from last meeting – Glenn asked if minutes had been read. Motion was made to accept minute and unanimous voice vote affirmed. Minutes entered as written.

Treasurer's report – Kim showed January budget so far, which had \$400 in which is good for that month. The overall amount is around \$16k. Also, Kim showed the budget for 2016 and expected for 2017 that was to be voted on later in the meeting.

Membership report – Kathy reported at last Board meeting, the decision was made to raise rates for the first time. It is now \$75 for businesses and \$35 for individuals, non-profits, churches, etc. Members can renew online at reisterstown.com

Review of our day meeting at Reter's on January 10,2017 with guest speaker Will from Baltimore County Economic Development. (Minutes are listed with other minutes on reisterstown.com)

President's report -

Baltimore County Code Enforcement role? Main Street and in the residential communities. Call 410-887-3351 for information. Glenn asked everyone to report to the number if they see anything.

The former Main Street Grille will reopen soon. The main part will be called Chicken Shack (charbroiled-peruvian style) and an add-on will server Open Pit Beef. The signs are up on the front of the building and covered. There is a hiring sign in the window. Opening soon! Glenn asked if anyone who knew anyone who needed work to stop by to check with them. They have had several hiring fairs they posted on Facebook.

The Wreathes that were on the lamp posts were taken down Saturday by Dan, Kathy, Michael, Herb and Dee! Special Thanks to all of them.

The Crisis Center is looking for donations. Call for hours. 410- 526- 7111 Always looking for donations. Non-perishable food and toiletries. Coats and blankets.

One our of our towns homeless men was recently seen outside the Dunkin Donuts across from the Bay Country on a bench and the police came and asked him to move. He ended up moving down to a bench near The Cow. Apparently he receives \$800 a month in benefits and does not want to go to a shelter. Someone on Facebook said his benefits change if he goes to a shelter. He is from Florida and apparently some people offered to pay for his plane ticket back there but he refused. Have not seem him for over a week.

I was recently asked to complete a survey about the Owings Mills Mall site and the area. It focused on the types of stores we would like to see come there and their Open Air/Avenue style design. Suggested stores I gave them were Lowe's, Kohl's, Costco, Dick's and Burlington, more restaurant and possibly a fast food. KimCo was stated to be the only owner of the property which is easier to do work for it. Questions were raised about the WalMart and the desire of several groups to keep the WalMart on Liberty Rd and the economic growth there. KimCo was said to be the largest shopping center owner in the country and more an owner of centers instead of a builder.

It's been an honor to serve the Reisterstown Improvement Association as President these past six years. We have accomplished a lot with numerous Main Street improvements and the continuation of the Bloom ArtFest after it was dropped as a project of the ROMG Chamber of Commerce. We have also enjoyed the success and development of “Music on Main Street” that draws thousands of people each summer and attracted just under 20,000 people in 2016. I hope the new officers and board members enjoy continued success.

We will have the election of officers a little bit later in the meeting. Proposed budgets were distributed for review before voting. An annual review for 2016 was also distributed.

Main Street Committees' reports

Organization Committee – Mary Molinaro

Fundraising ideas. What would people want to buy at booths. Tote bags and shirts are still left.

Grant writings, hopefully a committee.

Communication report. Facebook is working well. Youtube is working. Post and like things on Facebook. Soon there will be a stronger rollout of digital information.

Economic Restructuring Committee - TBD No name for committee head.

Design Committee - Irwin Kramer Major design initiative for Main Street Banners. On Reisterstown.com site. Colleges and schools have been notified.

7065 monthly visits for the site. 22,701 unique visitors for the 2016. 50k visits.

Advertisers: 150k-170k impressions.

Clean, Safe and Green Committee - Dan Carey Wreaths were taken on Main Street. Thank Kathy, Michael, Herb, Maggie and especially Dee who went above and beyond getting the wreaths. Cleanup on Main Street goes again on Saturdays. The businesses have been picking up more and more trash. After 5 years, it is said to be a lot less trash to pick up.

Promotion Committee – TBD No Promotion report.

Grant Committee N/A

Officer and Board Member comments No officer comments

Music on Main Street Committee Moving to Franklin Elementary

Reisterstown Community Cemetery Committee “Things are quiet at the cemetery”

The gate on the cemetery was fixed to solve a lean and put a latch on it. The company that repaired it, was one of the ones who did the old ironwork 100 years ago.

“**Bloomin' ArtFest**” If people want to help with one of the events. May13th is the event date.

Facebook Owings Mills Mall drone videos, Yard Sales, crime and restaurants.

Old Business N/A

New Business Glenn Barnes was given an award from Jonathan Schwartz on behalf of Vicki Almond.

Elections/Budget:

2017 Budget – Mary made motion, Mark seconded. Unanimous voice approval.

15 to 16 members Amendment – Mary made motion, Susan seconded. Unanimous voice approval.

Creation of Immediate Past President Officer Amendment – Mary made motion, Mark Seconded. Unanimous voice approval.

RIA members can be those with interest in Reisterstown Amendment – Mary made motion, Susan seconded. Unanimous voice approval.

Volunteers - non-board members who volunteered their time and talent in 2016 were named and presented with Certificate of Appreciation. Mary thanked Kathy Gambrill for printing the certificates for everyone

Election Nominations: The slate of Officers suggested by the Nominating Committee were named. For each office, the room was asked if anyone else wanted to be nominated. There were no other nominees. The results were as follows:

President – Herb Weiss – Unanimous
Vice President – Ernie Schmidhauser – Unanimous
Secretary – Michael Donnelly – Unanimous
Treasurer – Kim Drapkin – Unanimous
Past President – Glenn Barnes

At Large board members return - Maggie, Mark, Linda, and Pat.
New at large members – Kathy, Charlie – Unanimous voice approval.

Volunteering Your Time

Thank you for attending tonight's meeting.

Phone Numbers for 2017 Officers and Board Members

Herb Weiss – President / 443-225-8879
Glenn Barnes – Immediate Past President / 410-833-5400 or 443-695-2308
Ernie Schmidhauser – Vice President 410-833-0262
Kim Drapkin – Treasurer 443-289-4447
Michael Donnelly – Secretary 410-926-5584
Maggie Herman – Board 410-833-5019
Mark Stewart – Board 410-241-1057
Linda Percy – Board 410-833-2062
Pat Brooks – Board 410-833-8215
Kathy Gambrill – Board 410-833-6551
Charlie Hoppa – Board 410-526-5486

Next Meeting

Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 7pm at the Long and Foster Office – 321 Main St.

Agenda prepared by Herb Weiss, President
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