

Reisterstown Improvement Association, Inc.
Tuesday Morning Meeting Agenda & Minutes - April 4, 2017

1. Call to order- Welcome All! Thank you for attending today. The Tuesday Morning meetings are held quarterly and will focus on the Main Street business community. This is the second of four for 2017. The location and time is set to accommodate the business owner's schedule. All those interested are welcome to attend- individuals, residents and businesses. The regular RIA meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month-January through November, 321 Main Street at 7 pm. Open to all! **Kathy thanked all those attending and Brad Reter for hosting and Brandy for setting up for the meeting. She announced that Calvin Reter is having major surgery today**
2. Introduction of those attending: **Kathy Gambrill, Pat Brooks, Justin Switzer, Councilwoman Vicki Almond, Craig Coleman, Kathy Jones, Craig Bober, Sgt. Bill Ledley, Beverly Goldstein, Officer Willis, Ernie Schmidhauser**
3. RIA has five (5) Committees. Volunteers are needed and welcome to serve on any committee that most interests them. RIA appreciates new members, volunteers and ideas. Please contact the Chairperson for volunteer information and meeting times.
 1. **Organization-Mary Molinaro**-This committee works closely with other committees to plan budgets, monitor income and expenses and promote RIA at community events. **The purpose of Organization is to support Main Street merchants. The Vice President, Treasurer and Communications Director serve on this committee**
 2. **Promotion-Justin Switzer**-Plans and coordinates RIA's three major annual Main Street events that bring visitors and residents to Main Street. They are open and willing to create additional Main Street events. Share your ideas with them.
 3. **Economic Development-Open Position**-Works with the County Planning Dept and the Chamber of Commerce to encourage businesses to locate to Main Street
 4. **Design-Irwin Kramer**- Ideal for those who are interested in the look of Main Street and have an interest in preserving the historic character of the corridor. **The Design Committee is currently promoting a banner contest to design our next Main Street banners. Entries are due May 1, 2017-the grand prize is \$500. Details may be found at Reisterstown.com**
 5. **Clean, Safe & Green- Dan Carey**-Coordinates the monthly Main Street Clean-Up, works closely with the police concerning community safety and assists with traffic control and safety at annual Main Street events. **Many thanks to Boy Scout Troop 143, Trinity Lutheran Church, for helping the committee clean Main Street this past Saturday. The next clean up date is May 6. Meet at Reter's at 9 am. Gloves, vests and bags are provided.**

Comments:

Councilwoman Vicki Almond reports on a new initiative. She will tour neighborhoods and develop information about Code Enforcement issues/needs. Business is booming in Owings Mills. In addition to many stores opening at Foundry Row, Howard Brown is building a hotel at Metro Centre. Vicki is working with Councilman Julian Jones on the mall. She also invited all to her community event at Irvine Nature Center May 10. Planning has begun on improvements to the Reisterstown Shopping Center.

Craig Bober asked about the retail on Main Street and the inability to control property issues.

Kathy Jones suggested more destination places on Main St, e.g. paint & drink nights

Sgt Ledley and Officer Willis report crime continues to be low. Most car break-ins are due to unlocked cars. Bikes are being stolen-put your contact information on the seat post of your bike for easy ID.

Reisterstown is featured in the April issue of Baltimore Magazine in "The Battle of the Burbs". Sign in and vote daily, for Reisterstown

Beverly Goldstein asked about dealing with political candidates. RIA remains neutral

4. Please welcome our guest speaker-Mr. Justin Switzer, Librarian and Outreach Person at the Reisterstown Branch of the Baltimore County Public Library. **Justin introduced himself and said he was looking forward to being the Promotions Chairman for 2017. He handed out a "Save the Dates" list for all RIA events for 2017. His first event is The Peeps Contest, April 8-14 and Eggstravaganza, on April 15. He reminded us that the library will provide free promotion of your event when you work with their staff.**
5. If you have suggestions for future speakers or would like to focus on specific concerns, please share today or contact me. I will try to find the appropriate guest to address issues that interest you.
6. The goal of all of our Main Street events is to have fun and bring residents, shoppers and visitors to Main Street to **"Stop, Shop, Stroll & Dine"**
7. The next monthly RIA meeting is Tuesday, April 25 at 321 Main Street at 7 pm.
8. Future *morning meetings* are set for July 11 and October 10. All take place at Reter's Crab House & Grille, 509 Main Street, Reisterstown at 10 am. They will last one hour
9. If you have an interest in serving on a committee, the contact information is below. Feel free to contact any of our officers or board members with questions or suggestions

10. For all the latest news, calendar, member information and upcoming events, visit our website, Reisterstown.com, daily. It's always current and up to date with news you need

Thank you for attending today and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Kathy Gambrell

Kathy Gambrell, Membership Chairman/Board Member

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