

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

**Meeting Agenda – April 25, 2017 - 7 P.M.**

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Attendance: Herb Weiss, Ernie Schmidhauser, Kim Drapkin, Glenn Barnes, Mary Molinaro, Mark Stewart, Linda Percy, Pat Brooks, Gini Trotti, John Barnard, Ken Campers, Dennis Klein, Tina Asher, Bob Sannarco, Emily & Jason Kenlaw, Jonathan Schwartz, Kamilla Usmanova, Monica Chicluza, Beverly Fishman

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**President – Herb Weiss**  
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**Danny Carey     Charlie Hoppa**  
**Mary Molinaro     Linda Percy**  
**Irwin Kramer     Kathy Gambrell**  
**Justin Switzer     Mark Stewart**  
**Pat Brooks     Maggie Herman**

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

**Welcome Our Newest Members;**

1. **Call to order –Introductions of those attending.** The meeting began at 7:05 pm.
2. **Review of minutes from last meeting-** The minutes were not yet posted on the website so we will have to wait until next month to review and approve them.
3. **Treasurer’s report - Kim Drapkin-**The current bank balance is \$22,774.44. She distributed copies of the Profit & Loss Statement showing Income and Expenses and asked if there were any questions. We have received the first 75% of the CRAG grant and sent deposits for the bands for Music on Main Street so doing fine. She said the PEEPS contest had 10 entries and with the votes she deposited \$155 which is the best we have had for the last couple of years. Congratulations to Justin.
4. **Membership Report – Kathy Gambrell – Renewals & New Members \$35 yr for individuals and non profit organizations, schools and churches and \$75/yr for businesses. One benefit of membership is a listing on the website membership directory. We thank our renewing members:**
  - Future Care Cherrywood / Marla Bosley 12020 Reisterstown Road
  - St. Johns Properties
  - Hair Plus / Kathy Bell 209 Main Street
  - Long and Foster Realtors / Glenn Barnes 321 Main Street
5. **President’s Report - Herb Weiss**

**Arlon’s is preparing to open in the Chartley Shopping Center and has begun to advertise. At last, we can find lamb vindaloo and samosas on Main Street.** Herb said the cuisine is American, Italian, and Indian and he is looking forward to having an Indian option. Jonathan recommended Chicken Tikka Masala “it’s great”

**See the shopping center article attached to the agenda.** It is an article discussing the Greenberg Gibbons developments including Reisterstown Shopping Center. Jonathan said they are in negotiations with a possible anchor store. Mary asked about the conflicting stories of a façade redo vs. completely taking down the buildings. Jonathan said that will depend on the tenant's needs when they finalize the lease contract. Greenberg Gibbons is planning to market heavily at the Vegas show next month for shopping centers.

**Cards, Comics, and Collectibles is reportedly planning to move from Chartley Center to the former Bay County Rentals site.**

**Got a zoning violation complaint? Code enforcement info: 410-887-3351.** Jonathan also said that Councilwoman Vicki Almond's office will be willing to submit issues if you don't want to have your name involved when you see a violation.

**Bay Country will be closing soon and they have a buyer for their property. They are selling their inventory through December.**

### **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-** We held a meeting last Wednesday reviewing the financial information with Kim. We also talked about the new item that will be sold for 2017. We have two samples of blankets to consider and will make a decision at the board meeting next week and purchase a small number in time for the first concert. The cost will most likely range between \$15 and \$20. We are on target with more than half of the 2016 sponsors paid and one new one for this year. Kathy is hoping to organize at least one historic tour of a building this year. Mary wants to talk with Justin about involving restaurants with fund raisers to support his events so we can showcase a few of them.

### **Economic Restructuring Committee --(vacant)**

**Design Committee - New Website Designer - Irwin Kramer - Check out our site at [Reisterstown.com](http://Reisterstown.com) for news, announcements, and other local information.** Herb said that Irwin received one design submission and is working on a plan.

**Clean, Safe and Green Committee -Dan Carey- Clean Main Street Day – Next one will be Saturday, May 6, 2017. Meet at Reter's Crab House & Grille Parking lot at 9am, grab a trash bag and some gloves and help keep Main Street tidy and welcoming. You never know what you might find ...** Herb said that a boy scout troop helped last month and Susan Keeney's troop wants to help in a future month and work on the street south of Chartley.

**Promotion Committee – Justin Switzer – Report on the Peeps contest and Eggstravaganza over the Easter holiday.** Justin was unable to attend tonight but sent a report that he had 10 entries and he was happy with the attendance. He was disappointed that they finished early but we assured him that all who attended

were happy. Dennis said he came with his children and had fun and Pat said that we had a lot of interest at the information table about what RIA does for the town.

**Grant Committee and Main Street Fixtures (Benches, Trash Receptacles and Planters) – Kathy Gambrill, Dan, Glenn and Linda. Linda and Chris Larkins were helpful to St. Lukes Church in securing a construction bond from the State.**

Linda said the bond was to complete the restoration of the Odd Fellows building next to the church. It is a General Bond which means it isn't from a specific organization. They were not awarded a grant like before from the MD Historic Society. The bond has a value of \$200K. Ken came at the end of the meeting and repeated the story.

**Farmers Market** – Kim reported that they will be ready for the first Sunday of June (4<sup>th</sup>) from 9am – 1pm. She has returning vendors as well as added new produce vendors and bakery vendor. The setup will be along Main Street from Bransfield Motors down to 225 Main Street. She will hold a committee meeting in May. They have a new Facebook page Reisterstown Farmers' Market RIA so please like it and visit often.

**Officers and Board Member comments?**

**Charlie Hoppa asked about notifying Cockeys Mill Rd. residents about concert times, parking, and possible traffic issues for them.**

**Politician Reports:**

Jonathan reported that Vicki Almond will be holding an event May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Irvine Nature Center. The County Council is now focused on reviewing and approving the budget for next year. On a fun note, she has been busy throwing out the first pitch at local little league games.

**Attendees Reports:**

Jason introduced himself as a board member of the Community Crisis Center would like to find ways to work with us for compatible projects and anticipate joining the organization shortly.

Dennis introduced himself as a board member of ROMG Chamber of Commerce and hopes to attend and be a liaison for finding ways we can work together to better Main Street.

6. **Music on Main Street Committee - Dan Carey and Glenn –First Friday concert is scheduled for May 26 @ Franklin Elementary School. The remaining schedule is set and it will be another great season of summer music.** Glenn announced that the first band scheduled for May 26<sup>th</sup> (Under the Covers) now has a conflict and a band named Trilogy will perform in their place.
7. **Reisterstown Community Cemetery Committee (1764 By John Reister) - Co-Chairs Linda Percy and Chris Larkins.** Linda said they have applied for a small grant with Preservation Maryland – they approached an ironwork company that did work there 150 years ago and got a bid. They will start with the ironwork around 3 families (Duckert, Dwyer, and Harris). Kim asked if there will be a Memorial Day ceremony this year and Linda said there still need to be final plans so she is not ready to announce details. We suggested that they post it on the website calendar.
8. **“Bloomin ArtFest” Committee-Mark Stewart – May 13, 2017 @ Franklin Elementary School 10am – 5pm [www.bloominartfest.com](http://www.bloominartfest.com)**  
**Talk to Mark about helping out that day if you have some time.** Mark asked everyone to take some raffle tickets to sell – great chance for 2 tickets for 4 games

including parking passes. He said we had our meeting just before the RIA meeting and are on target for the event. We can always use volunteers for setup /takedown.

9. **The Franklin Precinct Police Report – Capt. Dave Folderauer has been invited to speak or send a representative to discuss police issues and take questions.**

10. **Facebook comments about Reisterstown –**

11. **Old Business:**

12. **New Business**

**Chartley Night at Reter's Crab House – Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. A portion of the day's proceeds will benefit the neighborhood Association. Also, there will be a 3 neighborhood yard sale (Chartley, Country Club, and Chartleytowne) on April 29 and May 6.** Mary talked about the boundaries of the 3 communities so everyone knows where to drive to see the homeowners who will be placing their items for sale in their driveways.

**Pat Brooks – Neighbors Helping Neighbors program and bicycle handout.**

Pat reported that she has been attending classes the last few weeks. They have been studying what to do in an emergency and the importance of being prepared, know where to go, have a go bag ready, an emergency kit for pets and handed out a flier about Bike Theft Prevention. She suggested Terry Sapp could be invited to one of our meetings or a community association meeting and does a great job explaining the steps. Jonathan said that the JCC in Owings Mills has a generator and is a facility to go in an emergency. Ernie may contact Terry about participating in the NNO celebration which is always scheduled for the first Tuesday of August in the lower area of the Chartley Shopping Center from 6:30pm – 8:30pm and it focuses on safety and preparedness.

**Tina** announced there will be 2 events in Glyndon this weekend at Black Eyed Susan and Tickled Pink and The Boxwood Collection.

13. Herb asked if there was a motion for adjournment. Mark made a motion, Tina 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was unanimously approved at 8:30pm

### **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 2017 Officers and Board Members**

**Herb Weiss – President / 443-226-8879**  
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**Linda Percy - Board /410-833-2062 or 410-327-3500**  
**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**  
**Justin Switzer – Board /410-746-2354**  
**Charlie Hoppa – Board /410-526-5486**  
**Kathy Gambrill - Board / 410-979-8885 or 410-833-6551.**  
**Pat Brooks – Board / 410-833-8215**  
**Mary Molinaro - Board / 410-908-0724 or 410-526-7190**

**Next Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at 7 PM at the Long and Foster Office - 321 Main St.**

**Agenda prepared by Herb Weiss, President (443-226-8879)**

**Minutes prepared by Mary Molinaro, (Cell 410-908-0724)**

**This month's amazing trivia: The Vatican Bank permits ATM transactions to be conducted in Latin.**

**Bonus: There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.**