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Meeting Agenda – August 29, 2017 - 7 P.M.

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Attendance: Herb Weiss, Ernie Schmidhauser, Glenn Barnes, Mary Molinaro, Mark Stewart, Linda Percy, Pat Brooks, Kathy Gambrill, Irwin Kramer, Gini Trotti, Dave Powers, Jonathan Schwartz, Victoria Venable, Susan Rose, Betty Ann Rigney, Claire Shutt, Karen Coppersmith, Mike Ruby, Greg Klein, Ellen Smith, Rick Yaffe, Justin Switzer, Eric Thompson, Leanne Tennant, Mike Reiner, Dave Powers, Tina Asher, Kinsey Gill, Sally Shapiro,

2017 Officers:
President – Herb Weiss
Vice President – Ernie Schmidhauser
Secretary – Michael Donnelly
Treasurer – Kim Drapkin
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Danny Carey Charlie Hoppa
Mary Molinaro Linda Percy
Irwin Kramer Kathy Gambrill
Justin Switzer Mark Stewart
Pat Brooks

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

1. **Call to order –Introductions of those attending.** The meeting began at 7:00 pm. Herb started the meeting introducing Lt. Rohde and Corporal Steve Iman representing Franklin District 3. First they announced that Capt. Folderauer has moved to another district as an Acting Major and Lt. McManus will take on the role of Acting Captain in his place. The first topic discussed was the homeless situation in town and in particular Daniel McMullin who had an issue at The Cow this past Thursday night going into Friday morning. Lt. Rohde said there are multiple trespassing violations on his record and it is important for everyone to call 911 if he is on their property and not moving along the street. He said the police are trying to continually make him move along as he has refused every offer for services which are available in Baltimore County and refuses to go to a shelter. Pat spoke about several recent issues reported in the Community Times and on Facebook but the officers didn’t have any information to report. Gregg, whose job involves forensics, said that he in fact is working on one situation which is assigned to Detective Duvall. Herb asked Dave to report on his information who as director of the Chartley COP program is in touch with the police department. Dave reported about the poor juvenile behavior in the area we have seen for the last 18 months from disrespect for School Crossing Guards, egging incident at the T-Mobile store last week both inside and outside the store. The store cameras have pictures of the 14-15 year olds and they have been shared on Facebook. Neither police officer knew of the incident and said they didn’t see a report before coming to the meeting. Dave said there were two separate visits by pairs of police officers and he’ll try to get the case number and forward pictures which are already on Facebook and have been given to the manager of Chartleytowne. She says if she can find them their families will be evicted as they have a “no tolerance” policy in their leases.
2. **Review of minutes from last meeting-** Mark motioned and Ernie seconded and the July minutes were approved.
3. **Treasurer’s report - Kim Drapkin**-absent from the meeting due to computer problems and no report was submitted.

4. **Membership Report** – Kathy Gambrill – 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 Reisterstown.com website with contact info, hours, and a brief business description. Renewals for this month:

Marilynn Gordon and Mark Stewart	
Mary and Craig Whitcraft	
Peter Ferra, M.D.	405 Main Street
Franklin High School	12000 Reisterstown Road
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church	109 Main Street
Greenberg Gibbons	Reisterstown Shopping Center
Van Dorn Pools and Spas	107 Main Street
Reisterstown/Owings Mills/Glyndon Chamber of Commerce	
Sue Kessler	

Kathy thanked everyone who joined new and renewed.

5. **President's Report** – Herb Weiss – he said that everyone could read the report and some items we have already discussed. He moved on to the Committee reports.

There have been several incidents reported recently that have us concerned, including vandalism (and more) at the Chartley T-Mobile store, problems with young persons in the streets of Chartley , and ongoing issues with a homeless man who has become a blight on Main Street. I had a long conversation with Lt. McManus, who has assumed many of Capt. Folderauer's duties at Franklin Precinct. He told me the police cannot use Facebook due to County-mandated anti-virus precautions and that all reports/complaints need to be called in to the precinct. He is familiar with the homeless man and will speak to his out-reach person, Sgt. Lendly, about finding a way to mitigate this situation using any legal means. The shift commander, Lt. Jeff Rohde, will be here tonight and Lt. McManus pledged he would attend our future meetings.

Ristorante Firenze donated a portion of their sales to RIA following the fundraising event last month. Many thanks to the Leonardi brothers.

Vicki Almond, our 2nd District Councilperson, toured Main Street during our last Clean Main Street Day. She was apprised of various items of concern. Jonathan Schwartz will address some of those if he is available tonight.

The storage shed behind the Cow received a new roof a few weeks ago. Our crew included Charlie Hoppa, Ernie Schmidhauser, Dave Powers, and foreman Mark Stewart. It is now watertight and only requires a paint job to be complete.

Arlon's opened in the Chartley Shopping Center and is dishing out subs, pizza, pasta, and some pretty good Indian food. Tandoori chicken, anyone?

Chick fil-A is nearly ready to open in the Reisterstown Shopping Center.

Got a zoning violation complaint? Code enforcement info: 410-887-3351

Main Street Committees Reports

We have several 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- last Wednesday we held our monthly meeting to review the financial information and help Kim be prepared to report tonight. Updated financial reports comparing budget to actual items were distributed to the chairpeople of the committees before their meetings. Our remaining booth setups include The Reisterstown Festival and we need help at various time slots. Please see me at the end of the meeting to sign up if you can help. Jonathan was emailed a request to inform code enforcement about items on the list given to Vicki Almond during the walk. He said he is not ready to report on it tonight but will let us know shortly. An email was sent to Ben Hyman who is the executive director of Historic Pigtown to setup a meeting and discuss his efforts. It will most likely be some day in September. Mike discussed the various ways we advertise in print and social media and ideas he would like to implement in 2018. We discussed the ways we work with other organizations in the area. United Church which is expecting to open their doors soon at Owings Mills High School has supported RIA several times this year including helping vendors at Bloomin' ArtFest, Mary thanked Ernie for meeting a service group that came from North Carolina to Reisterstown and one day helped Emory Grove in Glyndon, one day the Community Crisis Center and one day cleaning the trash out of the stream bed that starts behind the shed behind The Cow. Ernie then hauled everything to the dump. United Church, while a vendor at the music concerts twice, ran a children's game area that was enjoyed by all. They also helped at NNO to setup tables and chairs and put them away at the end of the event. They are now asking for help at a November 18th event where they will package 10,000 meals in 2 hours. We have been handing out their cards at our events. Justin had a meeting with the new principal at FMS who expressed an interest to work with the library and possibly RIA to get a new sign in front of the school. We talked about possibly reaching out to other service organizations and help fund raise after the principal is able to get a few quotes and share his design. Mary also thanked the Chamber for participating at the Friday night concerts. We also started a discussion on Fall Giving Projects and ways to market the "Stop, Shop, Stroll & Dine" along Main Street. We discussed plans to take advantage of Giving Tuesday which is the Tuesday after Thanksgiving since we are a 501(c)3 organization. While we have gotten slightly more from Amazon Smile in 2017, we need to advertise further. Gini Trotti asked me to send her the information and she will put it into the Senior Center Newsletter.

Economic Restructuring Committee --(vacant) -

Design Committee - Irwin Kramer - Banner sales continue. The newly redesigned banners, 2 years for \$222, will be installed at years-end on the decorative lampposts along Main Street. Deadline for orders is Labor Day – soon! Irwin said it is important for everyone to place their order as he is holding to the deadline date. Some applications were handed out and online purchasing is easy. He is working on contacting those who currently have banners. Mike Ruby asked how many had been sold to date? Mary said 24. Mike asked how many are currently hanging? Mary said 57.

Clean, Safe and Green Committee -Dan Carey- Clean Main Street Day – Next one will be Saturday, September 2nd, 2017. Meet at Reter's Crab House & Grille parking lot at 9 AM. Join the fun and help keep Main Street looking good. Danny was absent. Pat reminded everyone that we have bags, gloves, and reflective vests. She also thanked Kathy for planting flowers in our planter, it looks nice. Pat added brochures to the holders now installed on our Main Street directory and has some with her if anyone would like it.

Promotion Committee – Justin Switzer – reported that the committee is working on plans for Spooktacular which will be held Saturday, October 28th before Halloween. He is hoping to have it on the property in front of FMS. He plans to have a Pumpkin painting/decorating contest similar to the PEEPS contest. He'll have more details at the next meeting. Herb asked if there were any dates set for future restaurant fundraisers. Justin said that he is looking to potentially arrange something in October at Reter's and possibly . He said they are tentatively planning for Holidays on Main Street to be held December 2nd. Details to follow. He has met with the new principal, Brian Schiffer, of Franklin Middle School. He seems to be a driving force for literacy programs. The library is working with Forbush School. They are working on a program where they will get river rocks from Glyndon Gardens and the students will decorate and place them in front of member businesses. The rocks will have inspirational says and they plan to use #Reisterstown Rocks. Justin announced the Toast Among Ghosts event to be held October 7th. It is an adult event and tickets can be purchased online. There will be two people imitating figures. One is Edgar Allen Poe and the other John Reister. A new contest in conjunction with this event is called "Tales of the Dead" Both teens and adults can compose and submit a Ghost Story and possibly win a prize. On Sept. 7th there is a program at the library about being a Forensic scientist.

Grant Committee and Main Street Fixtures (Benches, Trash Receptacles and Planters) – Kathy Gambrill, Dan, Glenn and Linda. Ernie and others will meet with County planners regarding community and business development/revitalization programs which could be directed toward Reisterstown and Main Street. Herb said he's hopeful to learn something about grant writing and searching for them from Ben Hyman who has been very successful doing this in Pigtown.

Communications Director – Michael Donnelly – absent from the meeting

Farmers' Market—Kim Drapkin Kim was not at the meeting and Mary reminded everyone that the market will be held every Sunday until October 15th. Irwin said he got some great vegetables last Sunday and encouraged others to come. Betty announced that October 9th @ 7pm the committee will hold a planning meeting for 2018 at her house, 170 Glyndon Trace Drive.

Officers and Board Member comments?

Legislative Reports:

Jonathan reported for Vicki Almond. The Superintendent, Dr. White will be at FMS for opening day next Tuesday.

Victoria reported for Ben Brooks, delegate for 10th District. They are busy preparing for issues when the January 2018 session opens. Ben will hold a Financial Literacy Fair, October 12th at Owings Mills Library. Eric Thompson said that he is working with Ben in his role at BB&T with community outreach.

-Mike Ruby said he didn't have anything to report on zoning this month. Mary said that last month at the ROG monthly meeting it was reported that the developer trying to put a 4 store strip mall in the grass area between Clinical Associates and Mr. Tire was denied one of the available liquor licenses by the liquor board. The developer is unsure about building the stores now.

- 6. Music on Main Street Committee - Dan Carey and Glenn** – Glenn reported that they are still trying to return to FMS now that school is opening and the air conditioning project is completed. He has spoken to the principal who says he would love to have us hold events at the school. He asked Jonathan to see if he could do anything to help get a facilities permit approved. He thanked Franklin

Elementary School for being such a good host to our 2017 events. The committee met last week and voted not to have concerts in October because it would be cold and too dark. We also didn't want to have the concerts on the last two Fridays of September because of the conflict with Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. That means we will only be able to make up 2 of the 3 rained out concerts. The plans now are
Sept. 1st – Chuggalug
Sept. 8th – Dave DeMarco Band
Sept. 15th – The New Romance
Saturday, Sept. 23rd from 2pm – 5pm Code Red

7. **Reisterstown Community Cemetery Committee (1764 By John Reister) - Co-Chairs Linda Percy and Chris Larkins.** Linda reported that she met with Abby Cooley at the library to discuss how they will participate in the Toast Among Ghosts event October 7th.
8. **“Bloomin ArtFest” Committee-Mark Stewart – www.bloominartfest.com**
Mark reported that the first planning meeting for the 2018 event will be September 26th at 6pm just prior to our monthly meeting. Amy Donnelly has prepared a possible new website and we will be analyzing that as well.
9. **The Franklin Precinct Police Report**— report was given at the beginning of the evening.
10. **Facebook comments about Reisterstown** – None were mentioned.
11. **Old Business—**
Future restaurant fundraisers?
Welcome sign(s)?
12. **New Business- The next Board meeting will be Tuesday, September 5, at Long and Foster Realtors, time to be determined.**

We need members to man the R.I.A booth at the Reisterstown Festival, both Saturday and Sunday. Please see Mary Molinaro to sign up.

Some of us hope to tour Pigtown next month with their Main Street Manager, Ben Hyman, to gather ideas we might implement here. We will report back next month.

Sally Shapiro announced that their event Taste of the Town will be held October 19th from 5:30pm to 8:00pm @ CCBC

Mary reminded everyone that announcement has been made that the Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Site has been moved to Hunt Valley instead of the Eastern Landfill effective September 1st.

Mary announced the Blue Water Baltimore will be holding a “Gwynn Falls Water Quality Trends Community Meeting.” There are two opportunities. One will be Sept. 7th from 6pm-8pm at their downtown office 2631 Sisson Street and the other Saturday, Sept. 9th from 10am – 12pm at Irvine Nature Center, 11201 Garrison Forest Rd.

Dave Powers announced that Chartley will be holding their Annual Crab Feast October 7th and he has tickets for anyone interested. He had filers to hand out .

Attached to the back of the Agenda were 3 pages with contact information with Baltimore County focusing on District 2.

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
Ernie Schmidhauser - Vice President / 410-833-0262
Kim Drapkin - Treasurer / 443-289-4447
Michael Donnelly – Secretary / 410-926-5584
Glenn Barnes – Immediate Past President / 410-833-5400 or 443-695-2308
Linda Percy - Board /410-833-2062 or 410-327-3500
Dan Carey - Board / 410-833-3820
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, September 26, 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 for Michael Donnelly, Secretary, (410-926-5584)

This month's amazing trivia: Vincent Van Gogh sold only one painting during his lifetime – to his brother

Bonus trivia: Jupiter, the largest planet, is composed entirely of gases. Its "giant red spot" is like a tornado and is three times the size of Earth.