

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

**Meeting Agenda/Minutes – May 31, 2016 – 7 P.M.**

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**2016 Officers:**

**President – Glenn Barnes**  
**Vice President – Kathy Gambrell**  
**Secretary – Mary Molinaro**  
**Treasurer – Kim Drapkin**

**2016 Board of Directors:**

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| <b>Danny Carey</b>   | <b>Carin Smith</b>      |
| <b>Mary Molinaro</b> | <b>Linda Percy</b>      |
| <b>Maggie Herman</b> | <b>Irwin Kramer</b>     |
| <b>Mark Stewart</b>  | <b>Charles Brittain</b> |
| <b>Herb Weiss</b>    | <b>Pat Brooks</b>       |

**“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.** Meeting started at 7:05pm  
Attendees – Glenn Barnes, Kathy Gambrell, Kim Drapkin, Tamara Schlossenberg, Mary Molinaro, Pat Brooks, George Marsalek, Mike Ruby, Susan Rose, Betty Ann Rigney, Nancy Severns, Jimmy Roberts, Adrienne Jones, Ben Brooks, Theresa Brooks, Jay Jalisi, Vicki Almond, Cindy Blum, Tina Asher, Linda Percy, Calvin Reter, Kinsey Gill, Carin Smith, Mary Ellen Morrison, Ernie Schmidhauser, Tony Baysmore, John Barnard, Rob Johnson, Sgt. Mike Harvey, Mike Chiosi
- 2. Review of minutes from last meeting** There were no suggested changes to last month’s minutes. Kim made a motion, Adrienne seconded it, and they were unanimously approved as written.
- 3. Treasurers report – Kim Drapkin** distributed the Balance Sheet as of May 31, 2016 and the Profit & Loss Report for the month of May as well as Year to Date for 2016 were distributed. Kim explained the values on each report and our balance as of that date is \$21,407.70.
- 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 Stuart Zaller from Family Dentistry @ 458 Main Street, Bloomin’ ArtFest – Mark Stewart Chairman, Maggie Hermann from Things You Love @ 234 Main Street,

Reisterstown Kiwanis Club, and Genova's To Go @ 13022 Old Hanover Road for renewing their memberships. New members last month include: The Village of Chartletowne @ 401 Chartley Park Drive, Stacy Gillis with Advanced Video Systems @ 424 Main Street, and Betty Ann Rigney.

## 5. **President's Report**

**Troy Leftwich the CRAG Grant representative for the Baltimore County Department of Planning left the County on May 27<sup>th</sup> and has taken a position with Montgomery County. Troy was great to work with while he was working on the County Grants and we wish him much success in the future. The balance of this year's Grant (\$2500) will be paid in September after the summer concert series ends.**

**Baltimore County Code Enforcement role? Main Street and in the residential communities. Call 410-887-3351 for information.** Glenn asked if anyone had made a report and whether there were issues of concern on Main Street. Pat reminded everyone that they could go online as well and file a complaint and then follow the progress.

**Raffle tickets to benefit the Bloomin ArtFest are still available. Prize is 2 terrace box tickets plus a parking pass (for 4 games) to park on the lot between Oriole Park and M&T Bank Stadium where the Ravens play. The dates on the games are July 23<sup>rd</sup>, August 3, August 31 and September 16. The drawing will be on June 24<sup>th</sup> at the next "Music on Main Street" concert.**

**Owings Mills Mall owner (Kimco Realty Co.) gives a glimpse of the vacant mall's future. The International Council of Shopping Centers convention was held in Las Vegas recently. The new design was presented there and it shows a series of 16 retail pads surrounded by parking and green space. A number of these pad sites can be combined for future tenants who need a larger space.**

**Mars grocery store will be closing the end of July at Reisterstown Shopping Center. Hopefully they will have a purchaser for their store and their employees can hopefully get jobs with the new grocery store. Greenberg Gibbons has a business relationship with several well known grocery chains. Harris Teeter and Trader Joes are two stores they have worked with in the past and neither one is in the area currently. The current store would have to be enlarged or relocated in the center for Harris Teeter as their stores are larger than Mars.**

## **Main Street Committee 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** – at our May 25<sup>th</sup> committee meeting we reviewed the reports from Quickbooks and the budget vs. actual reports for our committees which have their own budgets (Bloomin' ArtFest and Music on Main Street). We have received a portion of the CRAG grant. However, both Linda and Glenn said they hadn't heard from anyone whether we have been approved for the Arts Grant. We discussed that Kim is going to sign up for the Square reader that can be attached to a smart phone and then we can accept credit cards for items sold from the booth when we setup. We discussed the 2016 items to sell. It will most likely be a T-shirt with the new design, either dark shirts with white letters or light shirts with dark letters. We will be ready by the first summer concert.

## **Economic Restructuring Committee** – **New Chairperson TBD**

**Design Committee** – **New Website Designer** – **Irwin Kramer** Irwin was unable to attend this evening and Glenn read his email report. He said that he is almost ready for a formal launch in the form of a mass email. He plans to configure the site to accept Paypal Payments on the site so that people can pay their membership dues online. Under new business we will make a motion on his behalf to have Kim as treasurer give him the necessary banking information and discuss adding a fee to those who pay online to cover the service charges in the amount of \$2.50 making their membership fee \$27.50. He is working on a few technical issues before announcing the launch and is looking for committees to provide content so that it remains interesting for people when they visit.

**Clean, Safe and Green Committee** – **Dan Carey** – **Clean Main Street Day** – **Next one will be Saturday, June 4, 2016. Meet at Reter's Crab House & Grille Parking lot at 9 AM.** Dan was absent.

**Promotion Committee** – **Carin Smith** – Carin reported that flags were placed in front of businesses along Main Street before the concert Friday night and will be placed again for the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend and Labor Day weekend concerts. The next meeting of the committee to discuss the fall Spooktacular and Holidays on Main Street events will be Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> @ 4pm at the library. All are invited to attend and help with these events.

**Officers and Board Member comments? None**

- 6. Music on Main Street Committee – Dan Carey and Glenn – The Memorial Day Weekend concert held last Friday attracted just over 1,000 people. Troop 634 presented the colors and their leader led the Pledge of Allegiance with everyone standing. We appreciate their participation. We might have a 4<sup>th</sup> of July presentation by the Franklin High School JROTC TBD! The band Crushing Day were outstanding and close to 60 people have responded on Facebook to the concert and quality of our band. We had a number of new guests for the concert and they have also commented positively on Facebook.** Glenn said the committee will meet on Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 4:30pm at Long & Foster. Glenn said that the Boy Scouts did a great job and may be used again in the future. He heard from the JROTC that only one member was available and during the summer it may be even more difficult. For the same reason a suggestion was made for Glenn to contact the scout master for the group they used this time to get on their calendar.
- 7. Reisterstown Community Cemetery Committee (1764 by John Reister) – Co-Chairs **Linda Percy and Chris Larkins** – Linda and Susan both said the Memorial Day service was well attended and they think it was helped by the announcement made on Channel 11 and the article in the Community Times. Susan said she was asking people who were new how they heard about the event. Scott Shellenberger performed. The cemetery committee plans to put together a Cookbook with local recipes as a fundraiser for RIA. They will have fliers with description on one side and the recipe form required by the publisher on the other side. She asked everyone to be sure to print clearly. The forms will be available at all the concerts and a suggestion was made that it be uploaded to the website.**
- 8. “Bloomin’ Art Fest” Committee – Mark Stewart –**  
Mark was not at the meeting. Mary thinks that there will be a wrap up meeting after the raffle winner is drawn and we will have the final numbers for the event. Once the date is determined we will put it on the website calendar and all are welcome to attend. A suggestion was made that we also put tablecloths on the tables used in the Kid’s Area as they had a lot of drawing marks when put away. Also, that we plan traffic coverage should the police be called away for an emergency.
- 9. Capt. David Folderauer, Commander of the Franklin Precinct is away. Sgt. Mike Harvey will attend tonight’s meeting.** Sgt. Harvey said the last couple of months there have been a lot of thefts from autos and reminded everyone to please keep their cars locked and do not leave valuables in the car. These seem to be teenagers and they are rifling through open cars looking for change. A couple of teenagers have been arrested

and charged for some of the thefts; but, the police believe there are more to the group and simply don't have the evidence to make an arrest yet. Kinsey asked about whether they would review private surveillance cameras as they had someone break into the back of Tina's and it is possible that the Randallstown Lock & Key across the parking lot may have captured something on their cameras. Sgt. Harvey said he believes any available video will be reviewed and if they recognize the person they can make the arrest.

10. **Facebook comments about Reisterstown** - a lot of the comments still center around pets and restaurant reviews. There was a thread concerning Music on Main Street which was very positive.
11. **Tony Baysmore sent me an article titled County Continues Fiscal Responsibility, Forward-Funds A/C for Schools.**

#### **Politician Reports:**

**Tony Baysmore** spoke for the county executive **Kevin Kamenetz** and Glenn provided a handout for everyone to read entitled “ – Continues fiscal responsibility, forward-funds A/C for schools” He praised the County Council as “Leaders in Education” as he discussed that that they voted on Friday May 27<sup>th</sup> to adopt the proposed budget for FY2017 with only minor changes. He discussed the need for upgrades to modernize older buildings without technology and air conditioning. They will need another \$45 million for all schools to have central air and that will be completed by 2017 except those schools being renovated which are expected to be completed in 2019. He handed out a hang tag describing the Healthy Homes Program from the Department of Planning “We Improve Homes to Reduce Lead Paint Hazards” to eligible Homeowners, Landlords and Renters can receive up to \$15,000. This will be an income based award and a child under age six or a pregnant woman must live at or frequent the home. Tony also handed out the Community Resources Guide for 2016 which provides many phone numbers for help people can receive in the county.

**Councilwoman Vicki Almond** said that she just returned from a great trip to Israel. The council is currently in the middle of the CZMP process and the public meeting for District 2 is June 25<sup>th</sup> at Sudbrook Magnet Middle School starting at 6pm. Final decisions for each requested change will be made August 30<sup>th</sup>. She was asked which request seems to be the most controversial and said that Woodholme Country Club is selling property for a housing development and the surrounding homeowners are unhappy. Also there is a new development on Reisterstown Road near the Metro & Foundry Row in which Wegmans is slated to open in September. Other projects out of our area under discussion are Old Court and Red Run. Calvin mentioned that the original 1954 Master Plan was written well and yet has undergone so many modifications through the years that many

times areas no longer meet the original plan. Red Run Blvd. for example was supposed to be a job incubator and yet many housing developments are popping up along the road. Mike Ruby asked if we should expect the practice of “councilmatic courtesy” this year as decisions are made and Vicki said that she expected it would as she respects the fact that each council person knows their district best and the issues to consider as well as listening to those who elected them.

**Delegate Ben Brooks** discussed that during his 2<sup>nd</sup> year he introduced 7 bills and 3 were passed. He was very proud of one bill which passed unanimously in both the House and Senate. Its purpose was to reduce penalties for late payment of income tax. Maryland is the highest state when compared to surrounding states. He shared display boards explaining the drop and how it affected individuals who pay the highest amount of the penalties.

**Delegate Jay Jalisi** said that he introduced a bill for 1<sup>st</sup> responders making an assault a felony. He also wanted DNA testing of rape kits completed in 30 days and this year also focused on help for homeless people with a starting effort to pass \$3 million dollars. There were 29 people who died during the blizzard but there wasn’t any tracking of why and now there is a requirement to report. The federal government created a standardized definition for homelessness. He also has a plan to pay off student loans by paying 10% per year for orphans and foster kids so the debt would be wiped out in 10 years. He has a bill related to handcuffing and shackling kids who are arrested. While it wasn’t passed a task force was formed to study the situation. Another issue was related to public use of marijuana since it was decriminalized last year.

**Delegate Adrienne Jones** is Speaker Pro Tem for the House and chairs the Appropriations Committee focusing on Education, Economic Development and the Capital Budget. Maryland has been able to maintain their AAA Bonding which allows them to take advantage of low interest loans. In our area of District 10, she was able to secure \$450,000 to be used for the auditorium renovation at Franklin High School as well as renovations including air conditioning at Franklin Middle School for \$4.4M. Reisterstown Community Cemetery will receive \$25,000 for more repairs to the walls around it. An affordability bill for college savings plans with matching funds was not signed but not vetoed either which means it will go into law. She wanted to let everyone know that Dave Peake left the State Highways – he was a big help with projects in our area including the Southern Gateway improvements. Problems with the sidewalks on Main Street were discussed and one person present mentioned being injured when she fell.

**Mary Ellen Morrison**, president of ROMG Chamber of Commerce spoke about some upcoming events and invited people to participate. Tomorrow June 1<sup>st</sup> will be the grand opening of Terryaki Madness which is located in the Valley Village Center. On Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Young Professionals (must be under 40) will meet at Eggspectation located in the Metro Center from 5:30pm – 7:30pm to network. On Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> the JCC Block party will be held and the Chamber will have a Booth and Face Painting. On Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> the Professional Women in Business will be meeting from 5:30pm – 7:30pm at Strategic Factory on Dolfield Road. She will be testifying on the zoning issue on Red Run Blvd. and the Chamber opposes the proposed development.

## **12. Old Business:**

- a. Farmers Market – Kim Drapkin will give us an update. It will take place in front of the Franklin Middle School where our concerts take place?** Kim reported that she has been turning in the paperwork for the gathering permits. She has arranged for food vendors, crafters, special guests and will work with Irwin to get an application posted on the website soon. You can contact Kim at [kedrapkin@gmail.com](mailto:kedrapkin@gmail.com) or 443-289-4447.
- b. We need to refinish the benches and are getting prices to complete this project.** – there is no update at this point.
- c.** Kathy reported that Craig Piette Landscaping added flowers and mulch to the area around our Welcome Sign by Stocksdale Road and it looks very nice. Thank You.

## **13. New Business**

- a. We need to add flowers to some of the planters. Kathy will need to be reimbursed for purchasing the flowers.** Kathy made a motion to purchase flowers for our 4 planters for an amount not to exceed \$100. Mary seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- b.** Kim made a motion on behalf of Irwin that we setup a Paypal account with a link on the website so people can pay their memberships and to charge an extra \$2.50 to cover the surcharge we will incur. Linda seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

## 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 Gambrill – 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, June 28<sup>th</sup> - 7pm at the Long & Foster Office 321 Main St.**

**Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> - 7PM at the Long & Foster Office 321 Main St.**

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