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Meeting Agenda – January 26, 2016 - 7 P.M.
(Due to Snow Delayed Until February 2, 2016)

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The meeting took place February 2, 2016 at Long & Foster, 321 Main Street- Began at 7:02pm
Attendance: Kim Drapkin, Mark Stewart, Susan Rose, Cindy Blum, George Marsalek, Dan Carey, Calvin Reter, Karen Saab, Kathy Gambrell, Mike Chiosi, Pat Brooks, Mary Molinaro ,Mike Ruby, Maggie Herman, Jonathan Schwartz, Tony Baysmore, Rob Johnson, Glenn Barnes

2015 Officers:

President – Glenn Barnes
Vice President – Paul Davolos
Secretary – Kathy Gambrell
Treasurer – Kim Carmine

2015 Board of Directors:

Calvin Reter	Danny Carey
Mary Molinaro	Linda Percy
Maggie Herman	Craig Bober
Irwin Kramer	Mark Stewart
Carin Smith	

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

- 1. Call to order – Introductions of those attending.** Introductions around the room
- 2. Review of minutes from last meeting-**Mark Stewart motioned to accept November’s minutes as received. (We did not have a meeting in December) All agreed, none opposed
- 3. Treasurers report -** Kim Carmine-Kim Drapkin gave the treasurers report for Dec and Jan. RIA has a balance of \$10,956.45. The cemetery fund is -\$470.57 but this will soon change. Kim also introduced the budget for 2015 and 2016. Handouts were distributed. The PUD for 25 Main St is expected as soon as permits are released for the project. The focus of those funds is the repair of Main Street brick sidewalks. Hopefully, the county and State will also contribute funds towards this repair project, estimated to cost \$30,000

- 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. We would like you to renew your membership and have your name appear on our roster again.

We welcome new members:

SRI Shoe Warehouse-300 Business Center Dr.-Timothy Griffin, Operations Mgr.
Reisterstown Lions Club- PO Box 22-Gregory Klein
Maria Cramer- Resident

Renewals:

Lisa & Jim Meyers- renewed dues and also made a donation to RIA-Thank you!
Hailey’s Hair Studio-356 Main Street-Hailey Moore, owner
St. Luke’s UMC Church-60 Bond Avenue-Kenton Camper, representative

Thank you to our renewing members and welcome to new members. We appreciate your membership and support

5. **Lamppost and Main Street Banners** – Mary Molinaro –Renewals - \$50 for a 12 month rental after the 1st year. Renewal Letters are sent to the businesses. Details under Old Business below. New banners cost \$150. We have twelve more being made and hopefully installed in the next week to ten days. The twelve new banners will be installed when the weather breaks and we can schedule a date. This is the last order we will accept. Renewals are due next year followed by new designs, etc.

President's Report

Considering the amount of snow we received during the record breaking snow storm many Main Street sidewalks were cleared in a timely manner. There are still walks that need to be cleared. With the warm temperatures we are experiencing snow is melting fast enough some may not have to shovel. Should we create a list of people who plow and shovel walks? It was reported some kind citizens shoveled walks for others.

Tony Baysmore, assistant to County Executive Kevin Kamenetz, reported on the snow storm and the county's response. He passed out facts on the snow removal, including costs, routes, workers, priorities and plans. This was an unprecedented snowfall that challenged all. \$5,987,025 million was budgeted for snow removal for 2015-16. Thus far, \$12 million has been spent on this storm alone, with costs expected to rise. Baltimore County did not apply fines as some other jurisdictions did. Their team is reviewing their process and will make improvements. They manned the phones 24 hrs and spoke to many citizens.

Rob Johnson, representative for Senator Delores Kelley reports they are currently back in session. Senator Kelley is the sponsor of 22 bills. She will host a community night in Annapolis. Details to follow.

Baltimore County Code Enforcement role? Main Street and in the residential communities. Call 410-887-3351 for information.

Two Main Street restaurants have closed recently. Miller's Deli closed several weeks ago and The Main Street Grill closed yesterday. Don Pablos across from the Owings Mills Mall closed a few weeks ago as well.

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-The committee met Jan 20 and worked on budgets and financials. Letters for 2015 donations have been sent. They have reviewed the 2015 budget and looking ahead to 2016. They ask "What product can RIA sell to make a profit?"

Economic Restructuring Committee --New Chairperson TBD-No report

Design Committee & Website Designer - Irwin Kramer –Irwin reports he is working on developing a new RIA website. It will feature officers, members, events, join/donate online, banner apps, cemetery updates and any other information RIA would like to share. There will be a short slide show to promote shops, restaurants and services of RIA members. If you have high resolution pictures of Main Street, please share them with Irwin.

Clean, Safe and Green Committee -Dan Carey- Clean Main Street Day – Next one will be Saturday, February 6, 2016. Meet at Reter's Crab House & Grille Parking lot at 9 AM. - Dan reports we will clean Main Street and remove the holiday wreaths, weather permitting.

Promotion Committee - Carin Smith – Cannot Attend! Glenn will read her report.

Carin Smith's report stated the Promotions Committee is seeking business owners and community members to help us plan 2016 RIA events. We need volunteers for the following events- Eggstravaganza, Spooktacular and Holidays on Main Street. Contact Carin

Officers and Board Members comments?

6. **Music on Main Street Committee** -Dan Carey and Glenn –Glenn has 14 bands planned for 2016. The committee discussed the bands and dates at our last committee meeting. We have added a Memorial Day Weekend Friday that would make 13 dates. We will offer a Memorial Day concert on Friday-May 27 and a 4th of July patriotic show that should please everyone. The 14th band would appear at Bloomin ArtFest on Saturday, May 7th. Calvin would like to discuss adding another date. Hopefully we will receive approval for our grant application this week or next and we can begin reaching out to sponsors again and contacting new ones. We will release the schedule of bands in the near future. We have secured bands for all concerts but cannot sign contracts until the grant has been approved and we are certain we have the funding to move forward.
7. **Reisterstown Community Cemetery Committee (1764 By John Reister) - Co-Chairs Linda Percy and Chris Larkins.** Susan Rose reports the cemetery celebrated Veteran's Day in November and participated in the national celebration of veterans in the "Wreaths Across America" campaign. She was asked if they would participate in the Bloomin' ArtFest-she will check with the committee and respond.
8. **"Bloomin ArtFest" Committee – Mark Stewart – May 7, 2016 from 10 AM to 5 PM.** The next planning meeting is Feb 9, 321 Main St at 5:30. (****Due to snow, the meeting will be held Tuesday, February 16 @ 5:30. All are welcome to attend****) The Bloomin' website is now available for all vendors to apply online and pay with a credit card.
9. **Capt. David Folderauer, Commander of the Franklin Precinct – not sure if he can attend.**
10. **Facebook** comments about Reisterstown. Restaurants and stolen bikes have been popular topics recently.

11. Old Business;

- a. **Grant update-Glenn!** Waiting to hear if our Baltimore County grant application has been approved for 2016. Applications were submitted to the County Council recently. Waiting to hear if ours was approved. Not releasing our band schedule until we receive our approval. As of today, this is not on the County Council's agenda.
- b. Certificates of Appreciation for 2015 were distributed at tonight's meeting. Those not present will be hand delivered.
- c. Budget- Kim Drapkin made a motion to approve the 2016 budget as presented tonight. Mark Stewart seconded. All approved, none opposed.

11. New Business

- a. **Election of Officers and Board Members for 2016–** Calvin Reter, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, will present the names for 2016 and then voting will take place.-The following slate of officers to serve was presented:

President-Glenn Barnes

Vice-President-Kathy Gambrell

Secretary-Mary Molinaro

Treasurer-Kim Drapkin

Board Members- Pat Brooks, Charles Brittain, Herb Weiss, Maggie Herman, Linda Percy. Mark Stewart was nominated from the floor.

Each officer and Board member was announced and voted on individually. All were voted in for 2016. None were opposed.

Calvin Reter asked the Music on Main Street Committee to consider hosting a 2016 New Year's Eve outdoor concert with live music and perhaps fireworks- all to be held on Main Street.

Discussion-1. How will this event help Main Street businesses? 2. This should be presented to the Promotions Committee, not the Music on Main Street Committee.

County Executive Kevin Kamenetz will host a "Coffee with Kevin Kamenetz" event in Reisterstown. This is your opportunity to speak to Mr. Kamenetz. The date is Thursday, March 31, 2016 from 9:30-11:30 am at The Reisterstown Senior Center, 12035 Reisterstown Road.

Coffee and donuts will be provided by REISTERSTOWN SENIOR COUNCIL

The meeting adjourned at 8:50

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 Elaina Clarke-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 2015 Officers and Board Members

Glenn Barnes – President / 410-833-5400 or 443-695-2308

Paul Davolos-Vice President

Kathy Gambrill – Secretary / 410-979-8885 or 410-833-6551

Kim Carmine - Treasurer / 410-526-3980

Calvin Reter - Board /410- 410-303-7320

Mary Molinaro – 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

Craig Bober – Board / 443-904 - 4200

Carin Smith – Board /410-746-2354

Next Meeting

Tuesday, February 23 at 7 PM at the Long & Foster Office 321 Main St.

Tuesday, March 29th at 10 AM at Reter's Crab House & Grille, 509 Main St.

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