

Reisterstown Improvement Association, Inc.
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Reisterstown, Maryland 21136
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Meeting Agenda – July 26, 2016 - 7 P.M.

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Attendance: Glenn Barnes, Danny Carey, Kathy Gambrell, Mary Molinaro, Mark Stewart, Herb Weiss, Maggie Herman, Tamara Schlossenberg, Kim Drapkin, Jimmy Roberts, Ernie Schmidhauser, Calvin Reter, John Barnard, George Marsalek, Mary Ellen Morrison, Pat Brooks, Gini Trotti, Susan Rose, Bob Reynolds, Heidi Conley, Brian Beaumont, Ken Camper, Betty Ann Rigney, Tina Asher

2016 Officers:

President – Glenn Barnes
Vice President – Kathy Gambrell
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2016 Board of Directors:

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

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

Welcome Our Newest Members;

Beazer Homes @ Quarry Lake
Michael Donnelly
Bess Hauf – Zen Life Wellness
Kathleen Gower – Gower Resources

- 1. Call to order** – The meeting began at 7:05 pm. Introductions of those attending.
- 2. Review of minutes from last meeting-** Mark Stewart motioned to accept July’s meeting minutes as posted on the website. All agreed, none opposed
- 3. Treasurers report - Kim Drapkin-**The current bank balance is \$17,453.52. She also discussed the Profit & Loss Statement showing Income and Expenses. We still have a couple more bands to pay and a few more vendors for concerts and the Farmers Market. To date we have a Net Ordinary Income of \$6,436.28 so doing well and on track this year.
- 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. Thank you to our renewing members and our new members. We appreciate your timely payment of dues and your support of RIA by becoming members and renewing. Our newest members (4) are listed above. Thank you to the following members for renewals during August:
 1. R.O.M.G Chamber of Commerce – Mary Ellen Morrison, President
 2. Secure Alarms – Craig Bober @ 655 Main Street
 3. Delegate Jay Jalisi @ 301 Main Street
 4. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church – Rev. Tim Feaser @ 109 Main Street
 5. Barnard Associates – John Barnard
 6. Country Club Estates Community Association
 7. Baltimore County Public Library/Reisterstown Branch – Abby Cooley @ 21 Cockeymill Road

This evening four officers from the Franklin Precinct "Community Action Committee" attended our meeting. They were here to answer questions and report on activities in our community.

They report an arrest has been made concerning the theft of personal items from parked cars. Advice is- Lock your cars, even when parked in your driveway and keep valuables out of sight. Currently, bicycles are being stolen at a high rate. If you see a robbery, call 911. If you can safely record a video, that is helpful. The non-emergency number 410-887-2222 and you may remain anonymous. Report all stolen items. Sometimes stolen items are turned over to the Dept and kept in the property room. If you are missing something and you can identify it, please inquire. Engraving your property is helpful.

5. President's Report

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

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. I mentioned Harris Teeter as a possibility at our last meeting. It was strictly speculation on my part and nothing more. Recently the Trader Joe's rumor is starting up again.

The former Main Street Grille will reopen in the future. Several people on Facebook connected with the owner have said the main part will be called Chicken Shack (charbroiled-Peruvian style) and an add-on in the back will serve Open Pit Beef. Someone said they are not opening until winter.

The restaurant formerly known as Playoffs near Office Depot will reopen as OC Brewing Co. The new sign went up a few weeks ago. They have locations in Ocean City and Abingdon near Bel Air. I was told last Friday they would open Monday, August 1, 2016.

Weiss Super Market will replace Food Lion at the Village Center between now and October.

Have not heard any more about the grocery store (Lidl) that was supposed to go in the vacant gas station at the corner of Reisterstown Road and Chartley Drive.

This year's National Night Out (NNO) event is this coming Tuesday, August 2nd, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM in the lower parking lot of the CHARTLEY SHOPPING CENTER. co-sponsored by hartley Homeowners Association, Country Club Estates Community Association, and the Reisterstown Improvement Association. Free Refreshments! Talk with our wonderful police and fire departments, County representatives, the Board of Directors from CHA,CCECA, RIA, as well as your COP Volunteers who give their time to keep our community safe

ROMG Chamber of Commerce Crab Feast August CRAB FEAST!! ~ Thursday, Aug.18, 5:30-8:00pm. Join us for the 26th Annual Crab Feast! American Legion Hall, Post#116, 1090, Westminster Road, Reisterstown, Md Crabs, hot dogs, corn, salads, chicken, cake, beverages and more! Tickets available at <http://www.romgchamber.com>.

Vicki Almond is an elected Delegate and is at the Democratic Convention. Jonathan is not able to attend tonight. Tony Baysmore is also at the Convention. Other officials attending are Julian Jones, Cathy Bevins and Ben Brooks

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- Ernie Schmidhauser reported for the excused Mary. They met July 20, 2016. They reviewed the QuickBooks database and discussed fund raising opportunities, the status of the Arts Grant for Music on Main Street and the addition of the “square” for credit card purchases of bags and tee shirts. Three MOMS sponsors are outstanding-this should be resolved shortly. Mike Donnelly accepted the position of Communications Director. Initially, he will concentrate on external communications. Mike suggested we sell or raffle autographed MOMS tee shirts, as a fund raiser. RIA will be dining at Reter’s Crab House & Grille in the fall to raise funds for RIA. They discussed forming a grant committee and mentioned working w/the library on historic/restaurant tours. Will we have a Monday morning meeting in August and October? Monday morning emails have replaced the Friday emails. New emails are generated from our website each Monday morning at 6:15 am.

Economic Restructuring Committee –New Chairperson TBD- Contact Glenn if you are interested in this position. The ideal candidate should have banking/financial experience.

Design Committee - New Website Designer - Irwin Kramer
www.reisterstown.com. Irwin plans to create new banner designs for Main Street this fall. When the current banners expire, the new ones will replace them. He wants to have a competition and find judges to choose the best. Grass is growing between the bricks on the new sidewalks. If you are a property/business owner, please carefully trim or remove them in front of your property. Our website is doing well. More organizations and visitors are signing up to add items to the calendar. It’s easy to maneuver. All ad space has been sold. Thank you to our advertisers, Ristorante’ Firenze, Reter’s Crab House & Grille and Van Dorn Pools & Spas. We are moving forward as Google is picking it up.

Clean, Safe and Green Committee -Dan Carey- Clean Main Street Day – Next one will be Saturday, August 6, 2016. Meet at Reter’s Crab House & Grille Parking lot at 9 AM. Please help us keep Main Street clean. Its great exercise and a chance to meet other interesting members and community residents

Promotion Committee - Carin Smith-Carin did not attend. She is currently working on fall and winter events for Main Street.

Farmers Market – Kim Drapkin will give us an update. Attendance continues to Improve each week. They take place in front of the Franklin Middle School where our concerts take place every Sunday from 10 AM to 1 PM? The Market is still in need of fruit and cheese vendors. Kim is creating 1st Sunday Flea Markets and last Sunday children’s activities. Contact Kim if you are interested in volunteering or participating in any way.

Grant Committee and Main Street Fixtures (Benches, Trash Receptacles and Planters) – Kathy Gambrell, Dan, Linda and Glenn. Kathy will give a report on the

Benches and discuss our meetings with the contractor. The painter will use a paint/stain in Cedar-the closest color to the original benches. He will lightly sand and paint 20 Main Street benches with two coats, use glossy black Rust-Oleum paint for the metal portions and protect the base. He is a local professional painter and will complete the job in 2-3 days, weather permitting.

Officers and Board Member comments?

6. **Music on Main Street Committee** -Dan Carey and Glenn –The July 15th concert held recently attracted just over 2,000 people a new record for us. The July 22nd concert last Friday attracted just over 1400 people. We’d like to thank everyone who attended. We had a number of new guests for the concert and they have also commented positively on Facebook. We have added several new sponsors and one is a Premium – Stages Music Arts.
7. **Reisterstown Community Cemetery Committee (1764 By John Reister)** - Co-Chairs Linda Percy and Chris Larkins. Linda will discuss the new Reisterstown Cookbook. Please contact Linda Percy to submit your favorite recipes. It’s easy and will contribute to the success of the cook book.
8. **“Bloomin ArtFest” Committee**-Mark Stewart – **Wrap up Meeting took place July 19 at 6 PM.** Planning for Bloomin’ 2017 begins Oct 4 at 6 pm at 321 Main Street. Please join us to plan and prepare for the next Bloomin’ Art Fest. All are Welcome!
9. **The Franklin Precinct will have a representative attend tonight’s meeting.** Comments above.
10. **Facebook** comments about Reisterstown – Music On Main Street, lost animals, what stores are coming to the Reisterstown Shopping Center, restaurant reviews, yard sales and crime
11. **Old Business:**
 - a. **We need to refinish the benches and we have received an excellent price to sand and stain/paint each bench. \$100 per bench and with 20 benches the total cost would be \$2,000. We asked our Board of Directors for a vote on the color of the finish and 10 of our 13 board members have voted for the cedar color that closely matches the original color. We feel we should restore the color to its original finish since that’s what the County approved several years ago. The invoice says the painter will sand, stain/paint all benches with the cedar color like the original benches and will paint the black metal sides with Rustoleum gloss black. Labor and materials to cost \$2000 for 20 benches. Two year guarantee. Painting Contractor is Guy’s Professional Painting, Inc. Work may start in the next few days and will take three days maximum to complete. We need a motion to accept the committee chairs report and recommendation we stain/paint the 20 benches.** Kathy Gambrill motioned to “Accept the contract from Guy’s Painting to complete the benches as described in his contract, for \$2,000 for 20 benches in 2-3 days”. Calvin Reter seconded the motion and discussion began. The vote took place and the motion was unanimously approved.
12. **New Business**
 - a. Ernie Schmidhauser asks for help with NNO-National Night Out. Contact Ernie for details

- b. Jimmy Roberts is selling advertising space on the trailer he uses for Music on Main Street (MOMS).Contact Jimmy if interested 410-370-5586 or Jr21136@verizon.net for details
- c. Other conversations/discussions concerned a new store in the 600 block of Main Street, the local fire departments, surplus property, new restaurants and the new sidewalk on Hanover Pike and Westminster Pike.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm-Submitted by Kathy Gambrill for Mary Molinaro

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, August 30 -7 PM at the Long and Foster Office at 321 Main St.

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Minutes prepared by Kathy Gambrill for Mary Molinaro, Secretary, (Cell 410-908-0724)