

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

**Meeting Agenda – November 24, 2015 - 7 P.M.**

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The meeting took place at 321 Main Street and began at 7:05 pm

**Attendance:** Shira Kramer, Ernie Schmidhauser, Irwin Kramer, Glenn Ulick, Carin Smith, Kathy Gambrill, Glenn Barnes, Pat Brooks, Linda Percy, Dan Carey, Connie Raisor, Mary Molinaro, Jonathan Schwartz, Maggie Herman, Mike Ruby, Jay Jalisi, Cindy Blum, Susan Rose,

**2015 Officers:**

President – Glenn Barnes  
Vice President – Paul Davolos  
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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.”**

**Please welcome our newest members;  
The Ski Shoppe, A & F Collectibles  
and Friendly Best Home Care/Assisted Living**

- 1. Call to order – Introductions of those attending.** Introductions around the room
- 2. Review of minutes from last meeting-**Mary Molinaro motioned to accept the October minutes as received. All agreed, none opposed
- 3. Treasurers report - Kim Carmine-**Kim was absent-Mary Molinaro reported for Kim in her absence. RIA has a balance of \$13,370. The Cemetery has a balance of \$4,529. An itemized report was shared with attendees.

- 4. Membership Report – Kathy Gambrill – 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. Please welcome our newest members –**

#152 Reisterstown Seventh Day Adventist Church 7 Berrymans Lane Katie Adams

#153 A&F Collectibles 215A Main Street Alexander O. Massari

#154 Friendly Best Home Care/Assisted Living Celestine & Gloria Amadi

#155 The Ski Shoppe 202 Main Street Jeannie Brown

Thank you to our annual renewals:

#73 Arti-St Music Center 519 Main Street Jessica Macks/Jarl Hulbert

#106 Iced Gems 213 Main Street Christine Richardson

#85 Glyndon Gardens 205 Hanover Road Janet Waters

- 5. Lamppost and Main Street Banners – Mary Molinaro –Renewals - \$50 for a 12 month rental after the 1<sup>st</sup> year. Renewal Letters are sent to the businesses. Details under Old Business below. New banners cost \$150. We have four more orders and would like to have six more before ordering them to be made and installed.** A comment from an observer-“The new lights and banners look good.”

We have had several comments on the brighter lights. RIA recently purchased new wreaths and bows to accommodate the new lamp posts. Thank you to those that hung all wreaths, added red

bows to benches and decorated the welcome sign. We hope to purchase 30 more to “double up” some of the posts so that we have 2 wreaths on some posts.

### **President’s Report**

**We had a Thank you Ceremony on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM to celebrate the completion of the Southern Gateway part of Main Street. We met on the Jiffy Lube corner by our “Welcome” sign. State Delegate Adrienne Jones planned the event that included State and County Officials and RIA members. Thanks again Adrienne for the time you spent in Annapolis helping us obtain the funds needed to complete this project. This was a short but nice event. It’s gratifying to see a project start and complete in the same year. It was also nice to see those with SHA that worked on the project daily.**

**The school crossing signs were taken down at Chatsworth and Main Street when the new curbing was installed about 6 or 7 weeks ago. They are still lying on the ground. SHA is trying to get the work crew to return and put the signs back up. This project was handled by the Hanover District of SHA. The Warren Road District rep said he notified the Hanover District rep three or four weeks ago about the school crossing signs and said he would follow up with the Hanover Office. He was disappointed to learn they are still lying in a pile on the ground on the west side of Main Street. Someone on our local Facebook page said he would go public with this story soon. He didn’t give any details. Delegate Jones has been in touch with David Peake’s office to see if he can get the Hanover Office to complete the job.**

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

**I would like to thank Paul Davolos for the time he has spent with RIA as an officer and committee chairman. He is retiring the end of December and will be leaving Farmers & Merchants Bank and RIA. Enjoy your retirement!**

### **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** - This committee meets regularly. They are encouraging the formation of a grant committee to seek grants that are available to RIA and add historic tours for Main Street. They will also work on the 2015 annual report. Please send any budget information you may have to Mary. They also recommend we continue the Monday morning meetings (started by Amy Mantay) each quarter-Feb, April, August and October. Many have said they thought those meetings were productive and Monday morning was a good time for them. RIA has secured a shed for signs and materials used for MOMS at The Cow. A nominating committee will form for the RIA January elections.

**Economic Restructuring Committee – Paul Davolos** - Main Street needs retention and expansion of current businesses and attract new businesses. Liedl plans to build a store at Chartley Dr and Main Street. They are establishing a presence in the USA and are similar to a Trader Joe’s/Whole Foods. Chick-fil-A is slated to open at the shopping center. Quarry Place will also house some new businesses. Holiday Inn Express is building here. Our local stores are a treasure but they need to have consistent hours of operation.

**Design Committee – Irwin Kramer** – Irwin and others recently saw Reisterstown featured on an HGTV show. No one recognized the homes featured but they also had a short slide of Main Street. Irwin looked at the plaques on the fixtures at Hunt Valley Mall. It’s difficult to compare as they have metal benches. He also took pictures of the street signs. Irwin does not like our new banners-poor design, small fonts and bad colors were mentioned. The new banners

replaced the faded banners that had to be removed. They will be up for 2 years. We will discuss designs, colors and funding at that time.

**Clean, Safe and Green Committee -Dan Carey- Clean Main Street Day – Next one will be Saturday, November 7, 2015** Dan thanked all who have turned out to tidy Main Street every month and to add the wreaths to the lamp posts. His committee is always willing and happy to assist other committees and members with activities. He thanked Pat and Claude Brooks especially-they are frequently on Main Street and collect litter while walking. Also, thank you to the Franklin Garden Club. These members monitor the Main Street planters-adding seasonal flowers and keeping them looking nice for all.

**Promotion Committee - Carin Smith**-Spooktacular attracted 400 people to Main Street. Storytime, costume contest and trick-or-treating were some of the highlights of the day. Other year end activities are Small Business Saturday, Holidays on Main Street and Wreaths Across America (a cemetery event).

#### **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've discussed adding a Memorial Day Weekend Friday that would make 13 dates. We have not agreed to a 14<sup>th</sup> date in Mid-June. We would like to offer a Memorial Day Friday and 4<sup>th</sup> of July patriotic show that would impress and please everyone.** Plans are being discussed for a patriotic theme celebration for the Memorial Day concert weekend.
7. **Reisterstown Community Cemetery Committee (1764 By John Reister) - Co-Chairs Linda Percy and Chris Larkins.** Linda reports Mr. Seibel recently finished repairing the left front corner wall. Once this bill is paid, there are no more funds, but the committee has estimates in hand and will proceed once funding is secured/raised. The luminary event was not well attended. Boy Scouts and a bugler were on hand for the ceremony and cemetery tours.
8. **"Bloomin ArtFest" Committee – Mark Stewart** The Bloomin' ArtFest is May 7, 2016
9. **Capt. David Folderauer, Commander of the Franklin Precinct – not sure if he can attend.**
10. **Facebook comments about Reisterstown. Are we reading them?**

#### **11. Old Business;**

- a. **Grant update**-Glenn received a check in Mid-May (75% of the total Grant) in the amount of \$4275. The funds are used to help pay for the bands at "Music on Main Street."The balance (\$1423) was paid to Glenn last Thursday, November 19, 2015.
- b. **Placing the RIA name on fixtures we provided on Main Street.** Prices and photos? 15 total – 9 trash receptacles, 4 planters and two directories. Total cost \$440. Weather permitting (above 45 degrees) they can be installed prior to December 12<sup>th</sup> events on Main Street. We have not decided on a marker for each bench yet. They need to be sanded and stained before we add a marker. There was a motion to "order RIA promo decals to be placed on trash receptacles by December 12."Pat Brooks seconded. All agreed/none opposed.

11. **New Business;** 1. The ROMG Chamber of Commerce; Contact Bob Frank for information 2. The Long Property, 127 Main Street was incorrectly listed in zoning as business and residential. A sign has been posted on the property about the correction. 3. I-795 & Westminster Pike zoning has been changed from DR3.5/RO to Business Major. Gore Golf requested a change to DR16- that is not possible as it is outside the ERTL and septic and water is not available. ROG meets the first Monday of January. They address zoning, for anyone interested in attending.
12. **Delegate Jay Jalisi**- Opened a new office at 301 Main Street, call 410-363-6000 for info, hours and suggestions for 2016. The recent health fare was a success. He introduced new bills that deal with homelessness and grandparents rights, among other issues.

13. **Councilwoman Vicki Almond**-represented by Jonathan Schwartz-Jon reports there were no CZMP issues that affected Reisterstown this session. The council voted 7-0 to phase out the Rain Tax. Plans are to reduce it by half and phase it out completely in 2 years. Franklin and Dundalk High School football teams had a friendly banter with their council representatives, this is the budget season with capital requests, asking for extra lights on OM Blvd.
14. There is a group that meets at Mondo's every Wednesday evening-a Cheer's get together that are locals. All are invited.
15. **RIA Holiday Party**-There was discussion. Should we have a party at Long & Foster on December 12 or meet in a local restaurant and charge each attendee? It was voted to forgo the party and the December meeting. Since we changed our meeting date to the last Tuesday in December, it was suggested to cancel the meeting as this falls between Christmas and New Year's and attendance would be low.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm

### 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 Executives 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  
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 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, January 26th at 7 PM at the Long & Foster Office 321 Main St.  
 Agenda prepared by Glenn Barnes, President (Office: 410-833-5400 Cell: 443-695-2308)  
 Minutes prepared by Kathy Gambrill, Secretary (Home: 410-833-6551)