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Meeting Agenda – October 25, 2016 - 7 P.M.

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Attendance: Glenn Barnes, Kathy Gambrell, Mary Molinaro, Herb Weiss, Kim Drapkin, Jimmy Roberts, Ernie Schmidhauser, John Barnard, Gini Trotti, Susan Rose, Ken Camper, Tina Asher, Greg Klein, Rev. Ivan Brooms, Irwin Kramer, Carin Smith, Lt. Rohab, Cpl. Iman, Jonathan Schwartz, Linda Finley, Doug Finley, Victoria Venable, Justin Switzer, Gloria Amadi, Delegate Jay Jalisi, Betty Ann Rigney, Yvonne Greene, Celeste Amadi

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

Welcome Our Newest Members;

Tracey French

Kim Berk

- 1. Call to order –Introductions of those attending.** The meeting began at 7:00 pm.
- 2. Review of minutes from last meeting-** Glenn asked if everyone read the minutes and whether there were any corrections. Ernie made a Motion to accept the minutes, Carin seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously as published.
- 3. Treasurer’s report - Kim Drapkin-**The current bank balance is \$15,919.77. She also discussed the Profit & Loss Statement showing Income and Expenses and asked if there were any questions. We still are waiting to receive the remainder of the CRAG grant (\$2,500.00). All the expenses have been paid.
- 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 those who are our renewing members and our new members. The new members for September were as listed above Tracey French who lives in Reisterstown and owns Ambassador Services in Owings Mills and Kim Berk who is one of Baltimore’s Master Gardeners
Renewals included:
 1. Koman Orthopedics
 2. Word of Life International Church
 3. Auto Collision Specialists
 4. Chartley Liquors
 5. Susan Rose
 6. St. Luke’s United Methodist Church

5. President's Report

Baltimore County Code Enforcement role? Main Street and in the residential communities. Call 410-887-3351 for information. Glenn asked if anyone had an issue or reason to submit something to the county. No one in the room said they had filed a complaint about Main Street.

The former Main Street Grille will reopen soon. 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. They are remodeling the building and added onto the front/side. Glenn said that he has been noticing changes each day and hopefully they will be ready to open soon.

Royal Farms has opened on the former Capt. Harvey's restaurant site. Jimmy said he has a pamphlet explaining that they have a green building if anyone would like to see it. Glenn said that he drove by and there were a number of cars there.

Keccos located on Westminster Pike opened recently. They are receiving Excellent reviews. Open for lunch and dinner. Located next to Shaneybrook Plumbing and Heating. Glenn said that unlike other Facebook comments, he saw only positive comments since they opened.

4th District Councilman Julian Jones held a meeting recently at the Metro Center to discuss the Owings Mills Mall and rumors concerning Walmart wanting to build a Supercenter Store on the Mall site. Any update? It was announced last week by Councilman Jones that Walmart WILL NOT be building a Supercenter Store on the Mall site. See attachment from Councilman Julian Jones. Glenn was referring to a document entitled Owings Mills Mall/Town Center Update that was posted on Facebook. Jonathan commented that it may be premature to say absolutely won't happen. Rather that Julian strongly recommended to Kimco that they choose another anchor store based on community requests. Kimco feels that they will need a store that will have people coming regularly.

Corn Roast was held on Saturday, October 15th at Reynolds Farm, 427 Cockey's Mill Road. We had a booth there. Unfortunately Linda Percy fell and broke her leg. We wish her a speedy recovery. Kathy said it was a beautiful day and we were well represented and able to cover both booths. Kathy said that Linda fell standing on a chair and was taken to the hospital. She has a cast up to her hip and will be recuperating for a couple of months.

Bay Country will be closing soon and they have a buyer for their property. Glenn reported that Elias Rizokas purchased the property and may convert the building to a two story office building. John told everyone that if you go out back you will see some of the old seats from when it was a movie theatre.

Franklin Middle School is doing fund raisers to help their music department. We made a donation two years ago. See new business!

The Crisis Center is looking for donations. A homeless man was recently seen sleeping outside next to Rite-Aid at the Shopping Center. Yvonne said that she spoke with the man to give him information about a possible shelter.

A meeting took place at the JCC recently concerning the future of Owings Mills. The guest speakers were Brian Gibbons – Greenberg Gibbons, Vicki Almond – 2nd District Councilwoman, Howard Brown – David S. Brown Enterprises and the President of Stevenson University – Kenneth J. Manning. They expressed concern with the slowness of Kimco Realty to develop the mall site and reveal future tenants. The mall is a drain on the area currently. We have Foundry Row and the Metro Centre and to have this vacant, ugly land there is just ridiculous said Almond.” When asked to describe the area she says “ I see growth, I see jobs, I see a better way of life, I see us competing now with other parts of Baltimore County.” Gibbons said he would like the mall site to become a kind of extension of projects already under development, potentially adding more mixed-use space to the community.

Franklin High Graduate Tucker Lutz won his 2nd Professional MMA Fight at Shogun Royal Farms Arena recently. Congratulations!

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- We did not hold a meeting in October - no report this evening. Will have more in November.

Economic Restructuring Committee --New Chairperson TBD- We are still looking for a chairperson.

Design Committee - New Website Designer - Irwin Kramer - Irwin said he had no report this month.

Clean, Safe and Green Committee -Dan Carey- Clean Main Street Day – Next one will be Saturday, November 5, 2016. Meet at Reter’s Crab House & Grille Parking lot at 9 AM. Danny was not at the meeting. However, Kathy said that we provide the gloves, vests and trash bags. So, you just need to come help.

Promotion Committee - Carin Smith- Plans are just about complete for Spooktacular this coming Saturday. She is still looking for judges with the costume contest and any donations from businesses for the prizes. Please let her know if you have something. This year we will combine Small Business Saturday (SBS) and Holidays on Main Street the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Planning is underway for that event. The promotional material just arrived today for SBS and Carin showed everyone. We will hold our Santa and tree lighting at 5pm just before Foundry Row has theirs at 6pm so people can attend both.

Farmers Market – Kim Drapkin will give us an update. Attendance continues to improve each week in front of the Franklin Middle School (where our concerts take place) every Sunday from 10 AM to 1 PM? Kim said that next year it will start earlier in the season and last longer. She wants to thank all of her volunteers from 2016 and invites others to volunteer even if they can only do a few Sundays. It is a long season and hard for the group to cover it.

Grant Committee and Main Street Fixtures (Benches, Trash Receptacles and Planters) – Kathy Gambrill, Dan, Glenn and Linda. Glenn delivered the 2017 grant application to the Department of Planning this week. Special thanks to Linda Percy for preparing the grant again for us. Glenn has requested the remaining 25% of our grant from “Music on Main Street” from Bill Skibinski in the grant department.

Officers and Board Member comments? There were no extra comments by officers or board members.

Veronica introduced herself as Delegate Jay Jalisi’s assistant. She reported that they awarded about \$50,000 in scholarships to approximately 200 kids in school. They participated as a group in the Reisterstown Festival parade and have been working with Franklin Middle School at meetings to address safety concerns.

6. **Music on Main Street Committee - Dan Carey and Glenn** – Our last summer concert was on September 16. We attracted over 17,000 people to our concerts this year and thank those who attended. We are considering adding a few more dates for 2017. John talked about how these were great events for the town. Kathy spoke about how the purpose is to attract people to come shop on Main Street and that we hand out items from businesses at the Information Booth encourage everyone to come back when the stores are open and visit. John said he was at an event of over 300,000 people and at least 40 recognized him from our Music on Main Street events and told him how wonderful they are for the town.
7. **Reisterstown Community Cemetery Committee (1764 By John Reister)** - **Co-Chairs Linda Percy and Chris Larkins.** Susan and Kim reported that the Luminary Event will be held to celebrate Veterans Day on Saturday, November 12th from 4pm – 6pm with the ceremony at 5pm. Irwin asked if it was on the website and Mary said yes it had been added to the calendar and the flyer is attached. Kim reminded everyone that ours is the oldest free cemetery in Maryland and one of five in the United States. Susan said that this year they will not participate in the “Wreaths Across America” event. Glenn asked if there are guidelines that the Board of Trustees follow. Both Susan and Kim said they haven’t seen written ones and that the trustees have been in place for hundreds of years. The purpose they have seen is to maintain the cemetery. Possibly a copy of any guidelines can be obtained from Chris Larkins or Linda Percy.
8. **“Bloomin ArtFest” Committee-Mark Stewart** – **Need to move our location in 2017. Franklin Elementary School will probably be the site. Air conditioning is being installed at Franklin Middle School and we cannot use their site.** Mark was absent. Mary reported that the budget was approved at the rec council meeting. The next planning meeting will be November 15th, 7pm @ Long & Foster’s meeting room. All are welcome. The Franklin Elementary School front lawns were approved which should be large enough to handle all the booths, visitors and bands. Mary also mentioned that the principal at the Middle School had chosen the Main Street lawn as the best place (least disruptive to the school) to stage the equipment and materials for the air conditioning project and that we may need to consider this area unusable for at least the next year as it will most likely take a long time with the 3 floors and age of the school. Irwin asked Jonathan if he can possibly find out any information about the length of time to complete the project and he said he

would try to find out.

9. **The Franklin Precinct might have a representative attend tonight's meeting.** Lt. Rohab and Cpl. Iman attended from the precinct and gave their report at the beginning of the meeting as they had to leave to continue looking for a suspect. Lt Rohab reported that the WAWA had an armed robbery a couple days ago at 2am. In the end he left with just cigarettes as the employee had trouble opening the register. They are still searching for him. They asked if anyone had questions which they didn't and they left.

10. **Facebook comments about Reisterstown – Lost animals, what stores are coming to the Reisterstown Shopping Center, restaurant reviews, yard sales and crime, Wegmans, Foundry Row, Owings Mills Mall demolition, new Royal Farms store.**

11. **Old Business:**

The New Ski Shoppe opens Saturday, October 26th and those who have seen the inside commented it looks great. The outside remodel is very attractive.

12. **New Business**

1. **Franklin Middle School Music Department – They are reaching out to the public for assistance to help their Music Department. We made a donation two years ago.** Glenn said he has seen promotion pieces on Facebook, they are having a fundraiser selling Yankee Candles and looking for donations. Kim made a motion that we donate \$1,000 in appreciation for the use of the property for our Music on Main Street concerts. Carin seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

2. Carin said that since Bay Country Rental is closing (the owners are retiring by the end of the year, selling the property, and liquidating their equipment) there are two things she would like to discuss.

a. should we present them with a plaque of appreciation for their many years of partnering with the community and specifically helping RIA with donating tents or highly reduced pricing on tents at our events.

b. should we consider purchasing one of their 20 x 40 tents for our 3-4 events where we use a larger tent. The cost to rent the commercial tent with steel poles is about \$500. The outstanding questions include whether we have enough people to setup and take down the tent and where will we store it between uses. Per advice of the Carothers brothers, it should be stored in a climate controlled area. It will be discussed further at the next Board meeting. One company mentioned is from Towson (Loane Bros.) and they have been in business for years. However, they won't be cheap. Ernie said that his research shows a new tent of this quality would cost between \$4,000 and \$5,000.

3. Linda Finley spoke about the Holly Fair at Reisterstown United Methodist Church the 3rd Saturday in November which this year means Nov. 19th. It is the 4th year for the event and they have a great array of about 35 artists and craft vendors. They have between 500 and 700 people who attend each year. Attendees are encouraged to check out Main Street. Crafters donate gifts throughout the day (you have to be in attendance to win) and this year they will have a grand prize basket (you don't have to be in attendance to win). 100% of the proceeds goes back to the community and it is usually between \$5,000 and \$10,000. The tree lighting will be held Sunday, Nov. 27th.

4. Carin said that Barbara Burdette is looking for someone to dress in their Elephant costume that day. If anyone knows who could assist, please contact her.

5. Kathy suggested that since Linda broke her leg at the Corn Roast Festival we consider sending her something. Kim made a motion that we purchase flowers from Flowers by Joanne located on Main Street for a maximum of \$75. Kathy will arrange it.
6. Jimmy said that he is looking for a place to store both trailers that we have used for our events. He had been storing one of them at Bay Country but it has to be moved and he would like something that is fenced and locked.
7. Greg said that the Lions Club will be celebrating their International Centennial next year and is looking for ideas about the best way to celebrate.
8. Jay Jalisi said there will be Health Fair November 12th at Randallstown Community Center. They are planning for a lot of doctors at booths and will be providing flu shots.
9. Victoria reported that Ben Brooks will be holding an Open Forum Monday, Nov. 14th at Owings Mills Library 6pm – 8pm. On Nov. 21st he will be holding a financial literacy clinic at Randallstown High School. There will be banks and financial experts to discuss business issues.
10. Jonathan reported that last Tuesday Vicki met with various churches to talk about ideas how we can work together as a community.

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.

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Dan Carey - Board / 410-833-3820
Maggie Herman - Board / 410- 833-5019 or 410 – 453 – 0490
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Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at 7 PM at the Long and Foster Office - 321 Main St.

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